



City Council

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, March 16, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present on Monday, March 16, 2009, at 6:00 pm the regular meeting of the Freeport Illinois City Council held in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor George Gaulrapp.

ROLL CALL

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was held for Norman Cain III, a Freeport native killed in Afghanistan while serving in the United States Military. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Helms.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, March 2, 2009, was made by Alderman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed voice vote without dissent.

PRESENTATIONS

- Leslie Mastroianni, Community Development Specialist, provided an update on the City of Freeport Public Transportation system stating that a redesigned full service system will be effective April 7, 2009. The Pretzel City Transit public transportation system has been designed to provide affordable and accessible transportation for all Freeport residents. The new system will allow residents access to work, school, shopping, appointments, and leisure activities. Public transportation through the Pretzel City transit system is available to residents of all ages. Rides will cost \$2.00 when requested with a 24 hour advance reservation. Rides without advance reservation will be \$5.00. Hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to midnight and on Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The phone number for the dispatch system is 815-233-7433 (815-233-RIDE). Questions regarding the City of Freeport's Pretzel City Transit system may be directed to Leslie Mastroianni in the Community Development Department at 815-599-5810.

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- Dennis Pate representing Moring Disposal Inc. and Josh Kraft representing Gills Freeport Disposal provided an overview of curbside refuse, recycling, and landscape waste collection. A three page summary was provided and asked to be included in an upcoming resident mailing.
- Mayor Gaulrapp stated that Betty Johnson of Freeport Housing Authority is on agenda for this evening but due to a conflict will be entering the meeting later.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- 1) City Treasurer Schedule of Tax Receipts for period ended January 31, 2009
- 2) City Treasurer Monthly Investment Report for period ended January 31, 2009
- 3) Community Development Monthly Reports for February 2009 including: Cash & Misc. Receipts; Building Permits; and Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing & Sign Permits
- 4) Freeport Fire Department Monthly Report for February 2009
- 5) Freeport Police Department Monthly Report for February 2009

B. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (#221, 222, 225) --- \$168,763.12

C. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending February 28, 2009 --- \$422,409.75

D. Approval of Bills Payable (#220, 223, 224, 226) --- \$616,356.44

Alderman Endress moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman O'Neill.

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress (8)

Nays – None (0)

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following items were included in the council packets this evening:

- A. Informational item regarding openings on Commissions and Boards
- B. Health Care Committee meeting minutes from Tuesday, March 10, 2009
- C. Freeport/Stephenson County Conv. & Visitors Bureau Semi-Annual Report (July to Dec. 2008)

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:20 pm, Mayor George Gaulrapp stated that this is a public hearing regarding an annexation agreement with Twin Creeks Investments, L.P. for approximately 5.25 acres located west and south of the City at the intersection of Pearl City Road and Forest Road. After a review of the sign in sheets for the public hearing, it was noted that there were no persons signed up to cross examine or provide testimony.

Mayor George Gaulrapp declared the public hearing open. He stated Community Development Director Shelly Griswold will present the information regarding this hearing.

Director Griswold stated this is a public hearing regarding and annexation agreement with Twin Creeks Investment, L.P. for approximately 5.25 acres located west and south of City at the intersection of Pearl City Road and Forest Road. This is a voluntary annexation via petition and there are no electors residing on the property. Terms of the annexation agreement include a request by the applicant that the property owner be allowed to disconnect if the property purchase for the Supportive Living Facility falls through; in addition, they have requested P-1 zoning which has had a separate hearing before the Planning

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Commission for which you have received a separate report. In addition, the applicant is requesting a waiver from the requirement to construct sidewalks on the subject property as otherwise required pursuant to Section 1224.12 (d) – Sidewalks of the Freeport City Code. Director Griswold stated that Adam Holder of Fehr-Graham & Associates was present on the behalf of applicant to answer questions from City Council.

Adam Holder of Fehr-Graham & Associates was sworn in by Mayor Gaulrapp. Mr. Holder answered questions in regard to site plans and the plans for the intersection of Pearl City Road and Forest Road. Council members asked about the request for sidewalk waiver by the applicant and it was answered that based on the site plan to include walking paths and where the parking lot was situated, they were not considered to be a necessity in the site plan.

