



City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 524 West Stephenson Street, 3rd Floor ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderperson Helms

1. Approval of Agenda.....Voice Vote
2. Approval of Minutes.....Voice Vote
3. Public Comments – Agenda Items (*limited to 3 minutes per person*)
4. Public Hearing

Notice of Proposed Tax Increase for City of Freeport, Illinois

A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the City of Freeport, County of Stephenson, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2011 and ending April 30, 2012 will be held on December 5, 2011 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers, City Hall, 524 West Stephenson Street, 3rd Floor, Freeport, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district should contact Meg Zuravel, City Clerk, 230 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois or phone 815-235-8203, ext. 269.

- The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2010 were \$2,632,618.
- The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2011 are \$3,197,177. This represents a 21.44% increase over the previous year.
- The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2010 were \$0.
- The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2011 are \$0. This represents a 0% change over the previous year.
- The total property taxes extended or abated for 2010 were \$2,632,618.
- The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2011 are \$3,197,177. This represents a 21.44% increase over the previous year.

5. Consent Agenda.....Roll Call Vote

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. [Consent Agenda PDF](#)

- A. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (Register #634) ---- \$185,333.02
- B. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending November 19, 2011 ---- \$406,631.84
- C. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #633, 635, 636, 637, 638) --- \$1,244,133.33

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If applicable – Items removed from Consent Agenda

6. Communications to Council - [PDF](#)

A. Memorandum dated November 30, 2011 from the Finance Department regarding Six Month Financial Results

ORDINANCES – THIRD READING

7. [3rd READING OF ORDINANCE # 2011-57](#): AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2011, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2012, FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

The first reading was held on November 7, 2011. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Klemm, seconded by Alderperson Koester. The second reading was held on November 21, 2011 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.
.....Roll Call Vote

8. [3rd READING OF ORDINANCE # 2011-58](#): AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2011, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2012, FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

The first reading was held on November 7, 2011. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Boldt, seconded by Alderperson Koester and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.
.....Roll Call Vote

9. [3rd READING OF ORDINANCE # 2011-59](#): AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

The first reading was held on November 7, 2011. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Klemm, seconded by Alderperson Helms. The second reading was held on November 21, 2011 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.
.....Roll Call Vote

10. [3rd READING OF ORDINANCE # 2011-61](#): AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER 1430 (VACANT PROPERTY) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

The first reading was held on November 7, 2011. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Bush, seconded by Alderperson Crutchfield. The second reading was held on November 21, 2011 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. The Administration will be providing proposed amendments which will be presented by Community Development Director, Shelly Griswold. The Administration is recommending further layover to consider these amendments.
.....Roll Call Vote

11. [3rd READING OF ORDINANCE # 2011-62](#): AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1440 (ADMINISTRATION GENERALLY) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT ILLINOIS

The first reading was held on November 7, 2011. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Klemm, seconded by Alderperson Bush. The second reading was held on November 21, 2011 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.
.....Roll Call Vote

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

There are no ordinances for second reading this evening.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

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12. **1st READING OF ORDINANCE # 2011-66:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 480 (PARKING GENERALLY) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT - EMPIRE AT S. FLOAT AVENUE

Presented by Public Works Director Tom Dole.

.....Automatic Layover

13. **1st READING OF ORDINANCE # 2011-67:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 480, SECTION 480.24 (HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND DISABLED VETERANS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT – 1209 S. BAUSCHER

Presented by Public Works Director Tom Dole.

.....Automatic Layover

OTHER

14. Department Head Reports

Community Development

Finance

Public Works

Library

City Engineer/Water and Sewer

Police

Fire

15. Mayor's Report

16. New Business/Council Announcement

17. Public Comments – Agenda or Non-Agenda Items (*limited to 3 minutes per person*)

18. Adjournment

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