

Monday, November 7, 2022
City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Council Chambers - First Floor
212 Third Avenue
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84349627497>

1. Meeting Opening

Subject : A. Call to Order
Meeting : Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : B. Roll Call
Meeting : Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : C. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

2. Communication from Visitors

Subject : A. Public Comment
Meeting : Nov 7, 2022 - 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 : Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Action (Consent)
Recommended Action : Approval of Minutes as presented

File Attachments

[cc10172022 .pdf \(91 KB\)](#)

Consent

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - 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 11_03_2022 9_14_56 AM_Mary McCormick_3D4098FV.pdf \(489 KB\)](#)
[admin_20221103_085513.pdf \(692 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Proclamation for Small Business Saturday, November 26, 2022
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Proclamation for Small Business Saturday, November 26, 2022

Public Content

This serves as a reminder to shop local and support the businesses that support our community.

File Attachments

[Proclamation Small Business 2022.pdf \(183 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	D. Resolution No. R2022-11-13 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017.
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Please make a motion to approve Resolution No. R2022-11-13 abating the 2022 tax levy in the amount of \$611,090.00 for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017 if acceptable.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2022-11-13 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017.

The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2022 tax levy by Resolution No. R2022-11-13 totals \$611,090.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same.

Sufficient revenues should be available from non-home rule sales taxes, which will allow us to abate the levy. Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2022-11-13 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[R2022-11-13 Abatement.pdf \(10 KB\)](#)
[2017 bond schedule.pdf \(55 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	E. Resolution No. R2022-11-14 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020A.
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)

Recommended Action :

Please make a motion to approve Resolution No. R2022-11-14 abating the 2022 tax levy in the amount of \$255,800.00 for the General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020A if acceptable.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2022-11-14 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020A.

The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2022 tax levy by Resolution No. R2022-11-14 totals \$255,800.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. An accounting shows that there will be sufficient revenues available from sales taxes collected (other than the public infrastructure one-half cent sales taxes and the sales taxes related to the Kohls project).

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2022-11-14 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[R2022-11-14 Abatement .pdf \(66 KB\)](#)
[2020A bond schedule.pdf \(80 KB\)](#)

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Subject :

F. Resolution No. R2022-11-15 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020B.

Meeting :

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Type :

Action (Consent)

Recommended Action :

Please make a motion to approve Resolution No. R2022-11-15 abating the 2022 tax levy in the amount of \$287,400.00 for the General Obligation (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020B if acceptable.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2022-11-15 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020B.

The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2022 tax levy by Resolution No. R2022-11-15 totals \$287,400.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. Sufficient revenues should be available from non-home rule sales taxes, which will allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2022-11-15 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[R2022-11-15 Abatement .pdf \(10 KB\)](#)
[2020B bond schedule.pdf \(72 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	G. Resolution No. R2022-11-16 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020C
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Please make a motion to approve Resolution No. R2022-11-16 abating the 2022 tax levy in the amount of \$439,600.00 for the General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020C if acceptable.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2022-11-16 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Refunding (ARS) Bonds, Series 2020C.

The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2022 tax levy by Resolution No. R2022-11-16 totals \$439,600.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. Sufficient revenues should be available from the following sources, which will allow us to abate the levy: receipts derived from repayment of the loan by Continental 232 Fund LLC and sales and use taxes collected in connection with the project.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2022-11-16 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[R2022-11-16 Abatement.pdf \(10 KB\)](#)
[2020C bond schedule.pdf \(75 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	H. Resolution No. R2022-11-17 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A.
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Please make a motion to approve Resolution No. R2022-11-17 abating the 2022 tax levy in the amount of \$2,216,037.50 for the Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A if acceptable.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2022-11-17 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A.

The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2022 tax levy by Resolution No. R2022-11-17 totals \$2,216,037.50. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. These bonds were issued on behalf of CGH Medical Center, which has assured the City that there are sufficient funds available to allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2022-11-17 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[R2022-11-17 Abatement.pdf \(63 KB\)](#)
[2021A CGH bond schedule.pdf \(104 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	I. Resolution No. R2022-11-18 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B.
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Please make a motion to approve Resolution No. R2022-11-18 abating the 2022 tax levy in the amount of \$1,330,760.00 for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B if acceptable

Public Content

Resolution No. R2022-11-18 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B.

