



City Council

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, July 21, 2008

QUORUM

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

RECORD

Present on roll call were Aldermen O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (8). Also present was Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin and city department heads.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman O'Neill.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alderman Helms motioned for approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- Rev. Steve Harrell spoke to the council about the comments that he made at the last city council meeting stating they were meant as humor, not apologizing, but reviving sensitivity awareness of controversial rhetoric. He also spoke about cultural sensitivity training and awareness in regards to racial diversity.
- A proclamation for the 9th Annual Wheel-A-Thon scheduled for Saturday, July 26, 2008 was read by Alderwoman O'Neill.
- A proclamation naming August 2008 as United Way Month was read by Roland Caruso and Marcia Mulligan, Director of the United Way. Mayor George Gaulrapp present Director Mulligan with his completed payroll deduction form and he encouraged City employees to do the same.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, July 7, 2008 and the special meeting held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 was made by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. On a roll call vote of ayes and nays, Aldermen O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (8) voted aye. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

There was no one signed up for public comments on agenda items this evening.

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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 for period ended May 31, 2008**
- 2) Treasurer's Report for May 2008**
- 3) Freeport Police Department Activities for June 2008**
- 4) Community Development Reports including Cash and Miscellaneous Receipts, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, Sign and Building Permits for June 2008**

B. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (#100, 101, 103, 105, 106) --- \$252,169.56

C. Approval of Payroll for period ending June 21, 2008 --- \$411,881.78

D. Approval of Bills Payable (#99, 102, 104, 107) ---- \$591,338.62

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented – O'Neill

Second – Helms

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (8)

Nays – None (0)

Motion passed 8-0 and the Consent Agenda items were approved.

ORDINANCES –THIRD READING

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-41:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 290 (Compensation) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport - amending of duties for Human Resource Manager to add Deputy City Clerk functions. The first reading of this ordinance was held on June 16, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The second reading of this ordinance was held on July 7, 2008 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. A motion to make the ordinance effective upon completion of training was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. Motion carried on voice vote without dissent.

Roll call vote as amended - Ayes: O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (8)

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2008-41 was adopted 8-0.

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-42:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 220 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport (Time and Place of Meetings) - This ordinance would change the regularly scheduled council meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The first reading of this ordinance was held on June 16, 2008 and a motion to approve the ordinance was given by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderwoman DeVine. The second reading was held on July 7, 2008 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.

Roll call vote - Ayes: O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (8)

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2008-42 was adopted 8-0.

Due to publishing the ordinance and the annual calendar it was decided to make it effective for the first meeting in September 2008 which will be Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

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3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-44:

An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Sections 226.03 (a) of Chapter 226 (Mayor); 228.03 (a) of Chapter 228 (City Clerk); 230.03 (a) of Chapter 230 (City Treasurer) of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Freeport Regarding Compensation – The first reading of this ordinance was held on June 16, 2008. A motion to approve the ordinance was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The second reading of this ordinance was held on July 7, 2008, and it was automatically laid over tonight's meeting. Alderman Corbin stated that the filing date deadline for putting the city manager proposition forward to the public is August 18, 2008. A motion to "suspend the vote tonight until the first meeting in September (Tuesday, September 2, 2008) until the council finds out whether that will be on the ballot or not was given by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. Discussion continued regarding the deadline of salaries being set, which is 180 days prior to the date the elected officials take office which would be May 4, 2009. Alderwoman O'Neill asked for a clarification if the referendum for City Manager makes it to the November ballot and if the public should vote they would like to go that form of government then are you saying that that could start on May 4, 2009? Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin stated that the City Manager form of government starts as soon as you can after a referendum is approved, if it is approved so that would not run at the same time as the elections. In that case both the salaries of a City Manager and a Mayor would be paid – if that were the case. On a roll call vote of the motion to layover Ordinance 2008-44 to the first meeting in September; Aldermen O'Neill, Corbin, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, and Helms (6) voted aye. Alderman Klemm and Endress (2) voted nay. The motion carried 6-2 and the ordinance was laid over to September 2, 2008. Alderman Boldt asked the council members to work on comparisons of elected salaries so that they are ready for the September 2, 2008 meeting. Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin clarified that it will be a third reading at that time.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-45:

