

Tuesday, September 8, 2015
City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Council Chambers - First Floor
212 Third Avenue

1. Meeting Opening

Subject : A. Call to Order
Meeting : Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : B. Roll Call
Meeting : Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : C. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

2. Communication from Visitors

Subject : A. Public Comment
Meeting : Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Information

File Attachments

[public comment policy.pdf \(75 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda

Subject : A. Approval of Minutes
Meeting : Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Action (Consent)
Recommended Action : Approval of Minutes as presented

Public Content

Minutes from regular meeting of August 17, 2015

Minutes from Strategic Planning Session of August 23, 2015

File Attachments

[cc081715.pdf \(120 KB\)](#)
[cc082415sp.pdf \(77 KB\)](#)
[cc082315sp.pdf \(74 KB\)](#)

Consent

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Bills and Payroll as presented

Public Content

File Attachments

[apsummary09-08-15.pdf \(965 KB\)](#)
[Accounts Payable 09-08-15.pdf \(233 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Petition to allow Newman High School to hold their annual Homecoming parade on Friday, October 2nd at 2:00 p.m.
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	The police department recommends the approval of the petition.

Public Content

The Newman High School Homecoming Parade is an annual event.

The parade will assemble on St. Mary Road in front of Newman High School and will proceed east on St. Mary Road to Avenue F, south on Avenue F to West 14th Street, east on 14th Street to Avenue D, north on Avenue D to West Lefevre, west on Lefevre to Avenue G, north on Avenue G to West 19th Street, west on 19th to Oak Grove Avenue and north on Oak Grove back to Newman where the parade will disband.

The police department reviewed the petition and found the date, time and route to be acceptable.

Police personnel will staff traffic control points.

File Attachments

[newmanhomecomingparade.pdf \(32 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	D. Petition to Allow Christ Lutheran School to hold Annual 5K on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 8:30 am
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	The Police Department recommends the approval of the petition.

Public Content

Christ Lutheran School will be holding a 5K Run.

The Police Department reviewed the petition and found the date, times and street closures to be acceptable.

File Attachments

[christlutheralschool5K.pdf \(81 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	E. Petition from Knights of Columbus to hold a Bucket Brigade on Spetember 12, 2015
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the Petition from the Knights of Columbus to hold a bucket brigade on September 12, 2015

Public Content

The Knights of Columbus is a Fraternal Order Organization with over 1.8 million members world wide. Their fundraising efforts support various charitable causes that seek to make our families and communities stronger. The funds raised from the 46th Annual Fund Drive will benefit programs that serve individuals with intellectual disabilities.

File Attachments

[k of c petition.pdf \(929 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	F. Partial Pay Request #6 to Martin and Company Excavating in the amount of \$83,602.87
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Partial Pay Request #6 to Martin and Company Excavating in the amount of \$83,602.87

Public Content

Partial payment request #6 to Martin and Company Excavating covers a partial payment for work being done at the "Plant 1" site of the former Northwestern Steel and Wire site. This partial payment covers additional mobilization and moving earth from Meadowlands to the Riverfront. This work is funded through the Illinois Green Infrastructure and Mud-to-Parks Grants.

File Attachments

[PPR6-IGIG-Martin.pdf \(1,829 KB\)](#)

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5. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject :	A. Pinning of Fire Firefighters
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Presentation

Public Content

Alex Vlakancic and Michael Liedbergare being pinned to celebrate the successful completion of their probationary time.

5. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject :	B. Reappointments to Boards and Commissions
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approve re-appointments to various Boards and Commissions

Public Content

As set forth in Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Sterling City Code; and with the advice and consent of the City Council, it is recommended the following people be re-appointed to the City of Sterling Boards and Commissions:

Property Maintenance: Alfred Segneri, David Jones, and Marv Lofgren for two year terms, expiring June 30, 2017

Electrical Commission: Alfred Segneri, with a term expiring June 30, 2016

Nicholas Escobar from Commonwealth Edison with a term expiring 6/30/18

Building Code Board of Appeals: John Gehrke and Dick Prescott for five-year terms, expiring June 30, 2018

Plan Commission: Mike Mellott, with a three-year term, expiring June 30, 2018

Mechanical Board: Mitchell McNinch, with a term expiring November 12, 2020 and Jeff Lenhart with a term expiring November 20, 2017

6. Presentations and Awards

Subject :	A. Proclamation declaring September 14 through September 18, 2015 as Chamber of Commerce Week
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approve Proclamation declaring September 14 through 18, 2015 as Chamber of Commerce Week

Public Content

This proclamation was submitted by the Chamber to recognize Chamber of Commerce Week. In addition, the Chamber will say "Thank You" to chamber members with complimentary appetizers and beverage tickets on Thursday, September 17 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at The Factory pub-n-grub at 103 West Third Street.

File Attachments

[proc-chamber.pdf \(58 KB\)](#)

6. Presentations and Awards

Subject :	B. Proclamation designating September 17 through 23, 2015 as Constitution Week
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approve Proclamation designating September 17-23, 2015 as Constitution Week

Public Content

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization that is dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism in communities across the nation. The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution and in 1955 they petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week.

