

Monday, June 20, 2022
Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Council Chambers - First Floor
212 Third Avenue
Link to join Webinar
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85901605219>

1. Meeting Opening

Subject : A. Call to Order
Meeting : Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : B. Roll Call
Meeting : Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : C. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

2. Communication from Visitors

Subject : A. Public Comment
Meeting : Jun 20, 2022 - 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 : Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Action (Consent)
Recommended Action : Approval of Minutes as presented

File Attachments

[cc06062022.pdf \(99 KB\)](#)

Consent

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Bills and Payroll as presented

Public Content

File Attachments

[5-31-22 Budget Performance Report.pdf \(386 KB\)](#)

[5-31-22 Balance Sheets.pdf \(337 KB\)](#)

[admin_20220617_093959.pdf \(588 KB\)](#)

[Accounts Payable by G_L Distribution Report 06_17_2022 9_56_09 AM_Mary McCormick_3D408V2W.pdf \(392 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Approval of Plan Commission Minutes
Meeting :	Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	

File Attachments

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	D. Resolution No. R2021-06-16 Regarding the .02% Building and Maintenance Property Tax Levy for the Sterling Public Library
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Meeting :	Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Consider Resolution No. R2021-06-16 for the Library. 02% Building and Maintenance Levy and approve if acceptable.

Public Content

Attached is the resolution to begin the process for the Library .02% Building and Maintenance levy. Each year, the City must go through the reverse referendum process to allow the Library to request this levy. The steps involved are as follows:

1. Adopt a resolution to levy the tax.
2. Publish the resolution within 15 days of adoption.
3. Allow 30 days from publication for filing of petitions.
4. If 962signatures are obtained on petitions representing ten percent (10%) of the total number of active registered voters in the City of Sterling, a referendum is held at the next consolidated election.
5. If a referendum is required and the voters approve the levy, then the Council may include this levy in the tax levy ordinance to be adopted in December.
6. If no petition is filed within the 30-day period, the Council may levy the tax with the City's levy ordinance.

File Attachments

[R2022-6-08 Library Levy 2022.pdf \(12 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	E. Petition to close West 2nd Street between Avenue A and Avenue B
Meeting :	Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Review petition to close West 2nd Street between Avenue A and Avenue B on July 16th for a fundraiser and approve if acceptable.

Public Content

Justin Schaver is requesting permission to close West 2nd Street between Avenue A and Avenue B on July 16th for a fundraiser. The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise money to offset expenses related to cancer treatment for a retired City employee's spouse. Please see the attached petition.

File Attachments

[Closure of W2nd Street.pdf \(47 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	F. Pay Request #1 to Martin and Company for Avenue D and E in the amount of \$87,462.32.
Meeting :	Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Pay Request #1 to Martin and Company for Avenue D and E in the amount of \$87,462.32.

Public Content

On August 2nd the Council awarded the contract for the Avenue D and E Reconstruction to Martin and Company Excavating in the amount of \$498,387.47. This is the first pay request for work completed 5/8 /2022 through 5/24/2022.

File Attachments

[Council Agenda Item - Pay Request #1 Ave D & E PDF WHA.pdf \(154 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	G. Optimist Club of Sterling to hold a bucket brigade on July 16, 2022
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Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve petition from Optimist Club of Sterling to hold a bucket brigade on July 16, 2022

Public Content

This bucket brigade is an annual campaign to raise funds to award scholarships to local high school students planning to attend Sauk Valley Community College.

File Attachments

[admin_20220615_111217.pdf \(177 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	H. Sterling Rock Falls Jaycees Independence Day Celebration Donation Request
Meeting :	Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Sterling Rock Falls Jaycees Independence Day Celebration Donation Request

File Attachments

[Sterling_Council Letter.pdf \(58 KB\)](#)

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5. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject :	A. Appointments and Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions
Meeting :	Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Approve Mayor Lee's Appointments and Re-appointments to the 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 that the following be reappointed;

File Attachments

[Boards and Commissions Council Recommendations Reappointments and Appointments 2022.pdf \(228 KB\)](#)

5. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject :	B. Introduction of Officer Maggie Ellmaker as the new Police Sergeant
Meeting :	Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Procedural

Public Content

The Fire-Police Commission is promoting Officer Maggie Ellmaker to the rank of Sergeant to fill a vacancy.

5. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject :	C. Pinning of Fire Firefighters
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Type :	Procedural

Public Content

Firefighter Alex Vlakancic has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant

Firefighter Clark Liedberg has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant

8. Business Items

Subject :	A. Resolution No. R2022-06-09 Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission
Meeting :	Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2022-06-09 Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission

Public Content

Public Act 102239 was signed into law in August 2021 and 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 residential lots in the City to the SIDC, the SIDC can then work to sell and dispose of these lots that the City has maintained and been restricted in the manner in which they can be sold and disposed.

File Attachments

[R2022-06-09 Transferring properties to SIDC.pdf \(140 KB\)](#)

8. Business Items

Subject :	B. Award Bid for Wallace Street Reconstruction Phase II to Gensini of Princeton, Illinois in the amount of \$3,051,451.70
Meeting :	Jun 20, 2022 - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Staff Recommends Awarding the Bid for Wallace Street Reconstruction Phase II to Gensini of Princeton, Illinois in the amount of \$3,051,451.70

Public Content

Wallace Street long served the National and Northwestern Steel & Wire industries near the riverfront. Today, it's poised to be the road that brings people to a riverfront being reborn for mixed-use and natural open space. The existing Wallace Street had several rough areas due to heavy use in the past.

The elevation of the road needed to be raised to provide access/view of the riverfront area as the entire area of NWSW south of Wallace had to be put under an earthen cap as part of the remediation. To accommodate drainage, the the slope from the river to the existing Wallace Street left the road several feet below the new riverfront elevation.

Wallace Street's alignment and proximity to the railroad makes potential re-use of the lots on the north side of the street extra challenging. Planners suggested realigning the road further south could enhance the opportunity for the lots to be reused and get people a little closer to the river while also eliminating a kink in the existing alignment. The recent partial demolition of the westernmost former National Manufacturing building was done to help accomplish this.

Lastly, a roundabout will be added at Ave B to eliminate the T intersection and allow traffic to more easily exit the area back to the east in the event a train is blocking the Ave B crossing. The eastern approach was partially constructed a few years ago in anticipation of this project being completed sooner.

The ICC and our legal counsel were key in working together to secure the railroad's cooperation in being able to remove the unused Wallace Street crossing, which allowed this project to finally proceed.

The low bidder, Gensini, recently completed the downtown Morrison reconstruction project. The two lowest bids for this \$3million dollar project were within \$12,000 of each other.

File Attachments

[Wallace Street Phase II.pdf \(40 KB\)](#)

[1349Z15_2022-06-16_Award-Recommendation-to-City.pdf \(1.156 KB\)](#)

[Wallace Street Plans.pdf \(20.544 KB\)](#)

11. Executive Session

Subject :	A. Move to closed session to discuss appointment,
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employment discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

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Type :

Action, Procedural

Recommended Action :

Motion to move to closed session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/.2 (c)(1) to discuss the appointment employment discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Public Content

Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

12. Business Item

Subject :

A. Amend City Manager contract for compensation

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