



City Council

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, August 18, 2008

QUORUM

At 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 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 Council members Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill and Corbin (8). Also present were Richard Hauser as Corporation Counsel and city department heads.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor George Gaulrapp explained item #15 would be removed from the agenda. Alderman Helms motioned for approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

PRESENTATIONS

With leave of council there were two presentations tonight. Tom Tyke presented information on the Provena Ice Cream Social on August 24, 2008. Mr. Jim Rhyne of the Boys and Girls Club gave a presentation on the summer youth program. Two counselors, Molly Neary and Homero Nava, spoke to the council about their experience working with the youth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 2008, was made by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

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

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 Schedule of Tax Receipts through July 31, 2008**
- 2) Treasurers Report for July 2008**

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- 3) Treasurers Monthly Investment Report for period ended July 31, 2008**
- 4) Community Development Reports for July 2008; Cash & Miscellaneous Receipts, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, and Sign Permits, Building Permits Report**
- 5) Freeport Police Department Activities for July 2008**
- 6) Freeport Fire Department Activities for July 2008**
- B. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (123, 125, 126) --- \$179,646.40**
- C. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending August 2, 2008 --- \$409,140.94**
- D. Approval of Bills Payable (121, 122, 124, 127) ---- \$344,815.93**

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

Second – DeVine

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

Nays – None (0)

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

COMMUNICATION TO COUNCIL

At the last council meeting it was asked what the outstanding balance is for the City Lights loan. The Finance Department reported as of July 31, 2008, the balance due on the loan is \$107,000. This loan is with US Bank and the debt service is paid by the Downtown TIF Fund. The final payment on the loan will be in January 2022. There is another loan with US Bank which is paid from the Downtown TIF Fund. This loan is for curb and gutter and the balance due on this loan is \$58,000. The final payment on this loan will also be in January 2022.

ORDINANCES –THIRD READING

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-48:

An Ordinance Extending Ordinances 2003-55 and 2003-80 Regarding Chapter 891 (Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax) For One Year – The first reading of this ordinance was held on July 21, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The second reading of this ordinance was held on August 4, 2008 and it was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting. Upon the third reading of this ordinance, Alderman Corbin stated that he had been contacted by County Board President John Blum requesting that the City exclude all County Government from the taxes. Duane Price of the Finance Department stated that he thought the City was taxed also and there was not a way to excluded somebody, but he would have to check with the Department of Revenue. A motion was made by Alderwoman O’Neill to layover the ordinance until the next regularly scheduled meeting, seconded by Alderman Bush. Motion passed by voice vote 7-1, with Alderman Klemm voting nay.

3RD 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 – Bus Parking at schools. The first reading of this ordinance was held on July 21, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Helms. A second reading of this ordinance was held on August 4, 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 (8)

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2008-49 was adopted 8-0.

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3RD 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. The first reading of this ordinance was held on July 21, 2008. A motion to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission was given by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. The second reading of this ordinance was held on August 4, 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 (8)

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2008-50 was adopted 8-0.

3RD 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. The first reading of this ordinance was held on July 21, 2008. A motion to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The second reading of this ordinance was held on August 4, 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 (8)

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2008-51 was adopted 8-0.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-52:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 480, Section 480.11 (Prohibited Parking Streets) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – Carriage Hills Parking. The first reading of this ordinance was held on August 4, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the second reading, it was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #2008-53:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 608, Alcoholic Liquor, Section 608.06 “Permitted Hours of Sales” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – Class A Liquor Holders to permit sale of packaged goods 9:00 am to noon on Sunday. The first reading of this ordinance was held on August 4, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the second reading, it was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2008-67:

Resolution to Request for Temporary Closure of Streets for Freeport High School Homecoming Parade (scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2008) – A motion to approve resolution was made by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Bush. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

RESOLUTION #R-2008-68:

Resolution to Approve Public Transit Vehicle Leases with the Stephenson County Senior Center

This resolution was presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stating that she made changes to the resolution and provided a copy to council this evening. The Senior Center had not had a chance to review the agreement. A motion to lay over the resolution to the next meeting was made by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Klemm. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Water and Sewer

Water & Sewer Project Director Denise Ihrig gave council an update on Harlem Avenue sanitary sewer.

Police

Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore stated participants had completed the 2nd annual Junior Police Academy.

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman thanked all those who had donated to the back-to-school backpacks. He also stated the new ambulance rates have been posted which are based off a Medicare increase.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gaulrapp spoke about the upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

Each council member was given an opportunity to publicly address significant items of interest.

In addition, City Clerk Meg Zuravel stated beginning with the next council meeting on September 2, the City Council Meetings will start at 6:00 pm as passed by ordinance and published in the newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA OR NON- AGENDA ITEMS

Reverend Charles Threadgill, 605 S. Ordway, spoke to council about the potholes on Pleasant Avenue between Galena and Chicago Street. Mayor Gaulrapp stated he would notify Street Superintendent Tom Dole. Rev. Threadgill also added that he was against the passage of Ordinance 2008-53, amending permitted hours of sale for class A liquor license holders.

An adjournment of the meeting was motioned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk