

Monday, October 16, 2023
City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Council Chambers - First Floor
212 Third Avenue
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89817043496>

1. Meeting Opening

Subject : A. Call to Order
Meeting : Oct 16, 2023 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : B. Roll Call
Meeting : Oct 16, 2023 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : C. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Oct 16, 2023 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

2. Communication from Visitors

Subject : A. Public Comment
Meeting : Oct 16, 2023 - 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 : Oct 16, 2023 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Action (Consent)
Recommended Action : Approval of Minutes as presented

File Attachments

[cc10022023.pdf \(88 KB\)](#)

Consent

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Oct 16, 2023 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Bills and Payroll as presented

Public Content

File Attachments

[admin_20231012_145004.pdf \(613 KB\)](#)
[Accounts Payable by G_L Distribution Report 10_12_2023 1_51_02 PM_Mary McCormick_3D40A7GU.pdf \(362 KB\)](#)
[9-30-23 Budget Performance Report.pdf \(402 KB\)](#)
[9-30-23 Balance Sheets.pdf \(327 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Resolution 2023-10-23 Accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority Strong Communities Program
Meeting :	Oct 16, 2023 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution 2023-10-23 Accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority Strong Communities Program

Public Content

In September, the City was notified it was awarded a \$257,000 Round 2, Strong Communities Program grant to be used by the City to preserve affordable housing efforts by assisting with the rehabilitation and/or demolition of abandoned properties within the City. Resolution 2023-10-23 formally accepts the grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

File Attachments

[TBZ Resolution 10.12.23 \(003\).pdf \(131 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	D. Twin City Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) to hold a bucket brigade on October 28, 2023
Meeting :	Oct 16, 2023 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve the petition from Twin City PADS to hold a bucket brigade on October 28, 2023 to raise funds to offset the costs of running the Homeless Shelter daily.

Public Content

This is an annual campaign. Funds raised from this bucket brigade will help to offset the daily costs of running the shelter in order keep the homeless in a warm environment and off the streets.

File Attachments

[admin_20231010_141545.pdf \(143 KB\)](#)

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8. Business Items

Subject :	A. Actuarial Report
Meeting :	Oct 16, 2023 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action

Recommended Action :

It is the recommendation of City staff to accept the April 30, 2023 actuarial reports and place them on file.

Public Content

Lauterbach & Amen have completed the fire pension fund and police pension fund actuarial reports. The fire pension funding ratio increased 8.49 points to 68.20% and the police pension funding ratio increased 8.93 points to 74.33%.

The report recommends a minimum contribution to the fire pension fund of \$1,239,817, compared to \$1,379,460 for the prior year, a \$139,643 or 10.1% decrease. This amount represents 85.52% of payroll, down from 91.22% of payroll in the prior year.

The actuary recommends a minimum contribution to the police pension fund of \$1,093,200 this year versus \$1,275,963 for the prior year, a \$182,763 or 14.3% decrease. The new amount represents 54.25% of projected payroll, down from 59.04% last year.

Anthony Gedvilas from Lauterbach & Amen is here to present the actuarial reports and to answer any questions.

File Attachments

[City of Sterling_4-30-2023_Fire Police Pension Funds Actuarial Presentation.pdf \(567 KB\)](#)

[Sterling Police_Funding Actuarial Report_4-30-2023_Draft.pdf \(3,202 KB\)](#)

[Sterling Fire_Funding Actuarial Report_4-30-2023_Draft.pdf \(3,060 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	B. Ordinance 2023-10-24 Liquor code Amendment
Meeting :	Oct 16, 2023 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Ordinance 2023-10-24 Liquor Code Amendment

Public Content

The owners of Crafted Roots have asked to change their liquor license from a package license to tavern to allow for pouring. As written, the current ordinance requires a new initial fee for the new type of license. Given the license holder paid the initial fee and underwent the background checks within the past year and a half, the license holder made a request of the Liquor Commission to waive the fees for the initial license and the Liquor Commission was in agreement.

The Liquor Commission also received a request for a liquor license from owners of a new restaurant to be named Luxx at 4001 E. Lincolnway. The Commission reviewed the application and found it to be acceptable, however, the maximum number of licenses have been issued. The proposed amendment will create an additional license to accommodate the new restaurant.

File Attachments

8. Business Items

Subject :	C. Resolution No. 2023-10-24 Authorizing Letter of Objection to Whiteside County Relating to Request by Petition Nexamp Locust Street Solar LLC
Meeting :	Oct 16, 2023 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution No. 2023-10-24 Authorizing Letter of Objection to Whiteside County Relating to Request by Petition Nexamp Locust Street Solar LLC

Public Content

On September 21, 2023 the City of Sterling Plan Commission reviewed a petition from Nexamp Locust St LLC requesting to zone land for construction of a solar energy facility. The parcel is located on the south east corner of Science Ridge Road and Route 40 PIN 11-09-400-020. The Plan Commission recommends sending Whiteside County a letter of objection as it is incompatible with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan. The proposed project is not compatible with adopted future land Industrial use for the property. It will inhibit the orderly growth and development of the City of Sterling by preventing the efficient and logical extension of public infrastructure and it negatively affects future tax base opportunities given improvements to the Science Ridge intersection and colocation possibilities with nearby industry.

File Attachments

[20230921 TBZ Resolution Authorizing Ltr Objection to Whiteside County Board Solar Project 4871-2399-1424 v.1.pdf \(75 KB\)](#)

[Mayor - Letter NexAmp.pdf \(157 KB\)](#)

[ETJ-Solar Farm_NexAmp_2023 09 15.pdf \(669 KB\)](#)

[23001123 - 12 - SUP Plans 24x36.pdf \(6.757 KB\)](#)

[23001123 - 00a - SUP Package.pdf \(5.728 KB\)](#)