

STERLING, COLORADO  
JULY 12, 2016

STATE OF COLORADO )  
COUNTY OF LOGAN )ss  
CITY OF STERLING )

As required by the Colorado Sunshine Law, the meeting was posted timely in the City Hall lobby more than twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting.

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Reverend Lew Champ, First Christian Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Torres led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Council of the City of Sterling, Colorado, met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor	Torres
Councilmembers	Flores Lawson McCarty Rice

Councilmembers absent:

Councilmembers	Appelhans Pitcher
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Also present:

City Manager	Saling
City Attorney	Penny
City Clerk	Forbes
Public Works Director	Good
Fire Chief	Ritter
Human Resource Director	Brown
Public Safety Communications (PSC) Director	Hardesty
Dispatch Supervisor	Serl
Police Chief	Kerr
Parks, Library and Recreation (PLR) Director	Gandee

Street/Sanitation and  
PCF Superintendent

Rewoldt

Citizens present: 51

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Items on the consent agenda were: City Council work session minutes of June 28, 2016, City Council minutes of June 28, 2016, application for renewal of hotel & restaurant liquor license for Ramada Inn/Country Kitchen located at 2500 E. Chestnut Street, application for renewal of tavern liquor license for Henry's Pub & Club located at 138 South Front Street, and application for renewal of 3.2% beer (off premises) liquor license for Wal-Mart #924 located at 1510 West Main Street.

**COMMUNICATION AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

Present to address Council was Ms. Kim Sellers, 306 Forrest Road. Ms. Sellers advised Council that the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) is asking Council to table the decision on the ballot question until CAB can set up a meeting with the Logan County Commissioners.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES OF 2016 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF LAND FROM THE ESTATE OF DORIS L. MONAHAN, DECEASED, AND THE REX MONAHAN FAMILY TRUST, DESCRIBED AS ALL OF BLOCK 1, SONNENBERG INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF STERLING; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE; AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS:**

City Manager Saling advised Council that first reading of this ordinance took place on June 28, 2016, and it was thereafter published. The City of Sterling's Master Plan (2013) and the Parks, Library and Recreation Department's Master Plan call for a Regional Trail system including a trail along the South Platte River as desirable. The City has received an offer to sell to the City property described as All of Block 1, Sonnenberg Industrial Park East Addition to the City of Sterling. The acquisition of this additional land expands the recreational opportunities along the proposed South Platte River Trail system. This ordinance approves the purchase of that property. The offered sale price for the property is \$40,500.00, which will be paid from the Conservation Trust Fund.

City Clerk Forbes read the ordinance by title.

Mayor Torres opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Torres closed the public hearing.

Councilmember McCarty asked for an explanation of the Conservation Trust Fund.

Councilmember McCarty made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 7, Series of 2016. Councilmember Flores seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Saling made a recommendation to Council to approve the appointment of Captain Lavon Ritter as Fire Chief for the City of Sterling.

Mayor Torres made a motion to approve the appointment of Captain Lavon Ritter as Fire Chief for the City of Sterling. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Councilmember Lawson advised that he was part of the interview panel and it was clear that this applicant was on top.

Fire Chief Ritter's wife pinned on the Chief's badge and bars.

City Manager Saling advised there would be a "meet and greet" for Fire Chief Ritter on Friday, July 22, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. He also commended Human Resource Director Brown and Human Resource Assistant Bond for all the work in the application process.

City Manager Saling advised Council that staff needs direction, as far as, notifying the election officials of the potential of having a ballot issue. There was discussion.

Councilmember McCarty made a motion to notify the County of the potential question. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

City Manager Saling updated Council on:

- Sales tax
- Police Department Community Appreciation Day
- Marijuana education grant for \$26,397
- Sterling Renewal Authority open house on July 28
- Head works project
- Code Enforcement update
- Cold mix on Main and West Main Streets
- West water tank project

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES:**

Human Resource Director Brown introduced Dylan Manuella from the Fire Department as a new City employee.

**APPOINTMENT OF STERLING URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER:**

City Manager Saling advised Council that his office received two applications for the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority Board. Council needs to appoint one person to fill the vacancy that was left by Steve Meier.

Applications were received by Johnna Harris and Ryan Etl.

Council voted by paper ballot. Ballots were counted by City Attorney Penny. City Attorney Penny advised that Ryan Etl received the most votes.

Councilmember Flores made a motion to appoint Ryan Etl to the Sterling Urban Renewal Authority Board. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-1-16, SERIES OF 2016 – A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE CITY OF STERLING, LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WITH THE LOGAN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR COMPENSATION:**

City Manager Saling advised Council that this resolution approves a new agreement with the Logan County Humane Society for animal control services. The new agreement is for the term commencing on July 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016; it provides more direction and clarification as to the services to be provided by the Logan County Humane Society; and it

increases the monthly compensation to be paid by the City. The resolution also appropriates additional funds for the requested increase to \$11,229.17 per month, based on the six-month term of the new agreement.

Councilmember Flores made a motion to approve Resolution No. 7-1-16, Series of 2016. Councilmember McCarty seconded the motion.

There was discussion regarding the additional amount of compensation. The consensus of Council was to look at the statistics in December and see if an adjustment is necessary. By a four-yes and one-no vote the motion was approved. Voting was as follows:

Flores	yes	McCarty	yes
Lawson	no	Rice	yes
Torres	yes		

**DEPARTMENT REPORT – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS (PSC) DIRECTOR:**

PSC Director Hardesty gave the PSC Department report.

**MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilmember McCarty thanked staff for having the pool open in the evening.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS:**

Mayor Torres made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of determining relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4) (e). Councilmember Lawson seconded the motion. By a five-yes vote, the motion was approved.

Council went into executive session at 8:05 p.m.

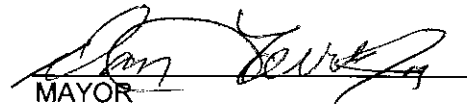
Council came out of executive session at 9:07 p.m.

Mayor Torres advised the participants in the executive session were: City Council, City Attorney, City Manager, Public Works Director and Logan County Economic Development Director Trae Miller. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, he asked that they state their concerns for the record.


There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK