

Monday, October 7, 2024
City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Council Chambers - First Floor
212 Third Avenue
Sterling, IL 61081
Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81827479879>

1. Meeting Opening

Subject : A. Call to Order
Meeting : Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : B. Roll Call
Meeting : Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : C. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

2. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject : A. Appoint Aida Baker to fill seat of Ward Four Alderperson
Meeting : Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Action
Recommended Action : Approve Mayor Merdian's recommendation of Aida Baker to fill the seat of Ward Four Alderperson

Public Content

The passing of Alderman Joseph Martin left a vacancy for the position of Ward Four Alderperson.

Aida Baker expressed an interest in the position to Mayor Merdian and submitted her resume. Aida's term will end April 2025, she will need to run in the upcoming election if she chooses to retain the seat.

File Attachments

[Aida Baker.pdf \(45 KB\)](#)

3. Communication from Visitors

Subject :	A. Public Comment
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Information

File Attachments

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

4. Consent Agenda

Subject :	A. Approval of Minutes
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Minutes as presented

File Attachments

[cc09162024.pdf \(182 KB\)](#)

[08152024 Minutes.pdf \(101 KB\)](#)

Consent

Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, Robert's Rules, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Board by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda have gone through Board subcommittee review and recommendation. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Board members and the public in advance to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any board member.

4. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Bills and Payroll as presented

Public Content

File Attachments

[10.07.24 Council GL Distribution Report.pdf \(410 KB\)](#)

[Council Packet 10.07.24.pdf \(181 KB\)](#)

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4. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent), Recognition
Recommended Action :	Approval of Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week.

Public Content

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

This year Fire Prevention Week is October is October 6 - 12. The theme this year is "Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!"

It is important to have working smoke alarms in your home.

File Attachments

[Fire Prevention Week Proclamation 2024 PDF.pdf \(103 KB\)](#)

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4. Consent Agenda

Subject :	D. Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month
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Type :	Action (Consent)

Public Content

Domestic Violence Awareness Month was launched nationwide in October 1987 as a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues while raising awareness for those issues. Over the past 30+ years, much progress has been made to support domestic violence victims and survivors, to hold abusers accountable, and to create and update legislation to further those goals.

File Attachments

[Domestic Violence Proclamation 2024 PDF.pdf \(92 KB\)](#)

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4. Consent Agenda

Subject :	E. Trick or Treat Hours
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the proposed Trick or Treat time for Halloween as presented

Public Content

The proposed Trick or Treat time for Halloween is the usual and customary 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2024.

File Attachments

[2024 halloween.pdf \(83 KB\)](#)

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8. Business Items

Subject :	A. Resolution No. 2024-10-16 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with IDOT and Appropriate Local Matching Funds for a Bikeway Path on East 2nd Street
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action

Recommended Action :

Approve Resolution No. 2024-10-16 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with IDOT and Appropriate Local Matching Funds for a Bikeway Path on East 2nd Street

Public Content

This resolution authorizes the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with IDOT and Appropriate Local Matching Funds for a Bikeway Path on East 2nd Street from Broadway to 1st Avenue (Illinois Route 40) and appropriates \$655,203.00 (or as much as needed) to match the required funding to complete the proposed bikeway path.

File Attachments

[Resolution 2024-10-16 IDOT Funding Bike Path.pdf \(119 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	B. Resolution 2024-10-17 Declaring Eight Kenwood Radios, Batteries, and Chargers as Surplus Property and Donating Them to Whiteside Area Career Center.
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution 2024-10-17 Declaring Eight Kenwood Radios, Batteries, and Chargers as Surplus Property and Donating Them to Whiteside Area Career Center.

Public Content

After purchasing Motorola Starcom radios for the police department, the previously used Kenwood portable radios are no longer needed or compatible for use. With the surplus declaration, the (8) portable Kenwood radios would be donated to the Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC). WACC would have the Kenwood portable radios reprogrammed for use by their Administration and employees for daily communications as well as safety and crisis incidents. Staff requests the (8) Kenwood portable radios be declared as surplus and donated to the Whiteside Area Career Center

File Attachments

[R2024-10-17 surplus PD Property.pdf \(42 KB\)](#)

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8. Business Items

Subject :	C. Ordinance 2024-10-21 Amending Chapter 34, Article II
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to Modify the Definition of False Alarm to Include Notification of the Fire Department

Meeting :

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Type :

Action

Recommended Action :

Approval of Ordinance 2024-10-21 Amending Chapter 34, Article II to Modify the Definition of False Alarm to Include Notification of the Fire Department

Public Content

On February 7, 2022 the City Council amended the alarm permit ordinance. Initially, permit holders were required to pay a \$50 annual fee to have an alarm system, the amendment in 2022 changed the annual fee to a one-time registration fee, and the amendment also increased the fees for nuisance/false alarms. The current ordinance does not allow citations to be issued to false fire alarms. This amendment will allow businesses to be charged for false fire alarms.

The Fire Department responded to 50 false alarms in 2023. They have responded to 68 false alarms so far this year.

File Attachments

[Ord 2024-10-21inance Ch 34 Art II Fire Dept Definitions for False Alarms.pdf \(69 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :

D. Resolution No. R2024-10-17 Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission

Meeting :

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Type :

Action

Recommended Action :

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2024-10-17 Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission

Public Content

Public Act 102239 allows for local industrial development commission to "use or disposal of surplus real estate owned by the municipality." The statutes that govern the Sterling Industrial Development Commission (SIDC) allow for more option in selling surplus property. By transferring jurisdiction and control of various lots in the City to the SIDC, the SIDC can then work to sell and dispose of these lots. By Statute, the SIDC has more flexibility in how lots can be sold.

PIN 11-21-260-010 - 907 1st Avenue

PIN 11-21-160-005 - 812 West 10th

Both properties were obtained through judicial deed.

File Attachments

[Res 2024-10-17 Transferring to SIDC.pdf \(99 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	E. Pay Request #1 to Otto Baum in the amount of \$27,630.89 for Tuck Pointing Farmers Market
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approval of Pay Request #1 to Otto Baum in the amount of \$27,630.89 for Tuck Pointing Farmers Market

File Attachments

[24-21-072-01.pdf \(163 KB\)](#)

11. Study Session

Subject :	A. Discussion Related to the Status of the Fire Apparatus
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Discussion

Public Content

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11. Study Session

Subject :	B. IML Debriefing Discussion
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Discussion

12. Executive Session

Subject :	A. Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives
Meeting :	Oct 7, 2024 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Moved to closed session to discuss collective negotiating matters pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Public Content

There will be no business after the closed session.