



## **City Council**

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

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### **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, April 21, 2008**

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#### **QUORUM**

At 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2008, in the Council Chambers of City Hall with a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor George Gaulrapp.

#### **RECORD**

Present at roll call were Alderman Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin. Also present were Mayor George Gaulrapp, Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin, and the city department heads.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Klemm.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- Sergeant Quincy Carter, Fire Chief Kevin Countryman and Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore introduced the "Do the Right Thing" April 2008 top five nominees. The winner of the "Do the Right Thing" for this month was Noloni Hodges. She and all the nominees were congratulated by Mayor George Gaulrapp.
- Quentin Davis of the Freeport Downtown Development Foundation provided an up date on the Streetscape Improvement Study and the use of funds reimbursed from a grant received from Congressman Manzullo. The architect is ready to start meetings and will be providing the foundation with recommended proposals. The city is working on an ITEP grant and this will be used in the area around the Rawleigh Building. The FDDF and the city have been working well together.
- Firefighter Robert Wand, Firefighter Jason DiModica, and Firefighter Chris Potempa were sworn in by City Clerk Meg Zuravel and Fire Chief Kevin Countryman.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, April 7, 2008, was made by Alderwoman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS**

- Scott Townsend of 524 Delmar Drive stated he is a firefighter for the city for the last fifteen years. He urged the council to carefully look at the Northern Illinois Health Plan proposal. He feels it is not what the council voted on a couple of weeks ago. There is a lot of concern by the city employees as to the plan that the council voted on.
- Forrest Senn of 6384 S. Baileyville Road is a member of the city healthcare committee and he stated that the Health Care Committee voted to adopt the State Plan for employee health care. He too is concerned about what was presented to council prior to their vote.

**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.*

A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- 1) Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report period ending March 31, 2008
- 2) Treasurer's Report for March 31, 2008
- 3) Water and Sewer Monthly Report for February/March 2008
- 4) Fire Department Activities for March 2008

B. Approval of Water and Sewer Disbursements as of April 21, 2008 --- \$311,596.58

C. Approval of Payroll for period ended April 12, 2008 --- \$402,883.07

D. Approval of Bills Payable for 2008 (#73, 74, 75, 76, 77) ---- \$697,793.88

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items as presented – Helms

Second – O'Neill

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin

Nays – None

Motion passed 8-0, the Consent Agenda was approved.

**COMMUNICATION/REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

The Property Maintenance Task Force Recommendations – Implementation Stages were presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold. Director Griswold explained her listing dated April 16, 2008 and gave an overview of the items necessary to put into operation the recommendations of the Property Maintenance Task Force. She asked the council how they would like to proceed. Director Griswold stated that there is \$20,000 built into the budget for 2008-2009 to fund outsource exterior and interior evolutions/ inspections of city properties. Alderman Corbin motioned to approve the recommendations as presented, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On a roll call vote, Alderman Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin voted aye. There were no nays votes. The motion was approved.

At this time, Mayor George Gaulrapp asked for leave of council to move Finance Director Craig Joesten department head report to this portion of the meeting due to the large number of city employees attending the meeting about the health care issue.

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**  
**FINANCE**

The City Clerk Meg Zuravel was asked to read from the meeting minutes as follows:

**From the March 17, 2008 City Council Meeting:**

**Resolution #2008-24:** The council was presented three choices for the May 1, 2008 Contract for the City's Healthcare Coverage:

Choice A – Fully Funded contract with Local Government Health Plan-State of Illinois

Choice B – Self – Funded contract with Northern Illinois Health Plan (NIHP)

Choice C – Self – Funded contract with Cottingham Butler

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated that after a phone call from a council member he felt it was important for him to comment on his membership on the board of the Northern Illinois Health Plan which was stated to the council last year. Director Joesten is not a voting member of the Freeport Healthcare Committee, nor is he a voting member on the council. He is acting as an information source so he is not aware of any conflict of interest.

