

**City of Mt. Sterling
General Council Meeting
Police Training Center - #5 Jefferson Road
September 16th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Bradbury calls the general City of Mt. Sterling Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with roll call. ROLL CALL –Ernest here, Schenk here, Ransom here, Scranton here, Burge here, Jennings absent.

Fire Chief Brian Gallaher, City Clerk Dane Flesner, City Administrator Vada Yingling, City Attorney Lonnie Dunn, Police Chief Brandon Norris, Public Works Director Dusty Buss, and City Treasurer Cheryl Flynn are all present.

Mayor Bradbury - I would like to entertain a motion to approve the August minutes.

Alderman Ransom makes the motion to approve August minutes, seconded by Schenk. Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent.

Mayor Bradbury – I would like to entertain a motion to approve the August expenses with a couple additions. The additions will be the Payroll checks cut 9/16/2019, and a check for \$204,000 to Trotter Construction Company for the work on new Public Works Building.

Alderman Schenk makes the motion to approve August expenses plus additions, seconded by Burge. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

Guest/Citizens Opportunity to address the Council

Old Business – Public Works Director Buss updated council on the bid opening for the water main project that will run from Post Office down the alley to Double K Firearms. Buss told council the lowest/responsible bid was from Laverdiere Construction in the amount of \$287,400 and asked council to approve accepting that bid.

Alderman Scranton made the motion to accept the bid as presented by Buss, seconded by Schenk. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

New Business - Dan Teefey addressed the council on Resolution 2019-11 which is a resolution authorizing acceptance of offer of dedication of road rights-of-way for a portion

of Country Lane. Teefey updated council it was found that the Teefey Family would have to ok this dedication and that the family was all in favor.

Alderman Scranton made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-11 accepting offer of dedication of road right-of-way for a portion of Country Lane, seconded by Schenk. Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

Alderman Schenk made a motion to allow the VFW to collect donations for Poppies on October 11th from 7am until 6pm, and on October 12th from 7am until 12pm at the four way stop, seconded by Ernest. Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes.

City Clerk Flesner addressed the council on liquor licenses and the availability of such licenses per our code for each class. Flesner let council know that in our class A, C, F combined licenses we only had two more available. Flesner asked council to amend our current number in this combined class to twelve. The current total allowed is ten, but in turn asked council to lower Class B, and D totals from ten down to eight. Classes A, C, and F are licenses in which new restaurants and future developments would need so everyone saw fit to keep the same number of liquor licenses in total, but to adjust the max number for the breakdown of classes.

Alderman Schenk made the motion to amend Mt. Sterling City Code Chapter 21, "Liquor", Article II "Licenses", Section 21-2-6 "Classes of Licenses, Terms, and Annual Fees". Seeking to change A, C, F combined total of licenses from ten to twelve, and taking Class B, and D down from ten to eight, seconded by Scranton. Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent.

Brandon Gallaher addressed council about some IT updates and also hard drive and computer purchases/options. Mayor Bradbury sent this request to the City Planning Committee for recommendation to council at next City Council Meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl presented her report with no concerns or motions being made.

Public Work's Report – Dusty presented his report with no concerns or motions being made.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc –

Airport –

Cemetery –

City Planning – City Administrator Vada Yingling spoke to council on a meeting she had with a rep from the IL Dept of Housing. Yingling stated this would be a free assessment of the housing needs in our community and a tool box for potential developers once the study is completed. Yingling encouraged council to move forward with allowing this assessment and the timeline for completion is around sixteen months, but could be done in as quick as six to eight months.

Alderman Burge makes the motion to enter into a scope of work for a community revitalization project with the IL Dept of Housing Authority, seconded by Scranton. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

Finance/Budget –

Fire –

Lake/Lake Development – A motion was made by Alderman Scranton to keep Joe Cox on as Lake Host until the campers here with the Lock & Dam project are gone, seconded by Ransom. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

After discussion on new water hydrants and electrical boxes at the lake Mayor Bradbury directed Public Works Director Buss to proceed with getting them both taken care of. Buss indicated he would get cost on electrical and the water side of it would have to wait until the weather permitted next spring.

Personnel –

Plan Commission –

Police –

Street and Alley –

TIF –

Water/Sewer –

Zoning –

Zoning Board of Appeals – A motion was made by Alderman Scranton to accept the recommendation of the committee to approve a special use permit for 210 Country Lane to be used for private schools, including nursery, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, play and special schools including but not limited to an Early Childhood Education center, seconded by Burge. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

Other Business

Alderman Schenk makes the motion to accept and file all reports for the 9/16/2019 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ransom. Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

Executive Session

Motion to Adjourn made by Alderman Schenk, seconded by Scranton. Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Flesner, City Clerk / Collector