The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2022 tax levy by Resolution No. R2022-11-18 totals \$1,330,760.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. These bonds were issued on behalf of CGH Medical Center, which has assured the City that there are sufficient funds available to allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2022-11-18 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[R2022-11-18 Abatement.pdf \(10 KB\)](#)
[2021B CGH bond schedule.pdf \(101 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	J. Resolution No. R2022-11-19 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022A.
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Please make a motion to approve Resolution No. R2022-11-19 abating the 2022 tax levy in the amount of \$1,812,762.50 for the Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022A if acceptable.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2022-11-19 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022A.

The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2022 tax levy by Resolution No. R2022-11-19 totals \$1,812,762.50. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. Sufficient revenues should be available from non-home rule sales taxes, which will allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2022-11-19 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[R2022-11-19 Abatement.pdf \(62 KB\)](#)
[2022A bond schedule.pdf \(61 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	K. Resolution No. R2022-11-20 providing for the abatement of general real property taxes for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022B.
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Please make a motion to approve Resolution No. R2022-11-20 abating the 2022 tax levy in the amount of \$649,250.00 for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022B if acceptable.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2022-11-20 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022B.

The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2022 tax levy by Resolution No. R2022-11-20 totals \$649,250.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. Sufficient revenues should be available from non-home rule sales taxes, which will allow us to abate the levy.

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. R2022-11-20 and a copy of the debt service schedule.

File Attachments

[R2022-11-20 Abatement.pdf \(10 KB\)](#)
[2017 bond schedule.pdf \(55 KB\)](#)

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6. Presentations and Awards

Subject :	A. Presentation from Abigail Ebelherr from Blackhawk Hills Regional Council on Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grants
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Information

6. Presentations and Awards

Subject :	B. Presentation of the City's Strategic Plan
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	

Public Content

The City engaged Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies to facilitate the creation of an updated Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is meant to guide the City's future more effectively than making decisions issue by issue. The Center used a series of interviews and a strategic planning workshop for the City Council and senior staff members to revisit the previous plan and work together to collaboratively review and update the Council's visions for the future. Melissa Henriksen, from the NIU Center for Governmental Studies, will present the Strategic Plan for the Council review. Council can then elect to adopt the Strategic Plan in the near future pending a review of the final document.

File Attachments

[City of Sterling Strategic Plan Executive Summary Final Design_for transmittal 7.26.22.pdf \(404 KB\)](#)
[City of Sterling Strategic Plan Final Design_for transmittal 7.26.22.pdf \(909 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	A. Public Hearing USEPA Brownfields Grant Application
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

The City of Sterling is applying for a Brownfield Cleanup Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for activities associated with the remediation of the former Stanley National Hardware and Lawrence Brothers Buildings, located at 1 First Avenue and 2 First Avenue in Sterling, Illinois. As part of the application process, the City of Sterling is required to obtain public input on the draft of the City's Grant Narrative and draft of the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup and Alternatives (ABCA) for the Project Sites.

Starting November 7, 2022, a draft proposal and the draft Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup and Alternatives (ABCA) for the sites will be available for public review with the City Clerk at the City of Sterling City Hall, 212 Third Avenue, Sterling, Illinois 61081. These draft documents will also be available for public review on the City's website at sterling-il.gov

Joel Zirkle from Fehr Graham will discuss and answer any questions regarding the Phase II Assessments and potential remediation efforts via Zoom.

File Attachments

[22-1085 - Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives.pdf \(361 KB\)](#)

[22-1085 - Sterling Cleanup Grant Narrative DRAFT.pdf \(252 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	B. Amendment to the PSAP Agreement
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends authorizing the Amendment to the PSAP Agreement.

Public Content

In May of 2017 the Cities of Sterling and Rock Falls entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement to consolidate the Sterling and Rock Falls PSAPs and the CGH/Special Service Area dispatch center into a consolidated PSAP, operated by Whiteside County with an oversight committee comprised of representatives from Sterling, Rock Falls, CGH and Whiteside County.

