



City Council

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 15, 2007

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – present: Endress, Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, and DeVine. Absent: Boldt

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Endress

A motion was made by Alderman Helms to approve the agenda for the meeting, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed 7-0.

“Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76.2-1 the City Council of the City of Freeport hereby calls for a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 230 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois, to consider the exchange of parking lots:

#1 - located at the southeast corner of Stephenson Street and Adams Avenue owned by the City of Freeport

#2 - located at the southwest corner of Main Street and Adams Avenue owned by Newell Rubbermaid Corporation

Motion to call a public meeting on November 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in regard to the exchange of parking lots – Helms

Second – Klemm

Ayes – Endress, Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7

Nays- 0

Corporate Counsel Sarah Griffin advised that this notice should be printed in the newspaper.

There were no public comments this evening.

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, October 1, 2007

Motion to approve – O’Neill

Second – Helms

Ayes – Endress, Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7

Nays- 0

2. Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.

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A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:

1. Police Department Activities for period ended September 2007
2. Fire Department Activities for period ended September 2007
3. Community Development Building Permits for September 2007
4. Community Development Cash Receipts for September 2007

B. Approval of Water and Sewer Disbursements for October 2007 ---- \$381,313.48

C. Approval of Bills Payable for October 2007 (#28, #29 & #30) ---- \$390,174.41

D. Approval of Payroll for period ended September 29, 2007 ---- \$386,052.89

Motion to approve consent agenda – O’Neill

Second – Endress

Ayes – Endress, Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine - 7

Nays – 0

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

3. 2nd 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. First reading of this ordinance was held on October 1, 2007. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Endress and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting.

Ayes – Endress, Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7

Nays – 0

4. 2nd 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. The first reading of this ordinance was held on October 1, 2007. A motion to approve was given by Alderwoman O’Neill, seconded by Alderman Klemm and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting.

Ayes – Endress, Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7

Nays – 0

5. 2nd Reading Ordinance #2007-72: An Ordinance amending Chapter 612 (Animals) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois – Horses. First reading of this ordinance was held on October 1, 2007. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderwoman O’Neill and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting.

Ayes – Endress, Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7

Nays – 0

6. 2nd Reading Ordinance #2007-73: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 240 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport (Auxiliary Police). First reading of this ordinance was held on October 1, 2007. A motion to approve was given by Alderwoman O’Neill, seconded by Alderman Corbin and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting.

Ayes – Endress, Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7

Nays – 0

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7. 2nd Reading Ordinance #2007-74: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 240 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport (Disabled Person Parking Enforcement Volunteer Program). The first reading of this ordinance was held on October 1, 2007. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.
Ayes – Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7
Nays – 0

8. 2nd 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 first reading of this ordinance was held on October 1, 2007. 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 tonight's meeting.
Ayes – Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7
Nays – 0

9. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2007-75: An Ordinance amending Section 1442.24 (Demolition Permits) of Chapter 1442 (Permits and Fees) regarding demolition of accessory buildings. 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 Alderwoman O'Neill.
Motion to approve Ordinance – Helms
Second – O'Neill
Ordinance 2007-75 will be automatically laid over to November 5, 2007 meeting.

10. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2007-77: An Ordinance amending Chapter 220 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport to modify the meeting times from 7:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., or shortly thereafter as the City Council Committee of the Whole completes its meeting. 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 Corbin.
Motion to lay over to next scheduled meeting for a first reading – Helms
Second – Bush
Vote to approve lay over of Ordinance #2007-77 – 7-0

11. A motion to accept appointment of Andrea Murray to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority was made by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderman Endress
Ayes – Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7
Nays – 0

A motion to accept the appointment of Amanda DeLong as the ADA Compliance Officer for City of Freeport was made by Alderwoman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress.
Ayes – Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7
Nays – 0

12. A motion to accept the Reappointments of Arnetta McGee and Shawn Shianna, M.D. to the Library Board was made by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress.
Motion passed 7-0 in favor.