An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 1472 (Storm Water Detention) and Repealing and Replacing Chapter 1050 (Storm Sewers) – The first reading of this ordinance was held on July 7, 2008. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Klemm and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. With second reading of this ordinance, the council discussed the issue of sediment and erosion control with Water & Sewer Project Director Denise Ihrig. Director Ihrig stated there is currently not a grandfather clause included in this ordinance but there could be some retrofitting that could be mandated by the council. Director Ihrig is looking for council recommendations before the next council meeting. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-46:

An Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois for the property located at 941 West Stephenson Street for rezoning from P1 (Professional) to R6 (Multiple Family Residence) - This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Freeport Planning Commission on June 19, 2008, by unanimous vote and there were no objectors filed for this ordinance. The first reading of this ordinance was held on July 7, 2008. A motion to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Boldt. A second reading of this ordinance was read to the council and it was automatically laid over to the next scheduled meeting.

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2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-47:

Special Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois for the property located at 817 South Walnut Avenue - lodging or rooming house

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Freeport Planning Commission on June 19, 2008, by unanimous vote and there were no objectors filed for this ordinance. The first reading of this ordinance was held on July 7, 2008. A motion to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Klemm. In addition, a motion to lay over the ordinance to the next scheduled meeting was given by Alderwoman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Boldt. On a roll call vote Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, and Endress voted aye. The motion passed 8-0. This ordinance was given a second reading on July 21, 2008. Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin stated the question on whether the condition placed on the ordinance by the Planning Commission to have the Special Use permit end with the current user and she stated that it is an appropriate proper condition to place upon the ordinance. A roll call vote followed this statement. Roll call vote - Ayes: O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (8)

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2008-47 was adopted 8-0.

ORDINANCES FIRST READING

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-48:

An Ordinance Extending Ordinances 2003-55 and 2003-80 Regarding Chapter 891 (Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax) For One Year – This ordinance was presented to the council by Finance Director Craig Joesten stating that this 1% tax will be extended for one year. The telecommunications tax generates about \$800,000 and this one percent it would have an impact of \$160,000 transaction on the general fund. A motion to move this forward was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to the next council meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-49:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 480, Section 480.12 (Prohibited Parking Streets) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – Public Works Director Craig LeBaron met with Dallas Rackow of the Freeport School District #145 and she requested that the City put “no parking - school busses only” in front of Empire School, Blackhawk School, and the district #145 property located at Walnut and Exchange. It is hoped to have this through council before school starts in August. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Helms and it was automatically laid over to the next council meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-50:

Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois – application by Lynn Allen for property at 802-806 South Adams Avenue for rezoning from R5 (Two Family Residence) to B2-2 (Limited Service Business) - This ordinance recommended to City Council by unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at their meeting on July 9, 2008. Additionally, there were no objectors filed for this ordinance. Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated the applicant is asking to rezone the property for a restaurant. A motion to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission was given by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill and it was automatically laid over to the next scheduled council meeting.

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1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-51:

Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois – application by Henrietta Willemssen for property at 1250-1250 ½ South Blackhawk Ave. for rezoning from R4 (One Family Residence) to R5 (Two Family Residence) - This ordinance recommended to City Council by unanimous approval by the Planning Commission at their meeting on July 9, 2008. Additionally, there were no objectors filed for this ordinance. Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated the applicant is trying to sell the property and the new purchasers can not apply for a mortgage until the property is rezoned. A motion to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to the next scheduled council meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

APPOINTMENTS:

A motion to accept the appointment of Walter Maass to the Planning Commission effective immediately was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderwoman DeVine. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2008-52A:

Resolution to Approve Agreement Between the City of Freeport, Illinois and Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Freeport, NFP - Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated that this resolution was presented at the council meeting on July 7, 2008 but there were some parliamentary procedures/motions that were unclear in proceedings and the resolution page was added.

Motion to approve resolution – Klemm

Second – Endress

Roll call vote – Ayes: O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (8)

Nays – none

Resolution 2008-52A was adopted 8-0

RESOLUTION #R-2008-54:

Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Freeport, Illinois Police Department and the City of Rockford, Illinois Police Department for the Sharing of Information and Mug Shot Photos - Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore presented the resolution stating that it allows the two entities to share the mug shots from Freeport Police and allows the Rockford PD to send us their arrest warrants, cancellations, and stolen vehicles reports

Motion to approve resolution – Endress

Second – DeVine

Roll call vote – Ayes: O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (8)

Nays – none

Resolution 2008-54 was adopted 8-0

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RESOLUTION #R-2008-55:

Resolution to Request Temporary Closure of Street for Motor-Ioway Tour - Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore presented the resolution which will close the East ½ of the Validated Parking Lot, Douglas Street from Chicago to Adams (IL State Highway 75), and State Street from Exchange to Douglas Street on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, which will involve approximately 150 vintage automobiles and 300 people traveling on the Motor-Ioway Presidential Tour.

