

**City of Mt. Sterling
Regular Council Meeting
Zoom Conference Call
December 21st, 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, Public Works Director Dusty Buss, and Police Chief Brandon Norris (present at 6:51), City Clerk Dane Flesner are all present.

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

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

Mayor Bradbury -- I would like to entertain a motion to approve the November expenses.

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

Guest/Citizens Opportunity to address the Council –

Old Business –

New Business - A motion was made by Alderman Schenk to approve the 2021 holiday schedule and the 2021 council meeting schedule, seconded by Burge. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

City Administrator Yingling spoke to council about the potential for a \$99,000 Rural Development Grant she would like to pursue unless council thought differently. The council was incredibly supportive of Yingling applying for this grant. There were no motions made or concerns raised.

Alderman Schenk makes the motion to approve Adams Fiber right of way easement at the Airport to run fiber, seconded by Ernest. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

Alderman Burge makes the motion to approve Ordinance #2020-16 correcting a scrivener's error in the legal description for the City of Mt. Sterling Tax Increment Financing District 1 Redevelopment Project as amended, seconded by Schenk. Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

Alderman Schenk makes the motion to approve Ordinance #2020-17 annexing certain territories (Damon Rd, Mt. Sterling, IL / Pin#05-012-006-0) to the City of Mt. Sterling, Brown County, IL, seconded by Burge. Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes.

Alderman Ransom makes the motion to accept the bid from Yingling & Nuessen Insurance Agency for the Liability/Vehicle/Property/Work Comp insurance for the City of Mt. Sterling for 2021. The amount for the premium will be \$120,605.00, seconded by Schenk. Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Scranton to allow Chief Norris to roll over 36 hours vacation time from 2020 to 2021, seconded by Schenk. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings , Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

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

Public Work's Report – A motion was made by Alderman Schenk to allow Director Buss to roll over 40 hours vacation time from 2020 to 2021, seconded by Scranton. Dusty presented his report with no concerns or motions being made. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc –

Airport –

Cemetery –

City Planning –

Finance/Budget – A motion was made by Alderman Scranton to accept the committee's recommendation to go with Blue Cross / Blue Shield for the 2021 calendar year for health insurance for the full-time employees, seconded by Ransom. Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

Alderman Scranton makes the motion to approve the committee's recommendation to add the COVID-19 policy to the Personnel Policy of the City of Mt. Sterling, seconded by Schenk. Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes.

Alderman Ernest makes the motion to approve the committee's recommendation to give full time employees \$250 Christmas bonuses, part time employees \$100 Christmas bonuses, and minimum hours worked employees \$50 Christmas bonuses, seconded by Scranton. Schenk abstain, Ransom abstain, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes.

Fire --

Lake/Lake Development --

Personnel --

Plan Commission --

Police --

Street and Alley --

TIF --

Water/Sewer --

Zoning --

Other Business

Executive Session

Motion was made by Alderman Schenk to accept and file all reports for the 12/21/20 City Council Meeting, seconded by Scranton. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Jennings yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Flesner, City Clerk / Collector