



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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 3, 2007**

Call to Order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp

Present: Helms, Corbin, Klemm, Bush and Endress

Not present: Aldermen Boldt, DeVine, and O'Neill

Public Comments

There were no public comments this evening.

Committee of the Whole Report

A motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Report from the regular meeting on November 19, 2007, was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Corbin. Vote to approve 5-0.

Public Works

1. An Ordinance Repealing Portions of Chapter 460, Operation Generally, Section 460.02, Arterial Streets To Delete Certain Streets (Sioux at Country Court) - Alderman Tom Klemm motioned to layover to next meeting on December 17, 2007, due to the absence of Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Endress. Vote to approve 5-0.

Other

1. 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.

A motion was made by Alderman Corbin to layover to this ordinance to the next scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Klemm. Vote to approve 5-0 and return to next scheduled meeting on December 17, 2007.

At this time Alderwoman DeVine entered bringing the number of committee members present to six (6).

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Finance

A motion to enter an Executive Session pursuant to Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and (2) – Compensation and Salary Schedules was made by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderman Endress. On a roll call of ayes and nays, Aldermen Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms and Corbin voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to return from an Executive Session was made by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Bush. On a roll call of ayes and nays, Aldermen Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms and Corbin voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 290 (Compensation and Benefits) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois – adoption of increase in salary schedule for non-bargaining employees was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten. Copies of an amended ordinance were distributed prior to the meeting, giving committee members sufficient time to review the changes made to correct the numbering and to include information about the Corporation Counsel's salary increase. This ordinance proposes a 3% increase for non-bargaining employees to be effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council, retroactive to May 1, 2007. The Corporation Counsel cost of living increase will be commensurate with other non-bargaining employees for fiscal year 06/07 and fiscal year 07/08. The committee should note that these employees were charged an increase to their health care costs. This 3% salary increase is offset by the health insurance premium increase which effectively makes it come out to a ½% to 1% increase depending on the employees' class. This health care cost went into effect October 1, 2007, for these employees along with the AFSCME employees.

A motion was made by Alderman Corbin to accept the Ordinance as amended, seconded by Alderman Klemm. On a roll call of ayes and nays, Aldermen Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms and Corbin voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Alderman Klemm to move the ordinance forward to tonight's council meeting, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment of the meeting was made at 6:00 p.m.