

**City of Mt. Sterling
Regular Council Meeting
Zoom Conference Call
October 19th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Bradbury calls the general City of Mt. Sterling Council Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with roll call. ROLL CALL –Ernest here, Schenk here, Ransom here, Scranton here, Burge here, Jennings absent.

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

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

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

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

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

Guest/Citizens Opportunity to address the Council –

Old Business –

New Business - Valarie Ausmus from Estes, Bridgewater, & Ogden presented the council with the FY 2020/2021 Audit Report. Mayor Bradbury asked Mrs. Ausmus if she had any concerns with our financial standing as a city as a whole? Mrs. Ausmus indicated the City of Mt. Sterling was in great financial shape and the Audit did not bring forth any concerns otherwise.

A motion was made by Alderman Burge to accept the FY 2020/2021 Audit as presented, seconded by Schenk. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Scranton to approve Resolution #2020-10-2 in support of Phase II Capitol Avenue Renovations, seconded by Schenk. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Burge to approve Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District III Redevelopment Project Inducement Resolution, seconded by Scranton. Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Schenk to approve Ordinance #2020-13 Economic Development Group Professional Services to create a new TIF District, seconded by Burge. Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Schenk to approve the recommendation of Action Brown County & City Planning Committee to accept the branding/marketing logo (Courthouse) for the City of Mt. Sterling, seconded by Burge. Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent.

A motion was made by Alderman Scranton to approve Ordinance #2020-14 extending the city's franchise agreement with Cass Communications, seconded by Schenk. Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest 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 – A motion was made by Alderman Burge to accept the committee's recommendation to approve Ordinance #2020-11 vacating the alley that runs behind Bob and Patty Kunkel's, seconded by Schenk. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

Finance/Budget –

Fire – A motion was made by Alderman Scranton to allow the purchase of a new fire truck with the Brown County Fire Protection District and enter into a joint purchase agreement, seconded by Burge. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk abstain, Ransom abstain. A discussion then took place with city attorney Lonnie Dunn with the Fireman Abstention votes and if they were necessary, Dunn stated they could both indicate their positions with Fire Department and then cast vote. The Mayor asked a new role be taken, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk announced he is part of the Fire Department but would vote yes, Ransom announced he part of the Fire Department would be voting yes.

Lake/Lake Development –
Personnel –
Plan Commission –
Police –
Street and Alley –

TIF – A motion was made by Alderman Schenk to approve Ordinance #2020-12 authorizing and approving a TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Mt. Sterling (TIF District II) and Main Street Repair, Inc, seconded by Ransom. Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

Water/Sewer –
Zoning –

Other Business

Executive Session

Motion was made by Alderman Schenk to accept and file all reports for the 10/19/2020 City Council Meeting, seconded by Burge. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings absent, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Flesner, City Clerk / Collector