



City Council
City Council Chambers 230 West Stephenson Street Freeport, Illinois 61032

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 19, 2007**

Call to Order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp

Present: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, Endress, Helms, O'Neill (6)

Absent: Corbin and DeVine (2)

Enterprise Zone Committee Meeting Information

Mayor George Gaulrapp presented information on the Enterprise Zone Committee Meeting.

Public Comments

Mr. E. Kaczynski, 1239 Sears Street, spoke to the committee describing the world as a better place when woman stayed home and took care of the children. Also, there should be more inspectors.

Committee of the Whole Report

A motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Report from the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting - September 4, 2007
- Special Meeting - September 11, 2007
- Regular Meeting - September 17, 2007 as amended and submitted to the committee
- Regular Meeting - November 5, 2007

Motion to approve the minutes including September 17, 2007 as amended – Boldt

Second – O'Neill

Motion passed – 6-0

Public Works

1. Ordinance Authorizing Exchange of Real Estate

(Parking Lot #1 - located at the southeast corner of Stephenson Street and Adams Avenue with the legal description of Lot 10 and the Westerly 40.33 feet of Lot 9 in Block 44 of Carters Re-subdivision of Original Town owned by the City of Freeport and Parking Lot #2 - located at the southwest corner of Main Street and Adams Avenue with the legal description of Lot 6 in Block 39 of Carter Re-subdivision of Original Town (Except Part Taken for Highway purposes in Book 12-120) owned by Newell Co.)

Mayor George Gaulrapp presented information to the committee that was previously discussed at the November 5, 2007 Public Hearing. Newell Rubbermaid Company is in need of more parking due to an increase of 65 jobs in Freeport. This is a fair and equitable exchange of parking lots. Mayor Gaulrapp also asked for the committee's permission to move this forward to the City Council meeting so the paperwork may be started by Fehr-Graham & Associates.

Motion to approve – Boldt

Second – Klemm

Motion passed – 6-0

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Ordinance Authorizing Exchange of Real Estate (continued)

Motion to send to Council this evening – Klemm

Second – Endress

Motion passed – 6-0

2. An Ordinance amending portions Chapter 460, Operation Generally, Section 460.02, Arterial Streets and Section 460.03, Yield Intersections – Yield Sign Country Court at Sioux Drive was presented by Alderman Shawn Boldt. Alderman Boldt stated that this is the intersection that received a stop sign a recently and now there have been complaints about it's location at the T-intersection due to the number of using this intersection from the west. Alderman Boldt made a motion to change the stop sign to a yield sign and asked for a motion. This motion was seconded by Alderman Klemm. Mayor Gaulrapp asked for the opinion of Public Works Director Craig LeBaron before the committee voted. Director LeBaron stated that he was not in support of the stop sign at that intersection because it did not follow the consistency of other T-intersections in the City. He used the intersection at Lincoln Boulevard and Locust Avenue as an example. Corporate Counsel Sarah Griffin spoke to the committee about Illinois State Statues and the requirement to stop at a T-intersection before proceeding. Counsel Griffin explained by installing a yield sign on Country Court, the City would lessen the requirements at the intersection. Alderman Boldt asked to withdraw his motion for the yield sign and recommended this be brought up at the next scheduled meeting. Alderman Klemm asked to have his second on the motion withdrawn.

Motion to layover to next meeting – Boldt

Second – Endress

Motion passed – 6-0

At this time, Alderwoman DeVine entered the meeting bringing the number of committee member present to seven.

3. A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code was presented by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron. The City Council is requested to appropriate the sum of \$600,000 of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) for the purpose of materials for the Street Department and the Street Maintenance Program for next summer. This resolution is approved for this amount each year and at this time of year and will be used for portion of patch for alleys and streets. Since it is close to the end of the year, Director LeBaron asked the committee to move it forward to the City Council agenda this evening.

Motion to approve the resolution – Klemm

Second – Endress

Motion passed – 7-0

Motion to move to City Council this evening – Klemm

Second – Endress

Motion passed – 7-0

Community Development

1. An Ordinance amending Chapter 1475 (Historic Preservation) Section 1475.03 (Historic Preservation Commission), Section 1475.03 (Historic Preservation Commission), Section 1475.13 (Application Review), and Section 1475.14 (Certificate of Appropriateness) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of

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Community Development (cont.)

Freeport was presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold. Director Griswold answered various questions by the committee including which signs this amendment would affect, whether downtown business owners were made aware of this wording, and if current signs would be grandfathered in. Director Griswold stated this would affect permanent signs or signs visible from the exterior of the building with permanent signs meaning signs installed or erected for 60 days or more days. No motions were made with regard to this proposed amendment to the Ordinances.

2. An informational item on Community Development Department research on regulation for licensing of contractors and issuance of building permits among other similarly-sized Illinois home-rule municipalities was presented to the committee by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold. Director Griswold referred the committee to a memorandum dated November 19, 2007 summarizing changes to the permits, fees and contractor licensing. Alderman Klemm recommended to Director Griswold to make suggested changes to the Ordinance and present it to the committee. The committee agreed these changes could be made after the first of the year.

3. Release of Contingency Funds for Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation (FACDF) was presented to the committee by Mayor George Gaulrapp. A motion was made by Alderman Klemm to release the contingency funds in the amount of \$45,000 for the Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation, seconded by Alderman Endress.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O’Neill (7)

Nays – 0

The motion passed 7-0.

OTHER

1. An Ordinance to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Freeport, Illinois was presented by Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin

Motion to approve the ordinance – O’Neill

Second – Endress

Motion passed – 7-0

2. An Ordinance amending chapter 220 “Council”, Section 220.10 “Rules of Council”, Subsection (2) “Time and Place of Meetings”; Chapter 220 “Council”, Section 220.11 “Council Committees”; Chapter 222 “Ordinances and Resolutions”, Section 222.01 “Presentation” and Section 222.02 “Committee Approval” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – Committee of the Whole Elimination was presented by Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin.

Alderwoman O’Neill requested clarification of item 220.11 b. due to the wording of committee chairs versus liaison to follow the current procedures.

The committee agreed that items will continue to be covered and discussed. This change will not affect due process. Community Director Griswold reviewed the items covered in the Committee of the Whole and out of the 192 items, only 29-30 items were sent directly from committee to counsel on the same evening.

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Alderman O'Neill stated that a majority of the discussion takes place during the committee meeting and most of the public does not tune in to the meeting until the Council meeting, so they miss the majority of the discussion. By eliminating the Committee of the Whole, it could improve the communication to

the public. It was recommended that Corporation Counsel Griffin make the necessary changes to the Ordinance and present it at the next committee meeting.

Motion to layover the ordinance to the next scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting – Klemm

Second – O'Neill

Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.