

Monday, October 19, 2020
City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Pursuant to Governor Pritzkers Executive Order No. 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5), Governor Pritzker has suspended certain rules of the Open Meetings Act specifically the Executive Order permits remote public meetings. In light of the current COVID-19 public health emergency and the prohibition of public gathering of 10 or more, the City Council has chosen to conduct the board meeting remotely.

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1. Meeting Opening

Subject :	A. Call to Order
Meeting :	Oct 19, 2020 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Procedural

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Subject :	B. Roll Call
Meeting :	Oct 19, 2020 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Procedural

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Subject :	C. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting :	Oct 19, 2020 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Procedural

2. Communication from Visitors

Subject :	A. Public Comment
Meeting :	Oct 19, 2020 - 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 19, 2020 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Minutes as presented

File Attachments

[cc100520.pdf \(125 KB\)](#)

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.

3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Plan Commission Minutes
Meeting :	Oct 19, 2020 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve minutes as presented

File Attachments

[09 17 20 Minutes.pdf \(160 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Oct 19, 2020 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Bills and Payroll as

presented

Public Content

File Attachments

[Accounts Payable by G_L Distribution Report 10_15_2020 11_52_16 AM_Mary McCormick_3D4076U9.pdf \(328 KB\)](#)
[9-30-20 Balance Sheets.pdf \(329 KB\)](#)
[9-30-20 Budget Performance Report.pdf \(389 KB\)](#)
[admin_20201015_114120.pdf \(358 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	D. Annual Audited Financial Statements for FY 2019/2020
Meeting :	Oct 19, 2020 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	It is the recommendation of City staff to accept the April 30, 2020 audited financial statements and place them on file.

Public Content

Attached is a copy of the fiscal year 2019/2020 audited financial statements. The audit was performed by the independent auditing firm of Hopkins & Associates. The audit reflects the City's financial position and demonstrates that the City is in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

File Attachments

[Sterling - 2020 Audit Report.pdf \(8,059 KB\)](#)
[Sterling - 2020 Audit Board Presentation Handout.pdf \(4,079 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	E. Petition from Public Square Rosary to waive rental fees for Grandon Civic Center on 10/31/2020
Meeting :	Oct 19, 2020 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve petition from Public Square Rosary to waive rental fees for Grandon Civic Center on 10/31/2020

Public Content

The Public Square Rosary will gather together and pray the Rosary for our Police.

They are requesting the rental fees be waived as this is a community event.

File Attachments

[PS Rosary 2020.pdf \(119 KB\)](#)

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5. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject :	A. Recognize Pastor Coester
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Type :	

Public Content

Pastor Coester became a chaplain for the Sterling Police Department in February 2009, he always made the rounds at the police department checking in on everyone. It was no secret he had his favorite, Brinkley, he made sure she was spoiled with treats from a secret stash. Pastor Coester will begin his new journey on November 15th at Salem United Church of Christ in Wanaah, Indiana. We will certainly miss him.

8. Business Items

Subject :	A. Actuarial Report
Meeting :	Oct 19, 2020 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action, Presentation

Recommended Action :

It is the recommendation of City staff to accept the April 30, 2020 actuarial reports and place them on file.

Public Content

Lauterbach & Amen have completed the fire pension fund and police pension fund actuarial reports. Our funding ratios remain in critical territory. The fire pension funding ratio decreased .06 points to 50.34% and the police pension funding ratio rose .25 points to 55.74%.

The report recommends a minimum contribution to the fire pension fund of \$1,391,240, compared to \$1,248,142 for the prior year, a \$143,098 or 11.5% increase. This amount represents 107.48% of payroll up from 103.99% of payroll. In other words, the City is paying more for firefighter pensions than for active firefighter payroll.

The actuary recommends a minimum contribution to the police pension fund of \$1,349,242 this year versus \$1,219,667 for the prior year, a \$129,575 or 10.6% increase. The new amount represents 75.39% of projected payroll, down from 75.63% last year.

Kevin Cavanaugh from Lauterbach & Amen will be at the meeting to present the actuarial reports and answer any questions.