At 6:30 pm with there being no further evidence or questions by the council, Mayor Gaulrapp declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCES –THIRD READING

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-12:

An Ordinance Authorizing an Annexation Agreement of Approximately 5.25 Acres Located West and South of the City at the Intersection of Pearl City Road and Forest Road

The first reading of this ordinance was held on February 2, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman O’Neill. The second reading was held on February 17, 2009 and upon an amendment, the ordinance was laid over to tonight’s meeting to coincide with the public hearing.

The ordinance was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Helms, O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress (8)

Nays – None (0)

Refer to page 4 for additional council proceedings on this ordinance.

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-13:

An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois and Assigning a Zoning Classification and Election Ward to the Property (Pearl City Road and Forest Road)

The first reading of this ordinance was held on February 17, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The second reading was held on March 2, 2009 and it was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting. Upon the third reading of the ordinance, Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin presented an amendment to the ordinance stating that a section to waive sidewalks was mistakenly omitted from the ordinance as presented at the previous two readings in order to match the Annexation Agreement attached to Ordinance 2009-12. Corporation Counsel Griffin stated that section 4 was added, “A waiver from the requirement to construct sidewalks on the subject Property as otherwise required pursuant to Section 1224.12 (d) – Sidewalks of the Freeport City Code is hereby granted.” Alderman Klemm made a motion to place the amendment of the ordinance on the floor for discussion, seconded by Alderman Endress. Alderman Corbin asked when council is going to take a stand and require sidewalks referring to the waiver of sidewalks allowed for the Citizen’s State Bank site.

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Alderman Klemm stated he feels it is very important to have sidewalks in this and all future developments. Alderman Boldt stated sidewalks are important to this project even in areas where they don't go anywhere because there is about 30 acres that could be developed around the Supportive Living Facility including shopping or doctor's offices. Adam Holder reviewed the site plan explaining the placement of the parking lot and the walking path to a gazebo area explaining that in the site plan there were not sidewalks along Pearl City Road or Forest Road. Alderman O'Neill stated that based on the site plan to include walking paths that additional sidewalks around the perimeter will not be necessary. A roll call vote was taken on the amendment to the Ordinance 2009-13 as presented by Corporation Counsel.

Yeas: O'Neill (1)

Nays – Helms, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress (7)

The amendment to the ordinance failed 1-7.

The ordinance presented to council on February 17, 2009 and March 2, 2009 did not contain the Section 4 - waiver of sidewalks. A roll call vote was taken for Ordinance 2009-13 as motioned for approval on February 17, 2009.

Yeas: Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress (8)

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-13 was adopted.

Alderman Boldt raised a point of inquiry asking Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin if Ordinance 2009-12 had a waiver of sidewalks. Corporation Counsel answered that it was contained in the document attached to the Ordinance title "An Annexation Agreement Regarding Approximately 5.25 Acres Located West and South of the City at the Intersection of Pearl City Road and Forest Road, specifically in the premises and mutual covenants and agreements, item #5.

Alderman Boldt made a motion to reconsider **Ordinance 2009-12, An Ordinance Authorizing an Annexation Agreement of Approximately 5.25 Acres Located West and South of the City at the Intersection of Pearl City Road and Forest Road** and delete Section 5 of the Annexation Agreement, seconded by Alderman Klemm.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Helms, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress (7)

Nays – O'Neill (1)

Motion passed 7-1 to recall Ordinance 2009-12 and amend.

A roll call vote was taken on Ordinance 2009-12, An Ordinance Authorizing an Annexation Agreement of Approximately 5.25 Acres Located West and South of the City at the Intersection of Pearl City Road and Forest Road as amended.

Yeas: Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress (8)

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-12 was adopted as amended.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR ORDINANCE 2009-16

Included in council packet was Supplemental Information for Ordinance 2009-16, Summary of the Planning Commission Public Hearing held on March 5, 2009 regarding zoning map amendment for petitioners John Zajicek, Kirk R. Moll, and Mary Lou Moll, Trustee of the Richard T. Moll Trust

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2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-16:

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Annexation Agreement With John G. Zajicek, Kirk R. Moll And Mary Lou Moll, Trustee Of The Richard T. Moll Trust For The Westerly 350 Feet Of Tax Pins 04-19-06-451-003 And 04-19-07-200-001 (Approximately 12.95 Acres).

