

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**  
**MONDAY EVENING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2007 AT 7:00PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**QUORUM**

At 7:00 pm, a quorum being present, Mayor Gaulrapp called the meeting to order.

**RECORD**

Present were Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt. Alderman Bush had advised the Mayor of his absence.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman DeVine.

**OATH OF OFFICE OF APPOINTED CITY CLERK**

Martha "Meg" E. Zuravel was sworn in as City Clerk by the Honorable Michael Bald.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Alderman Endress moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to approve the agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried 7-0.

**PROCLAMATION**

There was a proclamation regarding "The King Community Center Recovery Day" read by Dean Wright of the Freeport Area Church Cooperative.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for September 2007 - \$259,797.36
- B. Approval of Bills Payable for September 2007 (#25, #26 & #27) - \$585,811.73
- C. Approval of Payroll for period ended September 15, 2007 - \$383,625.78

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderman Corbin to approve. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION #R-2007-88**

**RESOLUTION FOR A CONDOMINIUM PLAT AND DECLARATIONS FOR CITIZEN'S PLAZA, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PEARL CITY AND FOREST ROADS, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

This resolution was moved forward recommended to the City Council by the Planning Commission of the City of Freeport by unanimous vote, with no objectors. Community Development Director Griswold presented findings of the Planning Commission. Alderman Boldt expressed concern about not requiring sidewalks because it is apparent that it has been waived in many areas where there is now development surrounding it. A question was raised by Alderman Helms that if there were sidewalks where would they go to? Mayor Gaulrapp stated they would extend to a cemetery to the east and a cornfield to the west. A motion was made by Alderman Helms and seconded by Alderman Klemm to formally waive the sidewalk requirements of the Citizen's Plaza. On a roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, and Klemm voted yea. Alderman Boldt voted nay. The motion carried 6-1. A motion was made by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve the plat and declarations for Citizen's Plaza. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried 7-0.

**1ST READING ORDINANCE #2007-70**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 460 (OPERATION GENERALLY) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT – STOP SIGN AT SIOUX DRIVE AND COUNTRY COURT**

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Boldt and a second by Alderman Klemm. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Endress and the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**1ST READING ORDINANCE #2007- 71**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 480, SECTION 480.24 (HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND DISABLED VETERANS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT**

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Americans with Disabilities Commission and the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderwoman O’Neill and a second by Alderman Corbin. A motion to approve was given by Alderwoman O’Neill, seconded by Alderman Klemm and the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**1ST READING ORDINANCE #2007-72**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 612 (ANIMALS) THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS – HORSES**

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Klemm and a second by Alderman Endress. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderwoman O’Neill and the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**1ST READING ORDINANCE #2007-73**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 240 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT (AUXILIARY POLICE)**

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderwoman O’Neill and a second by Alderman Klemm. A motion to approve was given by Alderwoman O’Neill moved, seconded by Alderman Corbin and the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2007-76**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS, REQUESTING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM B 2-1 TO M-1 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1428 S. GALENA AVENUE, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended denial of this petition at a Special Meeting and subsequent to a public hearing on September 26, 2007. The Planning Commission recommended the City Council consider a zoning text amendment for repair shops. The council directed Director Griswold to draft an ordinance. A motion to concur with the findings of the Zoning Commission and deny the ordinance was made by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Corbin and the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**1ST READING ORDINANCE #2007-74**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 240 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT (DISABLED PERSON PARKING ENFORCEMENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM)**

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Boldt and a second by Alderman Klemm. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill and the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Effective immediately, Mayor Gaulrapp hereby appoints Saul Alexander, Jr., to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners term effective until April 30, 2010. Effective immediately, Linda Buss appoints Martha E. Zuravel as Deputy City Treasurer through her term as City Clerk. Alderman Helms moved, seconded by Alderman Klemm to accept both of these appointments. On a voice call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm and Boldt voted yea.

**REAPPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, Martha Zuravel reappoints Linda L. Buss as Deputy City Clerk through her term as City Treasurer. Alderman Endress moved, seconded by Alderman Klemm to accept this appointment. On a voice call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm and Boldt voted yea.

**RESOLUTION #R-2007-84**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF FREEPORT, NFP**

This resolution was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Boldt and a second by Alderman Klemm. Alderman Endress moved, seconded by Alderman Corbin to approve the changes to the contract and approve the resolution. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. Alderman Helms voted nay. The motion carried 6-1.

**RESOLUTION #R-2007-85**

**RESOLUTION TO EXTEND AGREEMENT WITH DELMAR KAMPEN FOR SERVICES RELATED TO LAND APPLICATION AND/OR ON-FARM LANDSCAPE WASTE COMPOSTING**

This resolution was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Klemm and a second by Alderman Endress. Public Works Director Craig LeBaron stated this resolution extends the contract for another year with Delmar Kampen at a cost of \$25 per load up to 850 loads and \$22 per load after 850 loads. Leaf pick up in the City will begin on October 15, 2007. Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Endress. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION #R-2007-86**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN STEPHENSON COUNTY, FREEPORT PARK DISTRICT, AND THE CITY OF FREEPORT PROVIDING FOR SHARING OF OBLIGATIONS FOR LEASE OF COMMONWEALTH EDISON PROPERTY**

This resolution was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Boldt and a second by Alderman O'Neill. Alderwoman O'Neill moved, seconded by Alderman Helms. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION #R-2007-87**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RAWLEIGH CORRIDOR PLAN**

This resolution was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Corbin and a second by Alderman Klemm. Alderman Helms moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried 7-0.

**ROLL CALL TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to:

- A. Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2) (c) (5) – Purchase of Property
- B. Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2) (c) (6) – Sale of Property

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderman Helms. On a roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried 7-0.

**ROLL CALL TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Corbin moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On a roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried 7-0.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Public Works:**

A. Two bids were presented to the City Council by the Public Works Director Craig LeBaron for basement fill of 115 E. Main Street, Freeport, Illinois. A bid was received by Civil Constructors in the amount of \$34,897.00 and from GO Excavating in the amount of \$16,945.00. After evaluation of the bids, it was decided that the low bid from GO Excavating was a responsible bid. Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to accept the bid from Go Excavating. On a roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried 7-0.

B. Two bids for a Five-Yard Dump Truck with plow and spreader were presented to the City Council by the Public Works Director Craig LeBaron. Director LeBaron explained that bids from Lakeside International and Chicago International did not follow the specifications as outlined in the submittal. He recommended that the Council reject the bids and authorize the Public Works Department to re-bid this item. Alderman Corbin moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to reject the bids and authorize a re-bid of this item. On a voice vote of yeas and nays, Aldermen DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried.

**Fire Department**

The City of Freeport will conduct examinations for qualified persons to establish an eligibility roster from which Firefighter/Paramedic vacancies will be filled. Applications will be distributed at the mandatory orientation sessions on Thursday, October 11, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at Freeport Public Library and Saturday, October 20, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at the Freeport Public Library.

**Community Development**

A. Saturday, October 6, 2007, from 9:00 to noon at the Freeport Public Library the Historic Preservation Commission will be holding a symposium on preserving your historic home.

B. USEPA Grant applications 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. open house will be held on Tuesday, October 2 in the Community Development Office.

C. In conjunction with Stephenson County, on Saturday, October 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. there will be a drop-off for household hazardous waste at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds.

D. Director Griswold recommended a drive down Main Street from Galena to Walnut to see the extensive renovation and improvement of buildings.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Great week for Homecoming Parades and things went well for both Aquin and Freeport.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman O'Neill stated that there will be an ADA Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the RAMP office.

Alderman Klemm stated that he has been working with Police Chief Whitmore to slow down traffic in certain spots in First Ward. One spot is by Winter Park, where he would like to see signs posted similar to what is used by Read Park. Another location being looked at is Brad Mar Drive.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.