File Attachments

[Actuary presentation.pdf \(144 KB\)](#)

[Sterling Fire Tax Levy Actuarial Report_4.30.2020_Final.pdf \(503 KB\)](#)

[Sterling Police Tax Levy Actuarial Report_4.30.2020_Final.pdf \(492 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	B. CGH Bond Ordinance No 2020-10-36 Authorizing the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$36,000,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the Citys unfunded IMRF pension liability relating to the Hospital Facilities and paying for costs related thereto, as amended.
Meeting :	Oct 19, 2020 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approval of CGH Bond Ordinance No 2020-10-36 Authorizing the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$36,000,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the Citys unfunded IMRF pension liability relating to the Hospital Facilities and paying for costs related thereto, as amended.

File Attachments

[Ord 2020-10-36 CGH Bond.pdf \(249 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	C. CGH Bond Ordinance No 2020-10-37 Authorizing the
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issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$21,000,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of certain capital projects of Hospital Facilities located within the City and paying for costs related thereto, as amended

Meeting :

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Type :

Action

Recommended Action :

Staff recommends approval of CGH Bond Ordinance No 2020-10-37 Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$21,000,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of certain capital projects of Hospital Facilities located within the City and paying for costs related thereto, as amended

File Attachments

[Ord 2020-10-37 CGH Bond.pdf \(248 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :

D. Ordinance No. 2020-10-34 Annexing certain territory contiguous to the City of Sterling (Steelton Subdivision - Group 11)

Meeting :

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Type :

Action

Recommended Action :

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2020-09-34 Annexing certain territory contiguous to the City of Sterling (Steelton Subdivision - Group 11)

Public Content

On September 21,2020, the City Council referred this matter to the Plan Commission. A public hearing was held at the Plan Commission meeting on October 15, 2020, regarding the proposed annexation and zoning recommendations for the 5parcels. These property owners have all been connected to city sewer for years and have signed pre-annexation agreements on file. All property owners have received notification of the annexation.

File Attachments

[Ord 2020-10-34 Steelton Group 11.pdf \(328 KB\)](#)

[Property list Group 11.pdf \(187 KB\)](#)

[STERLING Group 11 Territory Map 1-29-20.pdf \(324 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :

E. Resolution No. R2020-10-23 to Refer Consideration to Annex Certain Territory Contiguous to the City of Sterling (Steelton Subdivision - Group 12)

Meeting :

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Type :

Action

Recommended Action :

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2020-10-23 to Refer Consideration to Annex Certain Territory Contiguous to the City of Sterling (Steelton Subdivision - Group 12)

Public Content

This is Round 12 of the annexations of the Steelton Subdivision. These 6 properties have connected to city sewer and have annexation agreements to annex once contiguous.

File Attachments

[STERLING Resolution Referring Annexation to Plan Commission \(Steelton Group 12\) 1-29-20.pdf \(310 KB\)](#)

[STERLING Group 12 Territory Map 1-29-20.pdf \(212 KB\)](#)

[Copy of STERLING Group 12 Property List 1-29-20.pdf \(343 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :

F. Ordinance No 2020-10-35 Amending the number of Liquor Licenses from 33 to 34

Meeting :

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Type :

Action, Discussion

Recommended Action :

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No 2020-10-35 Amending the number of Liquor Licenses from 33 to 34

Public Content

Currently, the liquor ordinance states, there are no more than an aggregate total of 33 classes A, C, E, and F licenses shall be issued and in full force and effect at any time. There shall be no numerical limit on class B, D, G, or H licenses.

The City has received a request from Brick Boss to amend the total from 33 to 34 to accommodate an upscale wine bar at the new building he has put up at 2607 East Lincolnway.

File Attachments

[Ord2020-10-35 Increase in the number of available liquor licenses.pdf \(140 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :

G. Ordinance No 2020-10-39 Authorizing disposal a 1996 Alexis Fire Apparatus

Meeting :

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Type :

Action

Recommended Action :

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No 2020-10-39 Authorizing disposal a 1996 Alexis Fire Apparatus

Public Content

The City of Sterling recently took delivery of a new fire engine. The new engine will become a front line engine and push Engine 1 into reserve status, replacing Engine 2s status as the reserve engine

File Attachments

[Ord 2020-10-39 Ordinance Disposal of Surplus Property.pdf \(187 KB\)](#)