



City Council

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
PUBLIC SAFETY/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF
Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 5:15 p.m.**

----- Agenda Topics -----

- 1) Resolution to accept dedication of Loras Dr
- 2) Contract for Linden storm sewer
- 3) Ordinance to abate the 2005 real estate tax levy for the repayment of the general obligation bonds, series 2003
- 4) Donation of cell phones
- 5) Ordinance to increase the number of at-large members of revolving loan fund committee
- 6) Information concerning the demolition and replacement of Building D at the city yards
- 7) Update on amounts spent for consultants in the first 8 months of Fiscal Year 2006
- 8) Resolution authorizing application for Public Transportation Assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964
- 9) Airport Land acquisition ordinance
- 10) Historic Preservation Mandatory Review Ordinance

Meeting called to order by: Boldt

Members present: Boldt, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Toepfer, Klemm, and Threadgill, and Bender.

- 1) Resolution to accept dedication of Loras Drive

Discussion: Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron stated that Ordinance #94-88 stipulates that an access road must be built as a city street and

dedicated. Kiwanis Manor Apartments is fulfilling their obligation to construct and dedicate the city street.

O'Neill/Helms to accept the dedication of Loras Drive, 7-0

2) Contract for Linden storm sewer

Discussion: Denise Ihrig, Interim Director for the Water & Sewer Department stated that the Water & Sewer received a recommendation Fehr-Graham to accept the bid from Civil for work on the Linden Street storm sewer.

Klemm/Endress to accept bid from Civil

3) Ordinance to abate the 2005 real estate tax levy for the repayment of the general obligation bonds, series 2003

Discussion: Finance Director, Craig Joesten explained that this ordinance for to abate the real estate taxes levied for debt service of the 2003 bonds.

O'Neill/Bender to abate 2005 real estate tax levy, 7-0

4) Donation of cell phones

Discussion: Finance Director, Craig Joesten stated that the city has excess phones due to switching a different carrier. The city would like to donate the phones to VOICES for domestic violence.

Klemm, O'Neill to donate phones to VOICES, 7-0

5) Ordinance to increase the number of at-large members of the Revolving Loan Fund committee

Discussion: Finance Director, Craig Joesten stated that this ordinance would increase the number of at-large members from 4 to 6, of which 2 additional bankers would be added.

Helms/Endress, 7-0

6) Information concerning the demolition and replacement of Building D at the City yards

Discussion: Street Superintendent, Tom Dole explained that Building D has major structural problems, which makes in unsafe. He would like to demolish the building and construct a new building using Street Department labor. The cost will be approximately \$80,000. There was no action taken.

7) Update on amounts spent for consultants in the first 8 months of Fiscal Year 2006

Discussion: Finance Director, Craig Joesten presented a update to the council on the use and cost of outside consultants. There was no action taken.

8) Resolution authorizing application for Public Transportation Financial Assistance under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964

Discussion: Finance Director, Craig Joesten stated that this resolution is to give the mayor the authority to sign the necessary paperwork for the 5311 Grant. Alderwoman Bender asked what organizations would receive the grant.

Director Joesten recommended that Stephenson County Senior Center receive \$60,000, Malcom Eaton receive \$10,000, and City Service receive \$10,000. Alderman Boldt suggested that the resolution be amended to add Section 7. Approval of the distribution of grant monies must be approved by the Committee of the Whole.

Bender/O'Neill to approve as amended, 7-0

Bender/Endress to place on council agenda, 7-0

9) Airport Land Acquisition Ordinance

Discussion: Community Director, Shelly Griswold stated that this ordinance enables negotiation for purchase and condemnation proceedings, for the purpose of satisfying the Federal Aviation Administration's Runway Protection requirement. Director Griswold passed out and explained amendments to the ordinance.

Klemm/Endress to approve, 7-0

10) Historic Preservation Mandatory Review Ordinance

Discussion: Community Development Director, Shelly Griswold stated that this ordinance amends the procedures for review of minor exterior improvements in the Historic Preservation District.

Klemm/Helms to approve, 7-0