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 2, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress and the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting. The second reading of this ordinance was held this evening.

Discussion was held regarding the necessity of a special meeting on March 30, 2009, due to the time of the West Avenue Redevelopment Plan and Project and the Tax Increment Financing for this project area.

A call for a special meeting to be held on Monday, March 30, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. was made by Mayor George Gaulrapp.

A motion was given by Alderman Klemm to lay over this ordinance to a special meeting on March 30, 2009, seconded by Alderman Boldt. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-17:

An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois and Assigning a Zoning Classification and Election Ward to the Property - Westerly 350 Feet Of Tax Pins 04-19-06-451-003 And 04-19-07-200-001 (Approximately 12.95 Acres)

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 2, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress. Upon the second reading of this ordinance and no further discussion, a motion was given by Alderman O'Neill to lay over Ordinance 2009-17 to the special meeting to be held on March 30, 2009, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Contained in the council packet was Supplemental Information for Ordinance 2009-18, Summary of the Planning Commission Public Hearing held on March 5, 2009 regarding zoning map amendment for petitioner First Illini Group.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-18:

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Annexation Agreement With First Illini Group, Inc. for Certain Real Property Situated in Sections 6 and 7 of Silver Creek Township East of IL Route 26, South of Meadows Drive and North of Yellow Creek Consisting of Approximately 43.80 Acres

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 2, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. Upon the second reading of this ordinance and no further discussion, a motion was given by Alderman Corbin to lay over Ordinance 2009-18 to the special meeting to be held on March 30, 2009, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-19:

An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois and Assigning a Zoning Classification and Election Ward to the Property - Certain Real Property Situated in Sections 6 and 7 of Silver Creek Township East of IL Route 26, South of Meadows Drive and North of Yellow Creek Consisting of Approximately 43.80 Acres

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 2, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Klemm. Upon the second reading of this ordinance and no further discussion, a motion was given by Alderman O'Neill to lay over Ordinance 2009-17 to the special meeting to be held on March 30, 2009, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-20:

An Ordinance Extending Chapter 1052 (Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Fund) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois for a Period of One Year

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 2, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Boldt and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Water & Sewer Project/Utility Manager Denise Blakeley Ihrig, P.E. stated the ordinance for the capital improvement surcharge at the \$4.00 rate with no change or increase to the rate and proposed program for 2009. Ms. Blakeley Ihrig stated the surcharge continues to provide a valuable resource for the Water & Sewer Commission generating \$555,000 per year toward an infrastructure program that is traditionally subject to usage fluctuations; therefore resulting in deferred maintenance. Deferred maintenance has been significantly reduced, for example we were able to fund the first four final clarifier rehabilitations that have been deferred since 2003. Ms. Ihrig stated that matching funds for the Cottonwood grant will be used from the CPI surcharge in order to complete infrastructure improvements in that area. There are \$710,000 planned projects for the CPI fund although realistically there will not be enough funds to complete all of these projects but they will be used for replacement, rehabilitation and maintenance.

Upon the second reading and no further discussion this ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting scheduled on April 6, 2009.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-21:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 806, Section 806.03 (Classification of Licenses) of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Freeport – Change in License Classifications – amending wording from Class A/A-R to Class W

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 2, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the second reading and no further discussion this ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting scheduled on April 6, 2009.

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ORDINANCES –FIRST READING

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Contained in the council packet was supplemental information for Ordinance 2009-22, Summary of the Planning Commission Public Hearing held on March 5, 2009 regarding zoning map amendment for petitioner Bomar Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-22:

An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois and Assigning a Zoning Classification and Election Ward to the Property – Located at 419 West South Street, Freeport, Illinois (Tax Pin 04-19-06-300-051) – Petitioner: Bomar Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated that the applicant requested this ordinance to be conditional upon passage of the West Avenue Redevelopment Project Plan and TIF and that the final reading will need to be given at the special meeting on March 30, 2009, which involves waiving one of the readings.