The aims of the celebration are to: Emphasize citizen's responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, inform people that the Constitution is the basis for American's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life and to encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

File Attachments

[Proc Constitution Week.pdf \(236 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	A. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Sterling Today
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Sterling Today for reimbursement of development costs

Public Content

As part of the original redevelopment agreement in the Central Business TIF District with Sterling Today, once the TIF Bonds were paid, Sterling Today was entitled to be reimbursed for certain development costs associated with the original development of the Library Plaza project. City Staff reviewed the original agreement and developed a calculation of the amounts Sterling Today was entitled to pursuant to the original agreement. Sterling Todays representatives met with staff and were in agreement with the Citys determination. The attached Memorandum of Understanding requested by Sterling Today reaffirms the amounts owed to them from the TIF Fund. The amounts owed to Sterling Today are paid from tax increment in the TIF Fund.

File Attachments

[mou-SterlingToday.pdf \(38 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	B. Avenue L Road Reconstruction Agreement with Illinois American Water Company
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends waiving the bid process and entering into a construction agreement with Illinois American Water Company for the reconstruction of Ave L from 4th Street to 11th Street

Public Content

Illinois American Water Company (IAWC) is upgrading the water main beneath Avenue L from 4th Street to Lefevre. Typically, the repair is completed with a patch. Due to the overall condition of the road, it made more sense to resurface the entire stretch rather than rely on a 6 foot patch. The proposed agreement with IAWC calls for the reconstruction of Ave L from 4th Street to 11th Street. The prices are the same as the agreement the City had with IAWC on the Lefevre Road project and similar to those paid in 2014 for our local street contracts with excavation being slightly higher and asphalt costs slightly lower. Illinois American Water Company will bill us for the actual construction cost less the cost they would have otherwise spent constructing the patch. This saves the City money by reducing the overall cost to reconstruct a local road.

File Attachments

[Avenue L Reconstruction Agreement.pdf \(105 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	C. Resolution #R2015-09-15 Deed to Sterling Today for property at 13 East Fourth Street
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approving Resolution #R2015-09-15 deeding 13 East 4th Street to Sterling Today, Inc.

Public Content

13 E. 4th Street was acquired by the City through the abandonment process after the previous property owner did not pay the taxes for several years and the property fell into even further disrepair. The costs to rehabilitate the building were prohibitive for the private sector. The building has numerous issues including asbestos. Sterling Today has offered to take care of the property if transferred to them. They intend to demolish the property for the benefit of improving Light Street and opening it up to more potential activities. The property has a negative value given the cost to demolish and abate.

File Attachments

[deed-13 e 4th st.pdf \(58 KB\)](#)
[R2015-9-15 Deed 13e4thst.pdf \(118 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	D. Final plat approval of Oak Grove Villas Phase I
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	It is the recommendation of the Plan Commission, City Planner and Staff that the City Council approval the Final Plat of Oak Grove Villas Phase I.

Public Content

Terry Wolf, owner of lots 103 & 104 of Oak Grove Villas, petitioned the City to re-plat the two lots. On July 20, 2015 the City Council referred the matter to the Plan Commission for review of the submitted subdivision plat. The submitted plat transfers the northerly 31 feet of lot 104 to lot 103 to allow for a duplex to be built on lot 103 and a single family home to be built on lot 104.

The Plan Commission found that the two lots being created comply with the minimum lot size for an R-3 Residential District. The final plat contains all necessary information required by the Sterling Subdivision Ordinance.

File Attachments

[plat-OakGroveVillas-Phase I.pdf \(868 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	E. Approval of Ordinance #2015-09-15 to rezone the CGH campus 100 E LeFevre from R-5 Special Use to R-5
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Planned Unit Development

Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	The Plan Commission, City Planner and Staff recommend that the City Council approve Ordinance #2015-09-15 for the rezone of the CGH Medical Center campus 100 E LeFevre from R-5 Special Use to R-5 Special Use Planned Unit Development.

Public Content

On July 20, 2015 the City Council referred the matter to the Plan Commission for a public hearing. The Plan Commission conducted said public hearing on August 20, 2015.

Earlier this year CGH Medical Center submitted plans for directional signage for the site. Under the adopted sign code the proposed directional signage is not allowed. The Planned Unit Development designation is needed to allow for directional signage for the different parking needs of the campus. This is a unique situation of having one building use covering 2 full city blocks. The sign code does not and cannot address all of these unique issues.

File Attachments

[cgh plat.pdf \(1,292 KB\)](#)

[2015-9-15 CGH - PUD.pdf \(33 KB\)](#)

11. Executive Session

Subject :	A. Adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel
Meeting :	Sep 8, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Make a motion to adjourn to closed session as provided for under 5 ILCS 120/2a for the purpose of discussing personnel

Public Content

5 ILCS 120/2(c) provides the Governing Body with certain exceptions to the Open Meetings Act and allows for the conducting of a closed session. Personnel is covered under subsection (1) of 5 ILCS 120/2(c). It is the policy of the City of Sterling to conduct discussions relating to personnel in such a closed session.

ILCS 5 Section 120/2a provides A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public, or close a portion of a meeting to the public, upon a majority vote of a quorum present, taken at a meeting open to the public for which notice has been given as required by this Act. Therefore, the City Council should move by simple majority vote to go into a closed session for the purpose as stated above.

12. Business Items

Subject :	A. Approve Employee Separation
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Agreement

Meeting :

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Type :

Action

Recommended Action :

Staff recommends approval of the separation agreement

Public Content

The City's labor attorney has negotiated a separation agreement on behalf of the City for a member of the Sterling Police Department. Staff has had input throughout the process.

13. Adjourn to Study Session

Subject :

A. Discuss the Wage and Compensation Study presented by Gov HR

Meeting :

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Type :

File Attachments

[salary_survey.pdf \(907 KB\)](#)