Motion for approval of Resolution 2008-24 with Choice B Self – Funded contract with Northern Illinois Health Plan (NIHP) with a total possible exposure of \$2,313,377.00 through April 20, 2009, was made by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderman Boldt.

Alderman Klemm motioned to amend the motion to include coverage of vision and dental up to an amount of \$45,000 to the NIHP proposal. This motion was seconded by Alderman Endress

Roll Call Vote on the motion to include optical and enhanced dental coverage to the NIHP plan –

Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Endress and Helms. Abstain: O'Neill (due to employment).

Nays: Corbin, Bush, and DeVine.

Mayor George Gaulrapp voted aye. Motion passed 5-3.

Roll Call Vote on the motion to approve Choice B including up to \$45,000.00 for optical and dental coverage –

Ayes: Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms. Abstain: O'Neill (due to employment).

Motion passed 8-0.

Resolution 2008-24 with choice B to include vision and dental as amended was adopted.

**From the March 3, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting:**

**Finance**

1. Further discussions and additional information on the recommendations for Health Insurance was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten. Director Joesten stated that NIHP had submitted a renewal proposal today that is similar in substance and format to what has happened in the past in regards to deductibles, attachment points, and related expenses for reinsurance premiums - the total maximum plan cost will be \$2,313,377.00. NIHP has changed reinsurance carriers and proposed to use the ECHO network of physicians. NIHP's attachment point under the new carrier is \$200,000 less than the current plan using this self-insured plan. Numbers were also received from Cottingham-Butler and they came out to be a current proposed cost of \$2,210,145.00. There is a slight discrepancy of the proposal due to 17 families not included in the costs. Director Joesten said there will not be much of a difference in the dollar figures between the two self insured programs. The state plan proposal does not include Monroe Clinic. The state cost estimated came out to be \$2, 218,000 making it approximately \$100,000 less than the NIHP costs. The premium period for the state plan is July 1 to

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June 30. There will be a premium adjustment in July and an average increase is usually about 5%. There is negligible difference among the costs of the plans. There is a difference in coverage and in particular the inclusion of dental and vision coverage. A cost of \$40,000-\$50,000 annually was calculated in order to add dental and vision to the self insured plans. There is also a \$120,000-\$140,000 conversion cost to go from self-insured to fully insured not calculated in to the state plan costs. Alderman Helms asked if there was an ability to purchase coverage for 30 day time periods. Director Joesten said he is unable to give a definitive answer and he is concerned on the single aggregate \$70,000 amount. He too is concerned about the availability of reinsurance for 30 day time period. Alderman Helms stated that he would like this answer before a decision is made. There is no decision necessary tonight. Detective Forrest Senn was asked to address the council on behalf of the Health Care Committee and he stated that there are quite a differences in coverage available and deductibles between the state plan and self insured plans. Detective Senn stated that the committee feels the best plan for the employees is to go to the Illinois Healthcare Plan.

**From the February 19, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting:**

**Finance**

2. A review and recommendations of three plans brought forward from the City of Freeport Healthcare Committee was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten. The three plans presented to the Committee of the Whole were: 1) Local Government Health Plan through State of Illinois, 2) Cottingham-Butler, and 3) NIHP/FHN. The Healthcare Committee is comprised of two representatives from each of the unions in addition to two representatives from the non-bargaining employees. Their mission is to review the City's healthcare plan and make recommendations that will hopefully control or at least slow the rising health care costs which the City is experiencing. The healthcare committee reviewed each plan for coverage and costs and additional benefits, if available, for prescription drug, vision plan, and dental plan. After reviewing of each of the plans, the Healthcare Committee signed a resolution stating their choice as the Local Government Health Plan as their choice for provider of health care services to the City of Freeport. This resolution was signed by all the committee members except Duane Price. Duane Price wrote a memo dated February 14, 2008, explaining his position which was contained in the packets for Committee of the Whole. The City's current healthcare contract expires April 30, 2008. Finance Director Craig Joesten explained to the Committee of the Whole that final cost estimates are expected on March 1, 2008 because they are based on January and February 2008 health care costs to the city. Alderman Corbin asked to have more finalized numbers of all the plans available for review at the March 3, 2008, meeting and then the council could vote on the issue at the March 17, 2008 meeting.

