



## City Council

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

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### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT REGULAR MEETING Monday, February 5, 2007 at 5:15 p.m.

Call to Order

#### **Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp**

Members present were Aldermen Klemm, Bender, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, and Boldt. Absent was Alderwoman O'Neill. Alderwoman Threadgill entered the meeting at 6:00 pm.

#### **Approval of Committee of the Whole Report**

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve the committee of the whole report from the regular meeting of January 16, 2007.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Consideration of roof removal bids for CMC Heartland property. *Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron stated that bids were received from DEM Asbestos in the amount of \$15,900; Freeport Industrial Roofing in the amount of \$18,900; and Balestrieri Environmental in the amount of \$14,500. The bids were evaluated by Joel Zirkle, who recommended approval of the low bid from Balestrieri Environmental in the amount of \$14,500.*

*Helms/Klemm to approve, 6-0*

*Helms/Endress to move to council floor, 6-0*

2. FYI-Motor Fuel Tax Material Bids. *Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron stated that there would be a state bid letting on Motor Fuel Tax Materials. LeBaron stated that he would be bringing final information to the next committee of the whole meeting and requesting council approval that same night.*

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

1. Fire Department-End of year report. *Kevin Countryman gave a year end report of Fire Department activities and answered all questions of the council.*

#### **FINANCE**

1. FYI- Draft of 07-08 Budget. *Finance Director, Craig Joesten requested that the council provide insight as to whether the sitting council would like to approve the 2007-08 Appropriation or allow the new council to review and approve the budget. He requested that the committee consider the options and bring forth suggestions at the next committee of the whole meeting. He also provided the committee with possible revenue packages: (1) a one-year ¼% sales tax increase, which would bring in an additional \$500,000; (2) abate the real estate tax, which would bring in an additional \$200,000; (3) charge for city services that are usually free, i.e. leaf pickup; (4) borrow funds to close the landfill and defer rent for one more year, which would put \$225,000 in the general fund; (5) spend down reserves. There was no action taken.*

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

1. Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Freeport, Illinois and the County of Stephenson, Illinois. *This resolution authorizes participation and financial contribution to a*

*Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant with Stephenson County. The city's portion is \$10,300, which will come from proceeds from the Rubloff Project.*

***Klemm/Endress to approve, 7-0***

2. Resolution to approve license agreements for access to Stephenson County Geographic Information System (GIS) Database and Base Map. *This agreement would allow the city access to the county's GIS system, which would allow more efficient service in City Hall. The software for this system is approximately \$12,000.*

***Bender/Threadgill to approve, 7-0***

3. Resolution to authorize and approve Façade Improvement Program. *The changes in this resolution enable businesses with smaller projects to apply for a grant.*

***Toepfer/Endress to change 2006 to 2007, 7-0***

***Helms/Endress to approve, 7-0***

4. Resolution authorizing Electric Service Contract (Nonresidential General Service) for Albertus Airport

***Klemm/Endress to approve, 7-0***

***Klemm/Endress to move to council floor, 7-0***

5. Resolution authorizing Localizer/DME Maintenance Service Contract for Albertus Airport. *Page 4 will be amended to change that term from February 2008 to July 31, 2007, Mayor Weis should be changed to Mayor Gaulrapp, and Mary Johnston should be changed to Latacia Ishmon.*

6. An update on the Stephenson Hotel renovation project and redevelopment agreement. *Shelly Griswold stated that the hotel has received their Certificate of Occupancy, but they have a few contingencies that have to be taken care of January 31, 2007.*

7. An update on the Rawleigh Complex Project. *Shelly Griswold stated that a Rawleigh Collaboration Team will be formed to work with potential developers. The team will consist of the mayor and an individual from each of the following organizations: City Council, FAEDF, FDDF, Stephenson County Conventions Bureau, and Chamber of Commerce.*

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