

City of Mt. Sterling
Regular Council Meeting
Police Training Center
#5 Jefferson Road
July 20th, 2020 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 here.

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

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

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

Mayor Bradbury – I would like to entertain a motion to approve the June expenses.

Alderman Burge makes the motion to approve June expenses, seconded by Schenk. Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes.

Guest/Citizens Opportunity to address the Council –

Old Business – Reg Ankrom with Homefield Energy spoke to council about Ameren rate being lower than the rate the city went into an agreement with Homefield Energy. Reg told the council every resident was sent the information with an eight hundred number they could call to opt out of the Homefield rate. Reg anticipated the rates to fall under Ameren's once the rate can be renegotiated but could not guarantee that with everything going on with Covid and with the economy. He said he would be in touch every step of the way though and would field any questions as needed.

New Business - Alderman Scranton makes the motion to accept the \$32,395.55 bid from Illinois Valley Paving for the oil and chip part of the 2020/2021 MFT Project, seconded by Burge. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

The council discussed the option to lower the city liquor license fee for the local business's that were not able to generate their normal income off their liquor sales.

Alderman Schenk makes the motion to allow a prorated license fee this year instead of a full amount, seconded by Jennings. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

JoAnne Jennings addressed the council and asked if Jennings Brothers could supply some greenery, white lights, and a few other Christmas decorations on their dime to the city to decorate the uptown a bit more for Christmas.

Alderman Schenk makes the motion to allow Jennings Brothers to help the city with Christmas decorations at a zero cost to the city, seconded by Burge. Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

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 – Alderman Scranton makes the motion to accept the recommendation from the committee to adopt Ordinance #2020-09 for mobile food vendors that would go into effect at the start of the city's next fiscal year, seconded by Schenk. Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes.

Finance/Budget –

Fire –

Lake/Lake Development –

Personnel –

Plan Commission –

Police –

Street and Alley –

TIF –

Water/Sewer –

Zoning –

Zoning Board of Appeals –

Other Business

Executive Session

Motion was made by Alderman Schenk to accept and file all reports for the 07/20/2020 City Council Meeting, seconded by Burge. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Flesner, City Clerk / Collector