Mayor George Gaulrapp stated the there was a lot of information given to the council in a short period of time. Each of the plans summaries were furnished to council in the Committee of the Whole packet dated February 19, 2008. The health care benefits are very important to all the employees and he encouraged employees with questions to address their concern here tonight.

Finance Director Craig Joesten addressed the council asking them to keep in mind the Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 which is having its second reading in tonight's meeting. According to the ordinance as presented there is a \$218,000 surplus projected in the spending plan that has been submitted for approval. Director Joesten cautioned that the \$218,000 surplus does not take into consideration any salary increase for personnel. Any salary increase of 3% adds a quarter of a million

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dollars (\$250,000) to the city's expense structure. If there is a salary increase approved, the budget would have a slight deficit. In the revenue projection, there are a couple of critical elements. The city has been notified by the State of Illinois that the income tax sharing that we get is anticipated to be flat – no growth. Director Joesten also stated that the city has been notified that the property replacement tax is estimated to be down 9.7% which equates to \$50,000. He stated that he is very concerned about the sales tax that has been projected due to Menards and Wal-Mart may or may not materialize but was budgeted for in excess of \$500,000. In addition he stated that the budget assumes an anticipated income from all of the current taxes in place will remain available, some of which will need to be reconsidered at prior to the end of the year. He asked the council to think about this information prior to considering additional spending measures. The sales taxes for Menards and Wal-Mart were conservative, but responsible. Director Joesten continued his discussion on healthcare stating that he was requested by the council to gain control of the increasing health care costs and a committee was set up to help with this goal. The council was provided choice of three plans; Fully Funded contract with Local Government Health Plan-State of Illinois, one to remain Self – insured with Northern Illinois Health Plan (NIHP); and the third option was a self – insured contract with Cottingham Butler. Contained in the self-insured health plan of Cottingham Butler, it offered a network called Echo network that did two things - it increased the doctors choice including Rockford doctors and Rockford Hospitals with elimination of the gate keepers and it included the Monroe Clinic. NIHP came back to the city and offered to include the Echo network but in addition to that NIHP has its own PPO provider. The PPO of NIHP includes the same doctors as the Echo system does - with the differential between the NIHP and the Echo network is the option of two networks in which you must make a choice between one or the other. One choice is the Rockford Memorial Hospital doctors and FHN. The second Echo network you will choose with Swedish American, OSF St. Anthony Medical Center and FHN. Under neither one of those plans will you get all four hospitals. The employees must make a choice. Director Joesten explained to the council the different offers made by the health care providers and their re-insurers. In the proposals there was not access to Monroe Hospital and this information was not presented to the council. Alderwoman O'Neill explained the discussion of the network choices and the offer of the Echo network in which the council was never told about the exclusion of the Monroe Clinic. Director Joesten stated that the healthcare committee was aware of the difference in network choices. He stated that the NIHP PPO expanded network came to us subsequent to the original offer. What we have done, what NIHP has agreed to do is to grant a concession and that is to allow those persons living in Wisconsin would have access to the Monroe Clinic at "in network" reimbursement. Director Joesten explained to council the financial implications of the different network options stating that the cost of going with the expanded network using past year's reimbursement levels it would have cost the city additional amounts between \$274,000-\$307,500 more in health care due to a difference Echo giving less discounts. Director Joesten guaranteed that if the City goes with the Echo network we will hit our attachment point which means we will pay more for insurance. Alderman O'Neill stated the council was not given information about NIHP including options for networks. Mayor George Gaulrapp stated that the council is not being asked to change plans, not being asked to take a more expense plan the purpose of the discussion is to get more clarity on what was discussed and presented. Director Joesten stated the financial implications to the council and the decision rests with the council. The ordinance approved by council included an amendment to include dental and vision up to \$45,000. The quotes received are well above this amount and Director Joesten reviewed the proposals and costs of dental coverage with the council. Director Joesten stated he was remiss in excluding vision in the costs projections of over \$10,000. Currently our dental costs are \$78,000 for what we cover now and there is no way to limit the up-side exposure. Director Joesten stated he could not move forward and present this plan and put it in place

