



City Council

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Monday, June 5, 2006 at 5:15 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp

Members present were Aldermen Boldt, Klemm, Bender, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill.

Approval of Committee of the Whole Report

Alderwoman O'Neill moved, seconded by Alderman Helms to approve the report from the regular meeting of May 15, 2006.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. 2006 Street Program bids. There was one bid received from Civil Constructors, Inc for this project in the amount of \$510,220.10, which was \$42, 112.100 over the IDOT approved estimate. The difference in the cost estimate versus the bid was in the asphalt price. Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron recommended approval the single bid from Civil Constructors. There was some discussion as to why there was only one bid for this project.

O'Neill/Toepfer to approve, 5-1 Klemm voted nay

O'Neill/Toepfer to move to council floor, 5-1 Helms voted nay

2. Permission to bid downtown sidewalks phase 2.

O'Neill/Endress to approve.

3. Street Superintendent, Tom Dole, gave an update on the construction at the Street Department.

FINANCE

1. Increase in monthly garbage collection fee. Annually on July 1, the city is required by contract to increase the monthly fee paid to Moring/Gill Environmental Services for garbage collection. This will also increase the amount that is charged to each homeowner for garbage collection. Effective July 1, the monthly charge for garbage collection will increase from \$9.80 per month to \$10.15. Alderwoman Bender stated that she was against this increase. There was no further action taken.

2. Resolution to waive FAEDF's purchase of an appraisal for the sale of lots 6 & 7 in Lincoln Industrial Park to Van Diest Supply Company, and to repeal all contrary resolutions and motions. This was a request from FAEDF to waive an appraisal for lots 6 & 7 in the Lincoln Industrial Park as required by Resolution #R-2006-15.

Klemm/Endress to approve, 3-4 with Aldermen Bender, Helms, O'Neill, and Boldt voted nay.

3. Resolution to approve cooperation agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport, and to repeal all contrary resolutions and motions. HUD has required that the Housing Authority enter into a written Cooperation Agreement with the City by which the City agrees to provide public services to the Housing Authority similar to the public services provided by the City to other residents in the City, in exchange for the Housing Authority making a Payment in Lieu of Taxes.

Helms/O'Neill to approve, 6-0

4. Letter of intent for Methane Recovery. Ecoenergy has requested exclusivity for 12-months.

Klemm/Helms, 6-0

5. Janitorial Service Bid Acceptance. Bids were received from Crystal Image Cleaning in the amount of \$1,300 and \$1,500 per month. The administration recommended acceptance of the low bid from Crystal Image Cleaning in the amount of \$1,300, with the following additional conditions: Background checks done on all employees working in the City Hall Building, at the expense of the City, fingerprinting on all janitorial employees working in the City Hall building, at the expense of the City, pictures taken of all janitorial employees working in the City Hall building to be used for name tags, at the expense of the City. Any subsequent changes of janitorial employees from the original listing will necessitate janitorial company incurring cost of the above conditions.

Klemm/Endress to approve, 6-0

6. United Water Services Contract Modification. Finance Director, Craig Joesten explained the City is in the process of negotiating a modified contract with United Water Services that will consist of hourly rate charges for various services. There was no action taken.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Redevelopment agreement for the Rubloff Development. Community Development, Shelly Griswold summarized the key points of the agreement and answered questions from the council.

Klemm/Bender moved that this be laid over to the special meeting on June 13, 2006, 6-0

2. Note ordinance for the Rubloff Development. Finance Director, Craig Joesten summarized the note ordinance for the Rubloff Development.

Klemm/Bender moved that this be laid over to the special meeting on June 13, 2006, 6-0

3. Nuisance Inspection Department. Community Development Specialist, Betty Johnson provided an informational report on the recent process improvements made in the nuisance inspection department. There was no action taken.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Grant monies for Oxygen Fill Stations. Two bids were received from Breathing Air Systems in the amount of \$9,598 and American Airworks in the amount of \$8,019.88. Because of space constraints, Fire Chief Countryman recommended approval of the high bid from Breathing Air Systems in the amount of \$9,598.

Bender/Helms to approve, 6-0

OTHER

1. Discussion of council participations by phone. Mayor Gaulrapp presented the house bill that outlines the parameters for council participation by phone. There was no action taken.

2. An Ordinance increasing the time period for public comment during meetings of the City Council and of the Committee of the Whole and granting presiding officer the right to vote on matters before the committee of the whole. This ordinance increases public comments to five minutes. The council requested suggestions from the public and will discuss at the next meeting. There was no action taken.

Adjourn