



City Council

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT REGULAR MEETING Monday, November 6, 2006 at 5:15 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp

Members present: Aldermen Klemm, Bender, Toepfer, Endress, O'Neill, and Boldt. Alderwoman Threadgill entered the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Alderman Helms entered the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Approval of Committee of the Whole Report

Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress for approval of the Committee of the Whole Report from the meeting of October 16, 2006.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. IEPA Report Presentation - Bruce Everetts (IEPA, Office of Site Evaluation, Assistant Manager), Michelle Tebrugge (IEPA, Office of Community Relations, Community Relations Coordinator), and Joel Zirkle, Fehr-Graham & Associates
There was no action taken.

2. Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between Blackhawk Biofuels, LLC, and Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation (FAEDF), acting as agent for Stephenson County
John Blum answered questions from the committee. There was a revised Memorandum of Understanding presented to committee.

Klemm/Bender to approve, 7-0

Klemm/Bender to council floor, 7-0

3. Resolution of support for Mobility and Accessibility Rehabilitation Supplement (MARS) CDAP Grant
Betty Johnson presented this resolution. This grant will allow the City of Freeport to undertake the project to fund the rehabilitation of housing units for occupancy by persons with disabilities.

Klemm/Bender to approve, 8-0

O'Neill/Endress to council floor, 8-0

4. Resolution authorizing application for an Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Housing Rehabilitation Grant
Betty Johnson presented this resolution. This resolution authorizes an application to be made to DECO. There is no City match required for this grant.

Klemm/O'Neill to approve, 8-0

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5. Resolution authorizing application for an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Public Transit Technical Studies Grant

Betty Johnson will present this resolution. This resolution authorizes an application to be made to the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation for a grant to examine public transit needs within the City of Freeport. There is a 10% funds match for this grant, which will come from property transfer tax fees.

Klemm/Helms to approve, 8-0

Klemm/Endress to council floor, 8-0

6. Resolution to authorize an amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for the operation of an Enterprise Zone

Mayor Gaulrapp presented this resolution. This resolution amends the section related to filing fees.

7. An Ordinance amending Chapter 899 "Enterprise Zones" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport

Mayor Gaulrapp presented this resolution. This resolution gives the E-Zone committee to expend funds under certain guidelines.

Bender/O'Neill to approve, 8-0

8. FYI-RFP for Comprehensive Master Plan Consultants

Shelly Griswold stated that she would be going out for RFP's for consultants. There was no action taken.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Consideration of sign truck bids.

Craig LeBaron stated that one bid was received for a sign truck from Bocker Auto Group in the amount of \$28,028.72. This truck will replace a 1998 pick up with 100,000+ miles. The committee voted unanimously to accept this bid.

Klemm/Helms to approve, 8-0

Klemm/Bender to move to council floor, 8-0

2. Request for additional funds for validated parking lot.

Craig LeBaron stated that the original bid for the validated parking lot was approved on August 7, 2006. After the bid was awarded, it was noticed that the capstone specified in the plans was for the wrong product. The substitute capstone added \$400 to the project. He requested approval for the additional expenses.

Klemm/Endress to approve, 8-0

Helms/Toepfer to council floor, 8-0

3. Aero pole attachment agreement.

Aero is currently working under a temporary arrangement with the City for utilization of our poles. The City and Aero have negotiated a proposed a five year agreement.

O'Neill/Bender, 8-0

4. Approval of Tutty Crossing I/I Project

Denise Ihrig presented for approval a Tutty Crossing sanitary sewer project designed to prevent inflow and infiltration of storm water into the wastewater system. The project will be conducted using Commission staff with assistance from local companies for an estimated cost of \$38,474.15, labor and fuel is currently budgeted in the Commission and is estimated to be \$17,097.40.

Helms/Endress to approve, 8-0

Toepfer/Endress to council floor, 8-0

5. 2003 Bond Issue Projects – Linden Storm Sewer
Endress/Toepfer to approve, 8-0

FINANCE

1. Resolution authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement
Klemm/Endress to approve, 8-0
Klemm/Endress to move to council, 8-0

2. An Ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2006, and ending April 30, 2007 for the City of Freeport County of Stephenson, and State of Illinois
Duane Price presented the city's tax levy for the fiscal year 2006-07. There was no action taken.

3. Preliminary Draft of An Ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007 for the Public Library of the City of Freeport, County of Stephenson, and State of Illinois
Carol Dickerson presented the library's tax levy, which was approved by the library's finance committee. The library board will consider on November 15, 2006. There was no action taken.

4. Discussion of refinancing of 2003 General Obligation Bonds
Craig Joeten will have a resolution drafted to present at the next committee of the whole meeting. There was no action taken.

5. FYI-Early retirement
Craig Joesten presented. The city has a bank loan to pay the costs of the 1997 early retirement incentive for IMRF. This loan has a balloon payment of \$400,000 due on December 22, 2006. Craig Joesten will look into financing for this payment.

6. FYI-Six month financial report
Craig Joesten stated that this report would be at the next committee of the whole meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Resolution of acceptance of Firefighters Grant Program of the Department of Homeland Security
Bender/O'Neill to approve, 8-0

OTHER

1. Request to co-sponsor International Lantern Festival
Uli Dornhagen requested that the city co-sponsor an International Lantern Festival to be held on December 2, 2006.
O'Neill/Helms to approve in concept, 8-0

2. Discussion of taxicab companies
Betty Johnson and Jerry Whitmore explained the procedure for handling taxicab complaints under the 5311 Grant guidelines and city ordinances.

Adjourn