A motion to place Ordinance 2009-22 on the floor for approval conditional upon the approval of the West Avenue Redevelopment Project Plan and TIF and that the final reading will be held at the special meeting on March 30, 2009 was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Boldt. Mayor Gaulrapp stated a vote will be taken on the motion to layover to March 30, 2009 only. The motion passed by roll call vote with Alderman Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine and Endress voting yea. Motion passed 8-0.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Contained in the council packet was supplemental information for Ordinance 2009-23, Summary of the Planning Commission Public Hearing held on March 5, 2009 regarding zoning map amendment for petitioner City of Freeport

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-23:

An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois and Assigning a Zoning Classification and Election Ward to the Property – Property that includes the end of Rosenstiel Drive, Freeport, Illinois (Tax Pins 04-19-06-300-073 and 04-19-06-300-090) – Petitioner: City of Freeport

A motion to place Ordinance 2009-23 on the floor for approval as presented by Director Griswold was given by Alderman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Corbin. Alderman O'Neill moved to lay the ordinance over to the special meeting on March 30, 2009, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Supplemental Information for Ordinance 2009-24, Summary of the Planning Commission Public Hearing held on March 5, 2009 regarding zoning map amendment for petitioner Marsha Butson

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1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-24:

An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois and Assigning a Zoning Classification and Election Ward to the Property – Property Located at 447 West South Street, Freeport, Illinois (Tax Pin 04-19-06-300-008) – Petitioner: Marsha Butson

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated that the applicant requested this ordinance to be conditional upon passage of the West Avenue Redevelopment Project Plan and TIF and that the final reading will need to be given on March 30, 2009.

A motion to place Ordinance 2009-24 on the floor for approval conditional upon the approval of the West Avenue Redevelopment Project Plan and TIF and that the final reading will be held at the special meeting on March 30, 2009 was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Corbin. The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-25:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 612 “Animals”, Section 612.05(B) (Dangerous Dog)

Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin stated that the Dangerous Dog (Section 612.05) was re-written in 2004 to make it more stringent upon dog owners and this requirement states that no person shall permit any dangerous dog to leave the premises of its owner when not under control by leash and muzzled or within an enclosed vehicle. A dangerous dog is not declared vicious until declared dangerous three times. A motion to place Ordinance 2009-25 on the floor for approval as presented by Corporation Counsel was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Corbin. Alderman Klemm motioned to suspend the rules and vote on this ordinance this evening, seconded by Alderman Endress. On a roll call vote Alderman Klemm, Boldt, DeVine and Endress (4) voted yea.

Alderman Helms, O’Neill, Corbin and Bush (4) voted nay.

Motion failed due to 2/3 majority vote required for a suspension of rules. It was stated that current registered dangerous dog owners would be contacted by a letter and a phone call to make them aware of this ordinance once it is adopted. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting scheduled on April 6, 2009.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-26:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1062 (City Cemetery) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron requested the fees at the City Cemetery for weekends and holidays be increased from \$50.00 to \$75.00 and the fees when equipment is used for thawing purposes to be increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00. A motion to place Ordinance 2009-26 on the floor for approval as presented was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular scheduled meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-27:

An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of the Northwest Illinois Major Case Squad Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Agreement

Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore presented the ordinance stating that this ordinance is for a mutual aid agreement. There would not be an officer assigned on a permanent status but it would allow a police officer in the northern six counties of Illinois in as assistance on a crime. A motion to place Ordinance

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2009-27 on the floor for approval as presented was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-28:

An Ordinance to Supplement the Appropriations Ordinance, Fiscal Year 2008-2009, for the City of Freeport, Illinois

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated that this ordinance reconciles the actual spending with the projected spending plans to bring it in to line giving council the best estimate of what is to be spent by the fiscal year ending April 30, 2009. Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin requested to have Section 2 completed by referring to Ordinance 2009-29. A motion to place Ordinance 2009-28 on the floor for approval as presented was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-29:

An Ordinance to Amend and Adjust the Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for the City of Freeport, Illinois

