

City of Mt. Sterling
Regular Council Meeting
#5 Jefferson Road
November 20th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Bradbury calls the general City of Mt. Sterling Council Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. with roll call. ROLL CALL – Schenk here, Ransom here, Scranton here, Burge here, Ormond here.

City Administrator Vada Yingling, Public Works Director Dusty Buss, City Clerk Dane Flesner, Mayor Matthew Bradbury, City Attorney Lonnie Dunn, City Treasurer Cheryl Flynn, Police Chief Brandon Norris were all present. Chief Brian Gallaher was absent.

Mayor Bradbury – I would like to entertain a motion to approve the October minutes.

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

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

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

Guest/Citizens Opportunity to address the Council –

Old Business –

New Business - A motion was made by Alderman Schenk to approve agreement between TESKA and The City of Mt. Sterling to complete a Strategic Plan. The costs will be billed to the city with The Tracy Foundation reimbursing 100% of the invoices, seconded by Scranton. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Schenk yes.

Valarie Ausmus with Estes, Bridgewater, & Ogden presented the FY 22/23 Audit Report to the city council. Mrs. Ausmus presented the report with no concerns for the fiscal shape of the city. The net position of the city increased across the board and no motions or concerns were raised.

Alderman Scranton made the motion to give full-time employees \$150 and part-time employees \$75 as a Christmas bonus for 2023, seconded by Burge. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

Jerry Palmer presented the council with the renewal for health insurance for the city employees from Blue Cross / Blue Shield. The renewal for the same coverage and same plan came in with a 6.7% increase. Alderman Schenk makes the motion to renew the plan with Blue Cross / Blue Shield for the city employees, seconded by Ransom. Burge yes, Ormond yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Scranton to approve Ordinance #2023-08 abating the taxes hereto levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), series 2020 of the City of Mt. Sterling, Brown County, IL , seconded by Burge. Ormond yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes.

Alderman Scranton made the motion to approve Ordinance #2023-09 abating the taxes hereto levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2022 of the City of Mt. Sterling, Brown County, Illinois seconded by Ransom. Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes.

Alderman Scranton makes the motion to approve Ordinance #2023-10 City of Mt. Sterling Tax Levy for the period of May 1st, 2023 through April 30th, 2024. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Schenk yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Burge to approve Ordinance #2023-11 regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act, seconded Schenk. Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes.

Alderman Schenk makes the motion to approve Ordinance #2023-12 amending Mt. Sterling City Code Chapter 27 offenses Article XV Regulations of Residences of Registered Sex Offenders, seconded by Scranton. Burge yes, Ormond yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes.

Treasurer's Report –

Public Work's Report –

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc –

**Airport –
Cemetery –**

City Planning – Alderman Schenk makes the motion to approve Neylon Farms Phase amended plans with exception of the sign placement in the middle of the south entrance, seconded by Ransom. Ormond yes, Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes.

Alderman Schenk makes the motion to approve Resolution #2023-05 retaining Corey Anderson to perform certified building inspections on an as needed basis, seconded by Ormond. Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes.

**Finance/Budget –
Fire –
Lake/Lake Development –
Personnel –
Plan Commission-
Police –
Street & Alley-
TIF –
Water/Sewer –
Zoning –**

Zoning Board of Appeals – A motion was made by Alderman Schenk to table rezoning 107 East North due to information needed to be clarified during conversation with guests Randy Martin, Mike Hill, and the Zoning Board Members, seconded by Ransom. Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes, Schenk yes.

Other Business – Alderman Ransom makes the motion to accept and file all reports for the 11/20/2023 City of Mt. Sterling council meeting, seconded by Alderman Scranton. Schenk yes, Ransom yes, Scranton yes, Burge yes, Ormond yes.

Executive Session –

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Flesner, City Clerk / Collector