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knowing full well that he needed to stay within the perimeters laid down by the council. The discussion continued included comments from the council, mayor, healthcare committee members and the fire department union members. Mayor George Gaulrapp read the wording from Resolution R-2008-24B “if the City healthcare plan remain self-funded and the City renew its contract with Northern Illinois Health Plan for its TPA administration and HCC Life as the reinsurance carrier on a 24/12 specific \$70,000 contract basis and 12/12 aggregate contract basis with a \$2,003,895.00 aggregating specific to contain its healthcare costs and a total possible exposure of \$2,313,377.00 that would include the three hospitals in Rockford and FHN and a carved out portion of Monroe Clinic.” Director Joesten stated that number that was provided the HCC re-priced the NIHP PPO network and they actually have approximately \$4,000.00 less in maximum costs with all four hospitals. Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin asked for clarification on the Resolution 2008-24B as to the total possible exposure of \$2,313,377.00 through April 30, 2009 would still be correct and Director Joesten answered yes. She asked that the only thing that would change in the resolution that was passed would be the amendment that the council made on the dental and vision. The discussion continued with the council and employees asking questions on coverage options and health plans. A motion was made by Alderman Corbin to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Northern Illinois Health Plan PPO that includes the three Rockford hospitals and the Freeport Hospital and the limited portion of the Wisconsin residents to go the Monroe Clinic, seconded by Alderman Boldt. Alderman Klemm asked for clarifications of the plan costs. On a roll call vote; Alderman Klemm, Boldt, Bush, Endress, Helms, and Corbin voted aye. Alderman O’Neil abstained. Alderwoman DeVine voted nay. Motion passed 7-1. Alderman Corbin made a motion to cover no optical and enhance the dental coverage not to exceed to \$45,000. No second was made on this motion. Rick Luy spoke to the council who stated that he does not think the council is looking at dental coverage evenly as compared to what the State health care program covers. Director Joesten gave the council additional information on the dental coverage costs. Last year the city spent \$78,000 on dental coverage at a limitation of \$500 per person – some people did not use it, it could be higher if each person used it. Alderman Klemm made a motion to re-look at the vision and dental coverage. Additional discussion included forecasting costs for dental. Alderman Boldt asked to have additional numbers available to the council prior to a decision and Director Joesten said there are no additional numbers. The \$45,000 could be broken down to 500 covered lives to \$90 per person. Alderman Klemm made a motion to look at this again in two weeks – dental and vision and going forward with the healthcare portion of this plan. This was seconded by Alderman Endress. On a roll call vote Alderman Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O’Neill, and Corbin voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passed 8-0.

**ORDINANCES –THIRD READING**

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-17:**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 844 (Mechanical and Electronic Games and Devices) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport - The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 17, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderwoman O’Neill. The second reading of this ordinance was held on April 7, 2008 and it was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O’Neill, and Corbin  
Nays – None  
Ordinance 2008-17 was adopted 8-0.

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**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-18 (AS AMENDED):**

An Ordinance to Amend and Adjust the Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2007-2008 for the City of Freeport, Illinois - The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 17, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to the meeting on April 7, 2008. Additional amendments were made to the ordinances as referred to in Duane Price's memorandum dated April 2, 2008. A motion to accept the amendments was made by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. On a roll call vote Alderman Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, DeVine, Endress, Helms and O'Neill approved the motion 7-0. The ordinance received a second reading as amended on April 7, 2008 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin

Nays – None

Ordinance 2008-18 (as amended) was adopted 8-0.

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-19 (AS AMENDED):**

An Ordinance to Supplement the Appropriation Ordinance, Fiscal Year 2007-2008, for the City of Freeport, Illinois - The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 17, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress. The second reading of this ordinance was held on April 7, 2008 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. An amendment has been made to the ordinance as referred to in Duane Price's memorandum dated April 17, 2008.

Motion to approve the amendment of ordinance – Klemm

Second – Endress

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin

Nays – None. The motion passed 8-0 and the amendment was adopted.

Roll Call Vote for adoption of Ordinance – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin

Nays – None

Ordinance 2008-19 (as amended) was adopted 8-0.

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-20:**

An Ordinance to Amend and Adjust the Appropriation Ordinance, Fiscal Year 2007-2008, for the Freeport Public Library - The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 17, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. The second reading of this ordinance was held on April 7, 2008 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin

Nays – None

Ordinance 2008-20 was adopted 8-0.

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-23:**

Special Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois, requesting an amendment of Zoning Ordinance from R6 (Multi-Family Residence) to M2 (General Manufacturing) at 412 East Winslow, Freeport, Illinois - The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 17, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The second reading of this ordinance was held on April 7, 2008 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin

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**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-23 (CONT):**

Nays – None

Ordinance 2008-23 was adopted 8-0.

**ORDINANCES –SECOND READING**

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-24:**

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 650 (Minors), Section 650.08 (Curfew) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport - The first reading of this ordinance was held on April 7, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Helms and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. The third reading will be held on May 5, 2008.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-25:**

Appropriation Ordinance, Fiscal Year 2008-2009, for the City of Freeport, Illinois - The first reading of this ordinance was held on April 7, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Klemm and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. The floor was open for questions and Alderman Helms stated that he had questions about the 2008-2009 budget and he was asked to email the questions to the department heads or the mayor's administrative assistant and they will be answered at the next meeting with the third reading on May 5, 2008.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-26:**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 806 "Alcoholic Liquor Sales" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport - application for issuance or renewal licenses through the payment of checks, postal money orders, or cash. - The first reading of this ordinance was held on April 7, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Helms and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. The third reading will be held on May 5, 2008.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-27:**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 608 "Alcoholic Liquor" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – permitted hours of sales changing from 12:00 noon to 9:00 a.m. on Sunday - The first reading of this ordinance was held on April 7, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Klemm and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. The third reading will be held on May 5, 2008.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-28:**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 608 "Alcoholic Liquor" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – offenses by licensees regarding gates for B-2 license holders - The first reading of this ordinance was held on April 7, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. The third reading will be held on May 5, 2008.

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**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-29:**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 209 (Compensation and Benefits) Section 290.04 (Entrance Salary Rates) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport - The first reading of this ordinance was held on April 7, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderwoman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. The third reading will be held on May 5, 2008.

**ORDINANCES FIRST READING**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-30:**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 290 Compensation – Pay grade Police and Fire Administrative Aide – ordinance includes letters written to council by Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore and Fire Chief Kevin Countryman. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill and it was automatically laid over to the next council meeting.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-31:**

An Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the Joint City of Freeport – County of Stephenson Certified Enterprise Zone - Eco Grove Wind LLC and HB Plastics was presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold. Information was provided in the packets and representatives will be available at the next scheduled meeting. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Klemm and it was automatically laid over to the next council meeting.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-33:**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 242 (Fire Department) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten The Fire Department Capital Fund for the purpose of creating an annual threshold amount of funding to be spent only for capital projects relating to the City of Freeport's Fire Department and matching funds for Fire Department grants. In relation thereto, any funds remitted to the City pursuant to 242.46 above shall initially be deposited into the Fire Department Capital Fund. In each fiscal year, once the threshold amount of greater of \$240,000 or an amount equal to sixty percent (60%) of the total amount remitted to the City in the prior fiscal year is placed in the Fire Department Fund, any further funds may be deposited to the General Fund of the City of general expenditures. For the purposes of this Section, remitted to the City shall mean those funds exclusive of any collection or administrative fees or expenses. The additional funds will be used for increased demolition costs, to pave the parking lot of the police station, and to take a cold building at the street department and turn it into a heated bay to wash the trucks. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to the next council meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**APPOINTMENT**