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated the information presented in Ordinance 2009-28 applies to this ordinance as well. A motion to place Ordinance 2009-29 on the floor for approval as presented was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Corbin. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-30:

An Ordinance Approving the City of Freeport West Avenue Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented this ordinance stating it approved the City of Freeport West Avenue Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project and that the first reading of this and the next two ordinances would be this evening and it is requested to layover each of these ordinances to the special meeting on March 30, 2009 at which time they would be read for final vote. A motion to place Ordinance 2009-30 on the floor for approval as presented was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Corbin. A motion to layover the ordinance to the special meeting on March 30, 2009, was given by Alderman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress. The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-31:

An Ordinance Designating The City of Freeport West Avenue Redevelopment Project Area

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance stating that it designates the City of Freeport West Avenue Redevelopment Project Area including legal descriptions and a site and boundary maps. A motion to place Ordinance 2009-31 on the floor for approval as presented and to lay it over to the special meeting on March 30, 2009, was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-32:

An Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, in Connection with the Designation of the City of Freeport West Avenue Redevelopment Project Area

A motion to place Ordinance 2009-32 on the floor for approval as presented and to lay it over to the special meeting on March 30, 2009, was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2009-25:

Resolution Authorizing Vehicle Lease Agreement Between the City of Freeport and Pretzel City Transit, LLC

Finance Director Craig Joesten presented the resolution stating that this is the vehicle lease for the Pretzel City Transit, LLC to use a 1997 Ford E-350, 14 passenger medium duty bus. This will be the second of four leases for Pretzel City Transit, LLC. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress.

The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress (8)

Nays – None (0)

Resolution #R-2009-25 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2009-26:

Resolution to Approve Grant Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation for Integrated Mini-Grant Enforcement Program (IMaGE)

Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore presented the resolution stating that this approves a grant agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for a highway safety project application to conduct seat belt and child safety seat enforcement. IDOT will reimburse the City \$27,453.67 of the City's overtime payroll costs for integrated enforcement periods through September 30, 2010. The only out-of-pocket costs for the City to participate in this Grant Project will be for fuel for City squad cars and the City's share of the increased payroll taxes. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Helms, O'Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress (8)

Nays – None (0)

Resolution #R-2009-26 was adopted.

ACTION ITEMS

REAPPOINTMENT:

A motion to concur with the Mayoral re-appointment of Patricia Pasch to the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately to February 28, 2012 was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Boldt. Motion passed voice vote without dissent.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

LIBRARY

Library Director Carole Dickerson stated that she asked to have a draft library appropriations budget for FY 2009-2010 included in the packets. The Library Board approved the appropriation at their meeting held on March 11, 2009.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold provided an update on the Business roundtable discussion that was held as part of the Comprehensive Planning process.

FINANCE

Finance Director Craig Joesten spoke about the Health Care committee meeting that have been held and referred to the document included in the Communication to Council for the March 10, 2009 meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron spoke about upcoming work to be done on the Hancock Bridge, LAPP program street projects and stimulus projects which may include Taylor Park curb and gutters.

PRESENTATION

Betty Johnson was introduced by Mayor George Gaulrapp and she provided an update on the Freeport Housing Authority. Ms. Johnson presented a check for PILOT taxes (payment in lieu of taxes) dating back to 2007 and 2008 in the amount of \$44,268.46.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor George Gaulrapp asked council to consider making Tom Teich a member of the ADA commission, perhaps as an honorary member. Mayor Gaulrapp spoke about a stop work order at the end of last week which kept eight city workers from completing their job duties for 2.5 hour time period due to a misinformed complaint by an unnamed person to the IEPA. Mayor Gaulrapp also spoke about budget talks held today stating that the City is being careful not to go to reserves.

NEW BUSINESS

Each council member was given an opportunity to publicly address significant items of interest. Alderman Bush spoke about a Third Ward Meeting to be held on March 28, 2009 and he encouraged people to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Teich, 1627 S. Bidwell spoke about the Special Olympic awards received by area basketball teams.

An adjournment of the meeting was motioned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Meg Zuravel
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk