

City of Mt. Sterling  
Regular Council Meeting  
#5 Jefferson Road  
December 19th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Ransom to have Alderman Burge step in for Mayor until his arrival, seconded by Scranton. Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes.

Alderman Burge 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, Ormond here.

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

Alderman Burge - I would like to entertain a motion to approve the November minutes.

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

Alderman Burge – I would like to entertain a motion to approve the November expenses.

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

Guest/Citizens Opportunity to address the Council –

Old Business –

Mayor arrives at 6:38 pm.

New Business - A motion was by Alderman Schenk to accept the proclamation declaring Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Brown County Junior High Baseball Day, seconded by Scranton. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

Alderman Scranton makes the motion to approve Yingling & Nuessen bid of \$102,570 (Selective) and \$37,472.00 (IPRF) for liability, work comp, and property insurance for 2023 for the City of Mt. Sterling, seconded by Schenk. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

Alderman Schenk makes the motion to accept the 2021/2022 FY Audit presented by Valarie Ausmus with Estes, Bridgewater, & Ogden, seconded by Burge. Burge yes, Ormond yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

Alderman Scranton makes the motion to allow Bob Kunkel (40 hours), Carly Babb (21 hours), Dusty Buss (90 hours), Jess Bond (103 hours), and Brandon Norris (140.5 hours) to roll over last years accrued vacation time to 2023, seconded by Ransom. Ormond yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes.

Alderman Burge makes the motion to accept the 2023 Holiday and City Council Meeting Schedule, seconded by Schenk. Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes.

Mayor Bradbury opened the one sealed bid received for grave openings for the cemetery for 2023 from Stephen Shaffer. Alderman Schenk makes the motion to accept Shaffer's bid which was full size (\$700.00), Cremation (\$275.00), Infant (\$275.00), and disinterment (\$1,400.00), seconded by Scranton. Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Ernest yes.

Alderman Schenk makes the motion to raise city cemetery fees to full size (\$800), cremation (\$375.00), infant (\$0), disinterment (\$1,500.00), seconded by Ernest. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes.

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

Public Work's Report – Alderman Schenk makes the motion to accept Director Buss's recommendation to promote Brooke Robinson to full time water billing clerk with an hourly rate of \$16.00 an hour, and to also make her start date Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Ransom. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

Alderman Scranton makes the motion to accept Director Buss's recommendation to pay Chance Fuqua and Bryar Lenover \$17.00 an hour, seconded by Schenk. Burge yes, Ormond yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

### Committee Reports

Ad Hoc –

Airport –

Cemetery –

City Planning – A motion was made by Alderman Burge to accept the committee's recommendation to approve Ordinance #2022-11 adopting a revised code of ordinances for the City of Mt. Sterling, IL, seconded by Schenk. Ormond yes, Ernest yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes.

Finance/Budget –

Fire – A motion was made by Alderman Schenk to accept Chief Gallaher's recommendation to move Lane Herald from probationary to active status, and to place Marcus Perry on probationary status, seconded by Ransom. Ernest, yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes.

Lake/Lake Development –

Personnel –

Plan Commission-

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Police –

Street & Alley-

TIF –

Water/Sewer –

Zoning –

Zoning Board of Appeals –

Other Business – Alderman Schenk makes the motion to accept and file all reports for the 12/19/2022 City of Mt. Sterling council meeting, seconded by Scranton. Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Ernest yes.

Executive Session –

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Flesner, City Clerk / Collector