Motion to approve resolution – Helms

Second – Endress

Motion passed by voice vote without dissent and Resolution 2008-55 was adopted 8-0.

RESOLUTION #R-2008-56:

Resolution to Authorize Execution of Agreement for Transportation Dispatch Services between the City of Freeport and Nationwide Inbound, Inc. - Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the resolution by stating that copies of the contract had been given to the council in the last meeting and there were a few revision made by the Illinois Department of Transportation and these were given to the council prior to the meeting. These changes included a more comprehensive listing of services provided by the City, a revision in payment timing, a pledge to pay the invoices within 21 days, a change to the reduction and modification agreement, an additional section for either party to cancel with a 60 day notice, the closed days of service to include the day after Thanksgiving. The company Nationwide Inbound is a subsidiary of Stewart and Associates to provide central dispatch service utilizing GIS software which will schedule and map out the rides for the next day. This agreement includes compiling the invoices. In case of an electrical outage, a natural gas generator will be used to maintain service.

Motion to approve resolution – Klemm

Second – Endress

Roll call vote – Ayes: O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (8)

Nays – none

Resolution 2008-56 was adopted 8-0

RESOLUTION #R-2008-57:

Resolution to Authorize Execution of Agreement for Transportation Services between the City of Freeport and Stephenson County Senior Center - Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented that this is an agreement between the Senior Center and the City to provide transportation services. The changes explained in R-2008-56 are included in this agreement and an additional item was added that the provider will be responsible for fuel, oil, fluids and maintenance of the vehicles and IDOT requested an item be added in regard to training and valid driver’s licenses.

A motion to amend the resolution to pay \$8.97 to the Senior Center for the rides provided was made by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated the City had a right to negotiate after receiving the bid proposals and the motion would affect page 37 – Scope of Work and page 41 – the contract dollar amount per public transportation ride provided up to 23,000 rides. This amendment would change the \$11.00 per ride reimbursement to the amount equal to the Pretzel City Transit Company proposed rate of \$8.97 – a difference of \$2.03 per ride. Discussion continued regarding assisted rides versus unassisted rides. Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin restated the motion to amend section 2 to change the total from \$253,000 to \$206,310 on page 4, page 37 the dollar amount from \$11.00 per ride to \$8.97 and page 41 from \$11.00 to \$8.97 and Alderman Klemm agreed.

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Discussion continued with the difference in service provided by the Senior Center, in particular the handicap and disabled riders. The contract end date is June 30, 2009.

On a roll call vote of the amendment – Ayes: Klemm and Endress (2)

Nays – O’Neill, Corbin, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, and Helms (6)

Motion failed 2-6 and the amendment was not adopted.

At this time the council made no motions to continue further with this resolution. The next resolution was read to the council for Resolution #R-2008-58, Resolution to Authorize Execution of Agreement for Transportation Service between the City of Freeport and Pretzel City Transit Company. As Community Development Director Shelly Griswold was explaining the differences in the agreement and the differences in the service and operational hours, the following motion was presented to the council.

“Since we went passed item 21 because there was not a motion on the floor, is there a way to revisit that or do we need to layover item 22 and bring them both back at another meeting,” asked Alderman Helms. The decision was made to call the previous question and act upon the resolution. Alderman Helms stated, “I would like to call for the previous question.” Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin stated the call for the previous question requires a two-thirds majority vote and it is non-debatable. Alderwoman O’Neill seconded the motion. On a roll call vote to bring Resolution 2008-57 to the floor, Alderman O’Neill, Corbin, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, and Helms voted aye. Alderman Klemm and Endress voted nay. The motion passed 6-2 to call the previous question, item #21, Resolution #R-2008-57.

Alderwoman O’Neill moved to have **Resolution 2008-57, Resolution to Authorize Execution of Agreement for Transportation Services between the City of Freeport and Stephenson County Senior Center** properly on the floor for discussion, seconded by Alderman Corbin.

Alderman Helms asked to make a motion “to make an amendment where it is door to door, wheel chair and other assisted services to pay \$11.00 per ride where all other rides would be paid at \$8.97 per ride.” This motion was seconded by Alderwoman O’Neill.

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold restated the motion in terms of the agreement, “For all rides dispatched to provider through Pretzel City Transit Program Central Dispatch Provider requiring door to door, wheel chair or other assisted services, provider will be reimbursed at a rate of \$11.00 per ride and for all other rides the provider will be reimbursed an amount of \$8.97 per ride.” Alderman Helms agreed with the wording on the motion.

Roll call vote on the Resolution 2008-57 as amended – Ayes: O’Neill, Corbin, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, and Helms (6)

Nays – Klemm and Endress (2)

Resolution 2008-57 as amended was adopted 6-2.

RESOLUTION #R-2008-58:

Resolution to Authorize Execution of Agreement for Transportation Services between the City of Freeport and Pretzel City Transit Company - Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated the agreement was similar to the Senior Center agreement as she specifically stated to council about the rate of reimbursement and the operational hours stated in the agreement before them.

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Alderman Helms made a motion to offer the same motion that he did on Resolution 2008-57, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill and Community Development Director Shelly Griswold read the terms of the agreement, "For all rides dispatched to provider through Pretzel City Transit Program Central Dispatch Provider requiring door to door, wheel chair or other assisted services, provider will be reimbursed at a rate of \$11.00 per ride and for all other rides the provider will be reimbursed an amount of \$8.97 per ride."

Roll call vote on Resolution 2008-58 as amended – Ayes: O'Neill, Corbin, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, and Helms (6)

Nays – Klemm and Endress (2)

Resolution 2008-58 as amended was adopted 6-2.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Community Development

- The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, to review the Comprehensive Plan finalist's references. Bids and proposal for software services for the transportation will be brought to council on August 4, 2008.
- A summary of local responses to the flood was presented to the council as prepared by Leslie Mastroianni.
- A motion was made by Alderwoman O'Neill to approve Northwest Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA) replacing the United Way as the agent for disbursement of the flood funds provided by the City, seconded by Alderman Bush. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
- Director Griswold provided the council status on demolitions on properties around the City. In particular discussion about the Union School property that has around \$90,000 in liens on the property and the City must mow around the property and Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated the council would need to authorize action on that property.

Finance

- Director Joesten stated that there are two sales taxes brought up to council two weeks ago and at that time he had asked if there is requested to have an action taken for them. The sales taxes do not sunset until they are repealed and any action must be taken January 1 and July 1. The Department of Revenue must have 90 days notice to cease and desists in collection of those taxes. Action must be taken by October 1 to repeal those taxes. It was stated the amount brought in from the Food and Beverage taxes was \$846,000 in fiscal year 2008 to the General Fund.

Public Works

- Director LeBaron also stated that he received bids for two 5-Yard Plow Truck that were due on July 14, 2008 in the City Clerk's Office. The bidders list included the following companies; Hawkeye Truck and Trailer, Chicago-Rockford International Trucks, Rockford Truck Sale, Lakeside International, Bonnell Equipment, Truck Country, Badger Truck Sales, and Monroe Truck Equipment. Five bids were received and all were properly executed. The bid tabulation sheets were given to council. The low bid from Hawkeye Truck and Trailer would be the recommendation of the Public Works Department for two International 7300 with Bonnell Equipment to be approved in the amount of \$190,865.28. A motion to approve purchase based on the recommendations from the Public Works Director Craig LeBaron was made by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman

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Endress. On a roll call vote of ayes and nays; Alderman O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms voted aye. Motion passed by 8-0.