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13. Resolution #R-2007-89: Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Artspace Projects, Inc. for a Preliminary Feasibility Evaluation of New Multipurpose Arts Facility Development of the former W.T. Rawleigh Complex. This resolution 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 Corbin.
Motion to approve Resolution – Klemm
Second – Endress
Ayes – Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7
Nays – 0
14. Resolution #R-2007-90: Resolution authorizing a joint application to the Illinois Housing Development Authority, by the Northwest Illinois Community Action Agency and the City of Freeport, for the Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Grant program. Community Development Specialist Leslie Mastroianni presented information to the council that this grant program is designed to assist a homeowner of single family residence to bring it up to standards. The City's job will be advisory for this grant.
Motion to approve Resolution – Helms
Second – Endress
Vote in favor – 7-0
15. Resolution #R-2007-91: Resolution supporting a joint application to the Illinois Housing Development Authority, by the Northwest Illinois Community Action Agency and the City of Freeport, for the Small Rental Properties Program Grant program. Community Development Specialist Leslie Mastroianni presented information to the council that this grant will help the owner of an investment property bring it up to standard. The City will take the lead role on this grant.
Motion to approve Resolution – Helms
Second – O'Neill
Vote in favor – 7-0
16. Resolution #R-2007-92: Resolution authorizing memorandum of agreement with Federal Aviation Administration Facilities on Albertus Airport incorporating runway 24 MALSR into the National Airspace System. This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Bush. The ordinance was brought forth to tonight's meeting by a motion by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress and unanimously approved 7-0.
Motion to approve Resolution – Helms
Second – O'Neill
Ayes – Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7
Nays – 0
17. Resolution #R-2007-93: Resolution to enter into agreement with Vandewalle & Associates for services related to Brownfields Redevelopment implementation. This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Bush. The ordinance was brought forth to tonight's meeting by a motion by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Bush and unanimously approved 7-0.

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17. Resolution #R-2007-93: (cont)

Motion to approve Resolution – Helms

Second – O’Neill

Ayes – Endress, Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7

Nays – 0

18. Resolution #R-2007-94: Resolution to enter into agreement with Fehr-Graham & Associates for services related to Brownfields Redevelopment implementation. This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole by unanimous vote, on a motion by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The ordinance was brought forth to tonight’s meeting by a motion by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress and unanimously approved 7-0.

Motion to approve Resolution – Helms

Second –Endress

Ayes – Endress, Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine – 7

Nays – 0

19. Department Head Reports:

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold reported on the following:

- Presented information on Landfill 2 & 3 regarding the hybrid poplar barrier because of their maturity an injection of lactic acid needs to be done at the site – cost estimates will be forthcoming this is a head up to the council.
- Will bring Rubloff development updates to next meeting.
- Wal-Mart construction going well.
- Discussion of Gills Raceway and the agreement for paving the entrance. Must be done by November 30.
- Chili Cook-Off will be held in downtown Freeport on Friday, October 26, 2007
- Leslie Mastroianni was recognized for doing a wonderful job on the grant applications.

Finance Director Craig Joesten reported on the following:

- City of Freeport continues to have a positive Cash flow analysis. This includes the future purchases of a \$100,000 plow truck and police cars in February – no need to borrow funds.
- Letters will be mailed to 1,200 Water and Sewer customers where the property has been vacated. This is a correction in the billing making sure that everyone is paying their fair share.
- Kudos to Matt Bruehler, Water & Sewer – IT for his years of service. Matt will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia after working 17 years for the W&S department.

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron reported on the following:

- Leaf pick up begins today, October 15. The service is free of charge and it is asked that no trash, no small limbs or sticks. He also asked residents to make sure the leaves are to the curb early. The City is divided in quadrants with each being serviced three times on the average.

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Water & Sewer Project Manager Denise Ihrig reported on the following:

- Drainage issues in the first ward are being attended to and she asked resident to let them know of problems.
- Water & Sewer will be looking at the Capital Improvement Program for next year and will be reporting to the council in the next couple of months.

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman reported on the following:

- Reminder about the eligibility roster notice that the fire department has posted.

Finance Director Craig Joesten report on the following for the Water & Sewer Department:

- At a previous council meeting, a resident brought up a billing issue at the Route 20 and Greenfield condominiums which has been resolved by the plumbing inspectors installing separate service meters.

City Clerk Meg Zuravel reported on the following

- There are Codified Ordinances available for viewing in the City Clerk's office.

20. Mayor's Report

- Halloween is scheduled for October 31 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Those wishing to join a neighborhood watch should contact the Police Department at 815-235-8222.
- Optimism is in the air in Freeport

21. New Business - Alderman Endress noted those attending the neighborhood meetings recently. Alderman Helms spoke about a neighborhood meeting at Schwartz Funeral Home about the break-ins in the neighborhoods. Alderwoman O'Neill thanked the council for their attention to the handicap parking sign ordinances and those interested can obtain a brochure about parking accessibility at RAMP or the Illinois Attorney General's website (ilattorneygeneral.gov). Alderman Klemm noted that people should be aware that although a building may appear to be vacant, many times a lease is being paid on the building.

22. There were no public comments tonight.

23. Adjournment at 7:52 pm