



City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 230 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 19, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman O’Neill

Recognition of FHS Athletes – Soccer and Volleyball Teams - IHSA Regional Champions and Boys Golf, Cross Country, and Girls Tennis – IHSA State Qualifiers

- 1. Approval of the Agenda.....Voice Vote**
- 2. Approval of Minutes..... Roll Call**
 - Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 4, 2007
 - Special Meeting, Tuesday, September 11, 2007
 - Regular Meeting, Monday, September 17, 2007
 - Regular Meeting, Monday, November 5, 2007
- 3. Proclamation – National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month - December 2007**
- 4. Public Comments – Agenda Items (limited to 3 minutes per person)**
- 5. Consent Agenda.....Roll Call**

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.

 - A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
 - 1) Freeport Fire Department Ambulance Activity Report for October 2007
 - 2) Freeport Fire Department Fire/Ambulance Monthly Totals for October 2007
 - 3) Freeport Police Department Activities for October 2007
 - 4) Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation letter November 8, 2007
 - B. Approval of Water and Sewer Disbursements for November 15, 2007 - \$405,835.09
 - C. Approval of Bills Payable for November 2007 (#36, #37, #38, #39) ---- \$1,277,613.66
 - D. Approval of Payroll for period ended November 10, 2007 --- \$374,026.19

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**Items Removed from Consent Agenda
Ordinances – Second Reading**

- 6. 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2007-78: An Ordinance amending Chapter 659 Chronic Nuisances of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Freeport – regarding violation of Chapter 670 (Peace Disturbances) Subsection 670.05 –Noise

First reading of this ordinance was held on November 5, 2007. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderwoman O’Neill and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting.

.....**Roll Call**

- 7. 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2007-79: An Ordinance amending Chapter 1252 (Business Districts) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois regarding zoning of repair shops

First reading of this ordinance was held on November 5, 2007. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting.

.....**Roll Call**

- 8. 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2007-81: An Ordinance to authorize right of way of easement to Freeport Park District for Public Recreational Path

First reading of this ordinance was held on November 5, 2007. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting.

.....**Roll Call**

Ordinances – First Reading

- 9. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2007-84: An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2007, and ending April 30, 2008 for the City of Freeport, County of Stephenson, and State of Illinois. Explanation – There is hereby levied upon all property subject to taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Freeport, Illinois, as the same is assessed and equalized for State and County taxation, for the fiscal year 2007-2008 the sum of Two Million Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$2,487,137) or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, the same being for general corporate purposes, for streets, for contribution to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, for the Police Pension Fund, and for the Firemen’s Pension Fund, such levy being itemized in the documents given.

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Klemm and a second by Alderman Endress

.....**Automatic Layover**

- 10. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2007-85: An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2007, and ending April 30, 2008 for the Public Library City of Freeport County of Stephenson and State of Illinois. Explanation - The total amount of One Million One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$1,152,554) which constitutes the total amount that the City of Freeport requires to be raised by taxation for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year of said City for Public Library Purposes.

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Boldt and a second by Alderman Corbin

.....**Automatic Layover**

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- 11. [1st Reading of Ordinance #2007-86](#): An Ordinance Authorizing a Feasibility Study Concerning the Redevelopment of Certain Property and Creating an Interested Persons Registry within the City of Freeport, Illinois (West Avenue Tax Increment Financing Area)

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderwoman O'Neill, and a second by Alderman Endress

.....**Automatic Layover**

- 12. [1st Reading of Ordinance #2007-87](#): An Ordinance Authorizing Exchange of Real Estate (Parking Lot #1 - located at the southeast corner of Stephenson Street and Adams Avenue with the legal description of Lot 10 and the Westerly 40.33 feet of Lot 9 in Block 44 of Carters Re-subdivision of Original Town owned by the City of Freeport and Parking Lot #2 - located at the southwest corner of Main Street and Adams Avenue with the legal description of Lot 6 in Block 39 of Carter Re-Subdivision of Original Town (Except Part Taken for Highway purposes in Book 12-120) owned by Newell Co.)

This ordinance was presented to the Committee of the Whole this evening by Mayor George Gaulrapp and it was recommended to City Council meeting.

.....**Automatic Layover**

- 13. [1st Reading of Ordinance #2007-88](#): An Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois, requesting a Variance for the property at 1637 South Walnut Avenue, Freeport, Illinois to erect an accessory building or structure within one foot (1') of the side lot line for the property.

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Board of Zoning Appeals by unanimous vote on November 8, 2007

.....**Roll Call**

- 14. [1st Reading of Ordinance #2007-89](#): An Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois, requesting a Variance for the property at 754 South Carthage Drive, Freeport, Illinois to allow a seventeen (17') foot front yard

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Board of Zoning Appeals by unanimous vote on November 8, 2007

.....**Roll Call**

- 15. [1st Reading of Ordinance #2007-90](#): An Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois, requesting a Variance for the property at 1027 West Empire Street, Freeport, Illinois to allow a five (5') foot fence in a front yard

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Board of Zoning Appeals by unanimous vote on November 8, 2007

.....**Roll Call**

- 16. [1st Reading of Ordinance #2007-91](#): An Special Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois, requesting a zoning change from R6 (Multi Family Residence) to B2-1 (Limited Service Business) for 1163 West Empire Street, Freeport, Illinois

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Planning Commission by unanimous vote on November 8, 2007

.....**Automatic Layover**

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Action Items

17. Appointments/Reappointments

Appointment.....Tiffany Vondra.....Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority
.....**Voice Vote**

Appointment.....Michelle McNeely.....Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Board of Directors
.....**Voice Vote**

Resolutions

18. [Resolution #R-2007-97](#): Resolution to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Stephenson and the City of Freeport to Support 2010 Census Information Sharing
This resolution was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Klemm and a second by Alderman Bush
.....**Voice Vote**

19. [Resolution #R-2007-98](#): Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. Explanation – The City Council is requested to appropriate the sum of \$600,000 of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) for the purpose of materials for the Street Department and the Street Maintenance Program for next summer.
This resolution was presented to the Committee of the Whole this evening by Public Director Craig LeBaron and it was recommended to City Council meeting.
.....**Roll Call**

20. Department Head Reports

- Public Works Director Craig LeBaron will present on the bids for the 5 Yard Dump Truck with plow and spreader capability and approval to purchase.
.....**Roll Call**

21. Mayor’s Report

22. New Business

23. Public Comments - Non-Agenda Items (limited to 3 minutes per person)

24. Adjournment