- Director LeBaron prepared for council a memorandum regarding Three Unit Rectangular Hanger Building bid to be used for corporate jets or an individual with multiple airplanes which were received in the City Clerk's Office on July 16, 2008. Bid specifications were created by Crawford, Murphy and Tilly (CMT), engineers at the Albertus Airport. One bid was received from Winter Construction of Freeport. All required documents were included with the bid. The bid amount was \$725,000.00 for Item No. 1 Design, Furnish and Construct and also a bid of \$17,200.00 for Alternate Item No. 1 Insulation for Building. The bid came in at 16% over the estimate and 14% over for the combined package. CMT felt comfortable with the bid in this range. A follow-up memorandum dated July 21, 2008 was presented to council stating the Public Works Director Craig LeBaron will be checking with Illinois Department of Aviation as to our payment schedules/reimbursement schedules and should have this information at the Council meeting. CMT will also be getting some more information that may be presented at the Council meeting. If is decided to make a recommendation on this bid, another memo will be presented at the meeting. Included were federal funding schedule for airport, predicted payment schedule, and cash flow outlook from the Finance Department. These numbers indicate that the City pays for this project up front and then realizes reimbursement from federal funds through the State Department of Aviation. This funding provides that the City is only ultimately responsible for 5% of the overall cost of the project. Out of the approximate total \$804,000 dollar project, the city's approximate share will be \$39,802. Other information in this matter indicates that even though this bid is over the original estimate, the escalating cost of steel and the ever fluctuating fuel cost were reasons for the overage. It is their feeling that if the bid were rejected and re-bid, the results would not result in a lower bid. Therefore, with this information, the Public Works Director Craig LeBaron would recommend that the City approve the bid from Winter Construction for a total of \$742,200.00. A motion to approve this recommendation was made by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Corbin. On a roll call vote of ayes and nays; Alderman O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms voted aye. Motion passed by 8-0.
- Director LeBaron stated he will be working on a winter parking ordinance due to the inability of school busses to be able to pass down certain streets this winter.

Police

- Police Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore stated that with Rockford looking at prepay at gasoline pumps, we have been asked to investigate the feasibility of an ordinance requiring pre-pay at all self-service stations. Service station owners feel that if it were an ordinance it would take out the competitive advantage. Chief Whitmore stated the City experiences 125-130 drive-offs per year. In the past a drive-off would cost a station owner \$10-\$20, yesterday it cost a station \$90.00 and sometimes, minimum wage clerks are expected to pay this back.

Fire

- Fire Chief Kevin Countryman spoke to the council about the replacement of Fire Station #3 and asked for the council's input on how to proceed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- A motion to approve appropriation up to \$4,000 to be used for installation of black dirt and grass where it was intended to be gravel at the demolition site of the old Myers Ford Building at 11 East Douglas St. Chicago was given by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Endress. This money

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would come from line item 36-0-544-0. Alderman Helms asked how close the Art Center is to building and most went to the demolition with the hopes of pursuing a capital campaign with the goal of a new building in 5-7 years. On a roll call vote for the motion of ayes and nays; Alderman O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, and Endress voted aye. Alderman Helms voted nay. Motion passed by 7-1.

- Mayor Gaulrapp reminded people to take advantage United Way payroll deduction.
- Little Cubs Field hosted a Fergie Jenkins day on Saturday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA OR NON- AGENDA ITEMS

There was no one signed up for public comments at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Each council member was given an opportunity to publicly address significant items of interest. Alderman Corbin thanked Public Works Director Craig LeBaron for handling an issue with a constituent. Alderman Klemm spoke to the council about the public meeting about the Gladewood/Krape Park bridge stating that there were a lot of positive suggestions. Residents in the area are interested in its repair and retaining it as a one lane bridge and their concern about the safety in the park and exit in and out of the park with only one exit. Alderman Bush spoke about the success of the Juneteenth Celebration and the clean-up held for the flood victims thanking everyone who assisted. He also asked about the old King Center on Crocker Street and its state of disrepair. Alderman Endress spoke about the public meeting held regarding the Galena Avenue merchants held at the Lincoln Mall. Alderman Helms asked about running sewer at FHN's project on South Harlem and Mayor Gaulrapp stated that the bids came back from Fisher Brothers was high so they are looking at another bidder.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to Illinois Open Meetings Act ILCS Chapter 5, Act 120, Section 2 (c) (21) – Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. A motion to enter executive session was given by Alderman Bush, seconded by Alderman Helms. Voting aye were Alderman O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (7). Alderman Boldt voted nay. The motion passed 7-1 and the council enter executive session at 9:20 pm. A motion to return at 9:25 pm from the Executive Session was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On a roll call vote of ayes and nays; Alderman O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms voted aye. Motion passed 8-0. A motion to approve the executive minutes as presented in the closed meeting session was made by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. On a roll call vote of ayes and nays; Alderman O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms voted aye. Motion passed 8-0. A motion to release the Executive Session Minutes as recommended which will be the minutes from March 17, 2008, January 12, 2008, September 18, 2006, February 7, 2005, May 17, 2004, and April 19, 2004 was made by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. On a roll call vote of ayes and nays; Alderman O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms voted aye. Motion passed 8-0.

An adjournment of the meeting was motioned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk