



City Council

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA REGULAR MEETING Monday, August 21, 2006 at 5:15 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp

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

Approval of Committee of the Whole Report

Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve the report from the regular meeting of August 7, 2006.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Fire Station #3 Repairs. Kevin Countryman presented a list of repairs that need to be done at Fire Station #3, as well as cost estimates. Countryman stated that he is awaiting several estimates and will present to the council upon receipt.

FINANCE

1. FYI- Financial Task Force update. Craig Joesten gave the committee a summary of Financial Task Force meeting. Suggestions from the Task Force will be presented along with the 2007/2008 appropriation ordinance.

2. Resolution to renew agreement with Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Craig Joesten recommended that the Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau contract be extended for two more years.

Helms/Toepfer to approve, 7-0

3. Resolution to increase life insurance coverage for non-union employees. This resolution is to increase the life insurance of non-bargaining employees to \$20,000 in order to be consistent with the union's life insurance plan. There cost is an additional \$1,200 per year to make this change. The committee expressed their concerns with paying additional revenues when we are in a budget crunch. Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress that this resolution be laid over to the first meeting in January in order to be reviewed during the budget process and recommendations from the Financial Task Force. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. An ordinance to provide for public transportation in the City of Freeport. This ordinance is required by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the 5311 Grant.

Bender/Helms to approve, 7-0

2. An ordinance adding chapter 840: Garage Sales. Shelly Griswold stated that she will bring a revised ordinance to the next committee meeting based on input received from the aldermen. There was no action taken.

3. A petition by Cathy A. Bartels, 712 N. Warren Ave., Freeport, IL., requesting a variance to Section 1250.05 (f)(1) of the City of Freeport Codified Ordinances, to allow a front yard setback of ten (10) feet at 712 N. Warren Ave., Freeport, IL. The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommended approval of this application at the August 10, 2006, meeting.

Bender/Helms to approve, 7-0

4. A petition by David Miller, 711 N. Waddell Ave., Freeport, IL., requesting a variance to Section 1270.03 (d)(1) of the City of Freeport Codified Ordinances, to allow a six (6') foot high fence in the front yard setback area and Section 1270.03 (h)(4) to allow a chain link fence in a front yard at 711 N. Waddell Ave., Freeport, IL. The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommended denial of this application at the August 10, 2006, meeting.

O'Neill/Toepfer to concur with denial recommendation, 7-0

5. A petition by Sultana Ahmad and Saima Naseem, 5 Barton Creek Ct., Lake in the Hills, IL, requesting a change in zoning from M3, Heavy Industrial District to B2-1, Limited Service Business District for the property located at 515 E. Stephenson St., Freeport, IL. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended denial of this application at the August 10, 2006, meeting. The petitioners did not show up for the meeting, therefore the Planning Commission recommended denial. Shelly Griswold has contacted the individuals to offer them a chance to withdraw their petition before it goes to second reading.

Bender/Helms to concur with denial recommendation, 7-0

6. A petition by Jesse L. Thruman, 756 W. Homer St., Freeport, IL. requesting a Special Use Permit under Section 1250.05 (b)(2) of the City of Freeport Codified Ordinances, to allow a rooming house in an R5 (Two Family Residence) District at 756 W. Homer St., Freeport, IL. This was an informational item only. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended denial of this application at the August 10, 2006, meeting. At the end of the public hearing, the applicant withdrew his petition for a special use permit.

7. A petition by FHN, 1045 West Stephenson St., Freeport, IL. requesting a change in zoning from R7, Multi Family Residence District to B2-1, Limited Service Business District for the property located at 414 West Stephenson St. (415 West Douglas St.) Freeport, IL. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this application at the August 10, 2006, meeting. The request is for additional parking.

Helms/Bender to approve, 7-0

8. Reimbursement agreement with Rubloff Development Group to recover certain city expenditures in relation to a TIF District known as the Lamm Road Industrial Corridor. This was an informational item only. Authorization was already given through the redevelopment agreement.

OTHER

1. FYI-Sale of Homer District Lots. Craig Joesten stated the process will begin within the next 30 days to sale lots in the Homer District. Notice will be given to prior property owners and adjacent neighbors. The lots can not have permanent structures built on them.

2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 806 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport regarding temporary licenses. This ordinance is to allow an amateur playhouse to have a temporary liquor license, which may exceed three calendar days, but shall not exceed six total days over the course of 14 consecutive days.

Bender/O'Neill to approve, 7-0

3. Resolution to request temporary closure of streets for Freeport High School Homecoming Parade.

Bender/Helms to approve, 7-0

Bender/Helms to move to council floor, 7-0

Adjourn

