



City Council

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Monday, June 19, 2006 at 5:15 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp

Members present were Aldermen Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, Helms, and Boldt. Absent was Alderwoman O'Neill.)

Approval of Committee of the Whole Report

Alderman Helms moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve the report from the regular meeting of June 5, 2006.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. An Ordinance to ascertain the prevailing rate of wages for laborers, workmen, and mechanics employed in public works of the City of Freeport, Illinois. This ordinance regulates wages of laborers, mechanics, and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city, or any public body or any political subdivision or by any other under contract for public works (820 ILCS 130/1 et. Seq. as amended). Administration requested that this item be placed on this evening's council agenda as passage is required by June 30, 2006.

Klemm/Bender to approve, 6-0

Klemm/Endress to council to floor, 6-0

2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 480 (Parking Generally) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport. This ordinance prohibits parking on Benton, west side, from Jackson to alley, Jackson, south side, from Liberty to Benton, and Liberty, east side, from the alley north to Jackson. This is a request from the Freeport Park District for the Deacon Davis Basketball Park.

Bender/Helms to approve, 6-0

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Firestation #3 parking lot. There was a bid received to repave lot. The amount was not disclosed because there is still another pending bid. Fire Chief Kevin Countryman requested that the council consider if they would like the lot to be repaved considering discussions of possible relocation of Fire Station #3. Alderman Helms requested that an assessment of the building to be conducted in order to determine what other repairs are needed. Chief Countryman will present the assessment to the council within the next 30-60 days. There was no action taken.

2. Approval of receipt of thermal imaging camera from CEDAP (Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program) Grant. Department of Homeland Security will pay for training and thermal imaging camera for the Fire Department. There is no cost to the city to accept this equipment and training.

Klemm/Bender to approve, 6-0

Klemm/Helms to move to council floor, 6-0

FINANCE

1. Fiscal Year 2005-06 Financial results. Finance Director, Craig Joesten gave an update will be given on the final numbers for the fiscal year 2006. An audit still has to be completed. The administration recommended that a task force be established to brainstorm revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year 2007-08.

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 resolution was originally presented at the committee meeting on June 5, 2006. The resolution had an error, which has now be revised. The administration requested that this resolution be moved to the council floor.

Klemm/Helms to approve, 6-0

Klemm/Helms to move to council floor, 6-0

3. Resolution to authorize amending agreement with Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation. The Foundation requested removal of voting rights of council members on board, and to allow replacement to have voting rights. After much discussion, the committee added language to statethere should be two representatives of the City of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the Mayor, who shall have voting privileges, and one of whom shall be the Councilmember named to the FAEDF Board, who shall not have voting privileges, unless the mayor is absent.

Klemm/Helms to amend the resolution, 6-0

Klemm/Endress to approve, 6-0

4. Review of Purchasing Policy. Finance Director, Craig Joesten provided the council members with a copy of the Purchase Policy to review and submit suggested changes within the next four to six weeks.

5. Resolution appointing Human Resource Manager Andrea Gordon agent of the City of Freeport, Illinois to act on behalf of said city in all or any matters affecting administration of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Klemm/Endress, 6-0

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. A resolution for a redevelopment agreement for Southgate Plaza. Mary Reardon, attorney summarized the agreement and answered all questions from the council. The agreement was laid over to the next meeting.

2. A note ordinance for Southgate Plaza between the City of Freeport and Menards & Wal-Mart

Helms/Klemm to approve, 6-0

Endress/Klemm to move to council floor, 6-0

3. A special ordinance for variation, permit or amendment the codified ordinances of Freeport, IL This ordinance is for a variance to allow a fence to be installed less than two feet from the rear property line at 1222 Hillcrest Drive, Freeport, IL.

Klemm/Endress to approve, 6-0

4. A special ordinance for variation, permit or amendment the codified ordinances of Freeport, IL. This ordinance is for a variance to allow a chain link fence with barbed wire to be installed at lots 6 & 7 of Freeport Lincoln Industrial Park, Freeport, IL.

Klemm/Endress to approve, 6-0

5. A special ordinance for variation, permit or amendment the codified ordinances of Freeport, IL. This ordinance is for a change in zoning from B-1-1 to B-2-1 at 221 West Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL.

Klemm/Endress to approve, 6-0

OTHER

1. Co-sponsorship of Clydesdale parade. Mayor Gaulrapp requested that the city co-sponsor the Clydesdale parade, which will be held on July 8, 2006.

Klemm/Helms to approve, 6-0

Klemm/Toepfer to move to council floor, 6-0

2. Temporary closure of streets for Clydesdale parade.

Helms/Endress to approve, 6-0

Klemm/Toepfer to move to council floor, 6-0

3. Discussion of time period for public comments. There was discussion of increasing the public comment period from two to five minutes.

Klemm/Endress to approve, 6-0

4. An ordinance to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois

Helms/Toepfer

5. Temporary closure of streets for Cruise Night 2006

Klemm/Endress

Adjourn