



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

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, January 7, 2008**

Call to order at 5:15 p.m.

**Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp**

Present: Aldermen Klemm, Boldt, DeVine, O'Neill, Corbin and Helms (6)

Not Present: Bush and Endress (2)

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments this evening.

**Committee of the Whole Report**

A motion was given by Alderwoman O'Neill to approve the Committee of the Whole Report from the regular meeting on December 17, 2007, seconded by Alderman Klemm. Vote to approve 6-0.

At 5:20 p.m., Alderman Bush entered the meeting bringing the number of committee members present to seven (7).

**Public Works**

1. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 480 Parking Generally, Section 480.12 (Restricted Parking Streets) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – snow plow route restricted parking during December, January and February on Lincoln Boulevard from Park to Saxby, both sides was presented by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron. Director LeBaron stated that there have been several instances when our snow plows were unable to complete the route down Lincoln Boulevard due to vehicles parked along the curb. He also noted that the Freeport Fire Department has been unable to drive down Lincoln Boulevard and, instead, use Stephenson Street as a passageway. This is due to the inability of the fire trucks fitting between the boulevard and parked vehicles in the winter months. Director LeBaron presented to the committee a listing of addresses affected by this ordinance amendment, showing all residences having either a single or shared driveway in the front or back of their property. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that the administration would send a letter to each resident in this area, prior to the ordinance coming to council.

Motion to approve – Corbin

Second – DeVine

Motion passed 7-0.

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#### **Public Works (cont.)**

2. A Resolution for the Agreement Between City of Freeport and the Illinois Department of Transportation for Federal Participation for the Lincoln Douglas Debate Corridor Improvements was presented by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron stating that this resolution approves a Federal Enhancement Grant to be applied for streetscape improvements along the Illinois 75 and U.S. 20 Corridors. This grant will be utilized for improvements along Illinois 75 (Douglas Street) from Galena Avenue to Adams Avenue to create a more pleasing entrance to the Lincoln Douglas Debate Site. The City's share for this improvement will be \$90,000 dollars, which follows the typical federal/local split of 80% federal and 20% local match. Although the City anticipates that local monies donated to this project will cover the majority of, if not all of this match, IDOT requires formal assurance that this match is forthcoming and as such they require the match to be covered by MFT funds for this agreement. Chairman Helms asked about private donations to offset the cost to the city and Mayor Gaulrapp state they hoped approximately \$60,000 would be forthcoming from Newell and Stewart & Associates and \$20,000 from in-kind services. Due to filing the paperwork with IDOT, Director LeBaron asked that this resolution be forwarded to council tonight.

Motion to approve – Klemm

Second – Boldt

Roll call vote with Alderman Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Helms, O'Neill and Corbin voting aye.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to move to council tonight – Klemm

Second – DeVine

Motion passed 7-0.

3. An information item was presented by Mayor George Gaulrapp updating the committee on the task force to review the Ordinance amending Chapter 1242 (Administration, Enforcement and Penalty) and Chapter 1262 (Off Street Parking and Loading) regarding Recreational Vehicle Parking in the City in which he stated that he is hoping to set up the task force within the next thirty days and notification will be printed in the newspaper asking for participants.

#### **Public Safety**

1. A Resolution of Acceptance of Firefighters Grant Program of the Department of Homeland Security was presented by Fire Chief Kevin Countryman. Chief Countryman stated that this resolution approves the application process of Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the Department of Homeland Security for the Freeport Fire Department. This resolution authorizes the amount of \$63,099.00 to be applied with a local match of \$7,011.00 in order to develop and implement a health and wellness program to comply with NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Standard 1583 on Health-Related Fitness Programs. Money has been set aside in the Fire Department budget for purposes such as this. Due to the administration and scheduling 49 firefighters for physicals in order to comply with the program, it was asked by Chief Countryman to move this forward to the council meeting this evening.

Motion to approve – O'Neill

Second – Boldt

Motion passed 7-0.

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**Public Safety (cont.)**

Resolution of Acceptance of Firefighters Grant Program:  
Motion to move to council tonight – O’Neill  
Second – DeVine  
Motion passed 7-0.

**Finance**

1. A Resolution of Official Intent of the City of Freeport, Illinois, Toward the Issuance of the City’s Revenue Bonds to Provide Funds to be Loaned to Freeport Regional Health Care Foundation (FRHCF) to Finance the Cost of Certain Health Facilities was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten. Also available for questions was Tom Whitman, Bond Counsel for FRHCF. Director Joesten stated that after a review of the city’s finances, he shows no borrowing needs for 2008 so there is \$8 million available for Freeport Regional Health Care Foundation to borrow to pay for their building projects. Alderman Boldt asked if this was the same kind of bond issue that Lincoln Towers used and Director Joesten answered yes. Alderwoman O’Neill asked if the borrower was not able to pay would the city be responsible and Mr. Whitman answered no it is between the bank and the borrower.

Motion to approve – Boldt  
Second – Klemm  
Motion passed 7-0.

2. A Resolution to Extend Letter of Intent with EcoEnergy, LLC to Negotiate the Purchase of Methane and Other Gases Generated by the Freeport Municipal Landfill #4 and to Repeal All Contrary Resolutions and Motions was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten. Director Joesten explained that this project has taken longer than expected to implement so he would recommend extending one year.

Motion to approve – Klemm  
Second – O’Neill  
Motion passed 7-0.

3. An Ordinance to Abate the 2007 Real Estate Tax Levy for the Repayment of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000 was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten.

Motion to approve – Boldt  
Second – Klemm  
Motion passed 7-0.

4. An Ordinance to Abate the 2007 Real Estate Tax Levy for the Repayment of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003 was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten.

Motion to approve – Klemm  
Second – Boldt  
Motion passed 7-0.

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5. An Ordinance to Abate the 2007 Real Estate Tax Levy for the Repayment of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten.

Motion to approve – O’Neill

Second – Corbin

Motion passed 7-0.

6. An Ordinance to Abate the 2007 Real Estate Tax Levy for the Repayment of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006 was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten.

Motion to approve – Klemm

Second – DeVine

Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.