A motion to approve an appointment of Leslie Mastroianni to the Rebuilding Together Board was made by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**RE-APPOINTMENT**

A motion to approve a re-appointment of Barbara Green to the Library Board was made by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderwoman DeVine. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #R-2008-30:**

A Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of an Enterprise Zone for Eco Grove Wind LLC and HB Plastics as presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold.

Motion to layover resolution until the third reading of Ordinance 2008-31 – Boldt

Second – Helms

Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**RESOLUTION #R-2008-32:**

A Resolution Authorizing Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) and the Illinois Green Streets Initiative Grant Programs was presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold. Director Griswold explained that the local match in the amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the total cost will be required if the grant or grants are awarded and the City accepts the grant.

Motion to approve resolution – Helms

Second – O’Neill

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O’Neill, and Corbin

Nays – None.

Motion passed 8-0 and the resolution R-2008-32 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2008-33:**

A Resolution Authorizing Application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Program in Relation to Tutty’s Crossing as presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold. The USEPA and IEPA grants funding were not received so the administration is asking to fund this excavation of 1,500 tons of contaminated soil to grade the site properly for a proposed boat launch through an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) Program a deferral of 15 years before a balloon payment is due.

Motion to approve resolution – Helms

Second – Endress

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O’Neill, and Corbin

Nays – None.

Motion passed 8-0 and the resolution R-2008-33 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2008-34:**

A Resolution of Support for a Collaborative County-Wide Housing Needs Assessment as presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold.

Motion to approve resolution – Klemm

Second – Endress

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O’Neill, and Corbin

Nays – None.

Motion passed 8-0 and the resolution R-2008-34 was adopted.

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Public Works – a letter dated April 21, 2008 was presented to council regarding bids received and opened on April 17, 2008 for the tractor mower for the Street Department. The bidders list included the following companies; Polo Agri Systems, Sloan Implement of Monroe, Wisconsin, Freeport Lawn and Leisure, Curtis and Sons of Lanark and B&B of Freeport. Two bids were received. Freeport Lawn and Leisure's bid included a base bid of \$16,527.90 with trade in value of \$2,527.90 for a bid less trade of \$14,000.00. The Sloan Implement bid included a base bid of \$18,850.00 and a trade in of \$2,500.00 for a bid less trade of \$16,350.00. Director LeBaron explained an additional bid from Polo Agri Systems was delivered to Water and Sewer at the appointed hour but the bid did not match the spec sheets so the differences needed to be reviewed by Tom Dole and the mechanic. It was recommended that the Freeport Lawn and Leisure Mower, John Deere 3120 more closely matched the bid specifications. Therefore, Director LeBaron recommends approval of the bid from Freeport Lawn and Leisure to be accepted in the amount of \$14,000.00 which included trade in of the existing tractor mower.

Motion to approve mower bids as presented by Director LeBaron - Klemm

Second – Endress

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin

Nays – None.

Motion passed 8-0.

Director LeBaron stated that the bridge on Gladewood at the entrance of Krape Park had to be closed tonight due to a diagonal bracing falling into the water. The bridge will remain closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic until further notice.

Public Safety

Police Chief Jerry Whitmore publicly recognized the men and women of our 9-1-1 call center and thanked them for all of their hard work and dedication for fielding over 34,000 calls annually.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The mayor attended the Tri-State Meeting regarding a four lane expansion of Route 20. Little Cub's Field is scheduled to open on April 28, 2008. The State of the City will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the Jeannette Lloyd Theater at FHS Jr. High at 6:00 p.m. with doors opening at 5:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Boldt asked the administration to draft an ordinance to protect the 2% gas tax that is used to fund vehicles for the street department.

An adjournment of the meeting was given at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk.