



## *City Council*

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

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### **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, September 4, 2007**

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#### **QUORUM**

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **RECORD**

Present – Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O’Neill

Absent - Corbin

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Klemm.

#### **PRESENTATION**

A presentation by FEMA representatives was given asking all claimants in the recent floods to contact the FEMA even if they had already completed paperwork with the City or the Salvation Army. Handouts were given with the contact information – containing a toll free phone number of 800-621-3362 and the website of [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). The FEMA representative stated they will need the person’s legal name, social security number, and the flood victim will be asked if there is any other insurance. They will also need a list of damages. The whole process should take about 10-15 minutes.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve of the Agenda was made by Alderwoman O’Neill, seconded by Alderman Bush. Vote in favor 7-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments for tonight’s meeting were received from:

- Michael Perry, M.D. stating that he is the president and CEO of FHN. The FHN has a vision to create growth and increase jobs in the area. To reach these goals they will be asking for an approval of the 59,000 square foot medical facility and assisted living facility called Burchard Hills.
- Dick Drogosz, member of the Board of Directors at FHN spoke in support of the approval of the Burchard Hills Redevelopment Plan. Currently FHN employs 1,130 full time employees and is the largest employer in the City. They have a payroll of over \$63 million. In 2006, FHN donate 2400 hours to over 60 organizations and they are strong supporters of the United Way and Freeport Community Foundation which supports various not-for-profits in the area. In addition, Dr. Michael Perry is a strong supporter of the Boy’s and Girls Club resurgence in Freeport. All told they estimate FHN returns \$8.7 million of uncompensated value to the community.

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### MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Special meeting of August 14, 2007 and Regular meeting of August 20, 2007 was made by Alderwoman O'Neill and seconded by Alderman Endress. Vote in favor 7-0.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
  - 1. Community Development Building Permits for August 2007
  - 2. Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for period ended July 31, 2007
  - 3. Community Development Cash Receipts for August 2007
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for August 2007--\$221,422.01
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for August 2007 (#18-#20) - \$429,841.27
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ended August 18, 2007 - \$379,106.11

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes – Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill. The consent agenda was approved.

### ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2007-63:

#### **An Ordinance Approving the City of Freeport Burchard Hills Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project**

Motion to approve Ordinance – Helms

Second – Klemm

The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next scheduled meeting.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2007-64:

#### **An Ordinance Designating the City of Freeport Burchard Hills Redevelopment Project Area**

Motion to approve Ordinance – Helms

Second – Endress

The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next scheduled meeting.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2007-65:

#### **An Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, in connection with the designation of the City of Freeport Burchard Hills Redevelopment Project Area**

Motion to approve Ordinance – Helms

Second – Endress

The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next scheduled meeting.

### APPOINTMENT

A motion to approve the appointment of Jennifer Birkholz to the Planning Commission was made by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. Vote to approve 7-0, voting ayes from Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill.

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#### **APPOINTMENT**

A motion to accept the Appointment of Martha (“Meg”) Zuravel as City Clerk was made by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. Vote to approve 7-0, voting ayes from Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O’Neill.

#### **RESOLUTION #R-2007-70:**

##### **Resolution Authorizing Application to Illinois Department of Natural Resources Grant in relation to Tutty’s Crossing.**

Motion to approve resolution – Helms

Second – Klemm

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

Nays - 0

The resolution was approved.

#### **RESOLUTION #R-2007-71:**

##### **Resolution to Reauthorize an Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of an Enterprise Zone**

Motion to approve resolution – Helms

Second – O’Neill

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

Nays – 0

The resolution was approved.

#### **RESOLUTION #R-2007-74:**

##### **Resolution to Adopt Revised Purchasing Policy**

Motion to amend the resolution to increase the Special Procurement Provisions (Section 1.9, item B.) contract maximum from \$10,000 to \$50,000. – Klemm

Second – Endress

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

Nays - 0

Motion to approve resolution - Klemm

Second – Helms

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

Nays – 0

The resolution was approved as amended.

#### **RESOLUTION #R-2007-75:**

##### **Resolution to Request Temporary Closure of Streets for Aquin Catholic High School Homecoming Parade**

Motion to approve resolution – Helms

Second – O’Neill

Voice Vote – 7-0

The resolution was approved.

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#### **RESOLUTION #R-2007-76:**

##### **Resolution to Request Temporary Closure of Streets for Freeport High School Homecoming Parade**

Motion to approve resolution – Helms

Second – O’Neill

Voice Vote – 7-0

The resolution was approved.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Consideration of Bids for Leachate Collection System Cleaning and Televising at Freeport Municipal Landfill #4 was presented by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron.

Motion to accept the Bid for Leachate Collection System from Lake County Sewer I in the amount of \$41,600 as recommended by Director LeBaron - Klemm

Second – Endress

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

Nays - 0

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Alderman Boldt stated that there was a collection of household items to help the flood victims and thanked the council for their support. They will start distributing the items on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on a first come, first serve basis. He would also like to see a draft of an ordinance changing the meeting times for the City Council so that it started immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Alderman Bush – The ward tour will be held on September 24. He also discussed the Alderman Retreat and he has been in contact with Lynn Feaver, expect something for the Committee of the Whole next meeting. There will be a town hall meeting on September 20 regarding the King Center Campus. Would like to know if there is any interest for the baggie jean ordinance as has been done in other cities around the country.
- Alderwoman O’Neill recommends revision to the handicap parking ordinance to bring it up to date and in line with Illinois statutes.

Motion to adjourn meeting.