



City Council

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 5:15 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call by Alderman Boldt

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

Approval of Committee of the Whole Report

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve the committee report from the meeting of August 21, 2006. The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Approval to go out for bids for fire truck & engine. Alderwoman Bender stated that Fire Chief Kevin Countryman would be preparing specifications and requesting submission of bids for the purchase of an engine and ambulance to replace Fire Department apparatus. The current engine is a 1993 Pierce Lance. It has 73,450 miles and 6420 hours of service. The purchase of a new engine would allow this engine to go to reserve status. In reserve, this engine should last another 7-8 years. Estimated cost for a new engine is \$250,000 and an additional \$25,000 for equipment such as hose, axes, pike poles, etc. The current ambulance is a 1995 with 71,408 miles. In the past, ambulances have been replaced when they have 7-10 years of service and mileage of approximately 50,000. Estimated cost for a new ambulance is \$130,000, with an additional \$5,000 for equipment. The Fire Department's Capital Improvement Fund is earmarked to purchase this apparatus.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. An ordinance adding chapter 840: Garage Sales. Informational item only. Shelly Griswold reviewed the comments received by the aldermen and created two ordinances for the council to choose from.

2. Consideration of demolition bids for 919 S. Carroll Street. On Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at 1:30 pm, City staff held a bid opening for the demolition of structures situated on 919 South Carroll Avenue. Bids were received from Alber and Son Trucking in the amount of \$14,500.00 and Fischer Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$6,900.00. Staff recommendation is to accept the bid from Fischer Excavating, Inc., as the apparent low qualifying bid.

Klemm/Helms to accept low bid, 6-0

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Resolution authorizing application to Illinois Department of Natural Resources Grant in relation to Tutty's Crossing

Helms/Endress to approve, 6-0

2. Resolution –Resolution Acknowledging Stephenson County-Pecatonica Prairie Path Bridge Maintenance Lead Agency

Klemm/Endress to approve, 6-0

3. FYI-Downtown sidewalk repair and bid process for approval of bids at next meeting. Craig LeBaron informed the committee of the downtown sidewalk repair and bid process. Informational item only.

OTHER

1. Resolution to request temporary closure of streets for Aquin Catholic High School Homecoming Parade

Bender/Threadgill, 6-0

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

Adjourn