In the Original agreement the oversight committee was comprised of

City of Sterling Chief of Police

City of Rock Falls Chief of Police

A City official or employee appointed by the Mayor of Sterling

A City official or employee appointed by the Mayor of Rock Falls

Field Services Lieutenant of Whiteside County

Director of Pre Hospital Services at CGH Medical Center

Chief of Twin City Fire Command

Sheriff of Whiteside County

A County official or employee appointed by the Chairman of the Whiteside County Board

The Twin City Joint Fire Command was dissolved in July 2021, this amendment will remove the Chief of the Twin City Joint Fire Command and add the Fire Chiefs from Sterling and Rock Falls.

File Attachments

[amend psap iga to add both fire depts.pdf \(89 KB\)](#)

[Council Agenda Item - Amendment to PSAP Agreement.pdf \(70 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	C. Purchase of two (2) 2023 Ford AWD Utility Police Interceptors for the Police Department
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approval of Purchase of two (2) 2023 Ford AWD Utility Police Interceptors for the Police Department

Public Content

Invitations were sent out to bid on minimum requested specifications for two(2) 2023 Ford Police Interceptors on April 19, 2022. No bids were received.

On September 7, 2022, a second set of invitations were sent out to bid on minimum requested specifications for two(2) 2023 Ford Police Interceptors.

The only bid received was from Kunes Auto Group.

The net bid from Kunes Country Auto Group was for a total amount of \$63,362.00 which included the trade-in of (2) used police department vehicles. The traded vehicles are a 2015 Ford Interceptor with 89,000 miles and a 2011 Ford Flex with 96,000 miles. The vehicles to be traded are surplus vehicles. There is a 12 to 14-month delivery date for these 2023 models due to demand and production issues. This is similar to what was experienced with the purchase of 2022 squad cars.

Staff recommends that the city purchase two(2) 2023 Ford AWD Utility Police Interceptors from Kunes Auto Group, located in Sterling, IL, in the amount of \$63,362.00 when they become available and with an approved delivery date.

File Attachments

[Bid form.pdf \(6,889 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	D. Award bid to Burke Excavating for removal of the structure at 609 West 5th Street in the amount of \$12,777.00
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends awarding the bid to Burke Excavating for removal of the structure at 609 West 5th Street in the amount of \$12,777.00

Public Content

The City of Sterling took ownership of the subject property at 609 W. 5th Street by means of a Judicial Deed, effective August 25, 2022. The City's Code Enforcement has been grappling with conditions at this property since at least 2008.

Bids were advertised for the demolition of the building on October 3, 2022, and three (3) bids were received. The bids were opened on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

The low bid received was from Burke Excavating, Inc., Tampico Illinois, in the amount of \$12,777.00. The bid was found to be in accordance with the Bid Specifications.

Funding for this work is from the Strong Communities Program (SCP) grant.

File Attachments

- [admin_20221031_135153.pdf \(17 KB\)](#)
- [609 W 5th St. - Front view 1, prior to demolition.JPG \(5.324 KB\)](#)
- [609 W 5th St. - Rear yard, prior to demolition.JPG \(5.911 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	E. Resolution #R2022-11-21 Adoption of the Whiteside Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan
Meeting :	Nov 7, 2022 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution #R2022-11-21 Adopting the Whiteside County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan

Public Content

A hazard mitigation plan details the hazard events that have previously impacted the County and participating jurisdictions and identifies the activities and projects that these jurisdictions would like to see implemented to reduce the risk to people and property from these hazards before an event occurs.

The plan update fulfills federal planning requirements of the Stafford Act as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act and the Disaster Recovery and Reform Act. By having the plan in place, it enables the County and parties to the plan to apply for certain funding to mitigate natural hazards.

Chief Dettman, Superintendent Schrader and the City Manager participated in the process on behalf of the City.

File Attachments

- [Whiteside Co. AHMP Update -.pdf \(32,972 KB\)](#)
- [Resolution 2022-11-21.pdf \(60 KB\)](#)