



City Council

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

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING Monday, March 30, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Freeport Illinois City Council was called to order on Monday, March 30, 2009, at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers with a quorum being present by Mayor George Gaulrapp.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2009, was made by Alderman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

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

RECORD

City Clerk Meg Zuravel stated for the record that the Freeport City Council agenda for today's special meeting was posted two places in City Hall (one at the Walnut Street door and one in the City Clerk's Office) on Thursday, March 26, 2009. The Freeport City Council members DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin received council packet through delivery by the Freeport Police Department at their residence. Council members Klemm, Boldt, and Bush received their packet electronically. On Thursday, March 26, 2009, the special meeting agenda was posted on the City of Freeport website along with a copy of the ordinances and resolutions on council agenda items. In addition, on Thursday March 26, 2009, the Journal Standard received an electronic version of the council packet. A supplemental email was sent on Friday, March 27, 2009, containing tonight's council agenda to 95 members of the agenda notice listing which includes members of the media requesting such notice. The special meeting was called and on record in the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2009.

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City Clerk Meg Zuravel stated that she placed a communication from Ms. Marianne Garvens dated March 30, 2009 on each council member's desk. Ms. Garvens has asked that this be made part of the official record. The City Clerk asked the Mayor if he would request a motion to that effect. The Mayor asked for a motion from the council and no motion was given on this matter.

3RD 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. Upon the second reading held on March 16, 2009, it was moved to have it laid over to tonight's special meeting by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Boldt. The third reading was held this evening and upon no further discussion, the ordinance was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-16 was adopted

3RD 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 held on March 16, 2009, it was moved to have it laid over to tonight's special meeting by Alderman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress. The third reading was held this evening and upon no further discussion, the ordinance was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-17 was adopted

3RD 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 held on March 16, 2009, it was moved to have it laid over to tonight's special meeting by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. The third reading was held this evening and upon no further discussion, the ordinance was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-18 was adopted

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3RD 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 held on March 16, 2009, it was moved to have it laid over to tonight's special meeting by Alderman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress. The third reading was held this evening and upon no further discussion, the ordinance was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-19 was adopted

TIMELINE OF WEST AVENUE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Before the second readings, Mayor George Gaulrapp requested Community Development Director Shelly Griswold provide a verbal report of the written communication she provided to the council regarding the timeline for City of Freeport West Avenue Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project:

- November 19, 2007 – Resolution authorizing publication of Interested Parties Registry Notice and the confirmation of the TIF boundaries
- November 7, 2007– Interested Parties Registry Notice Published
- December 26, 2008 – Complete TIF Plan on file for public inspection with City Clerk and at Freeport Public Library
- January 5, 2009 – City Council passed an ordinance setting the date of the Public Hearing to be held on March 2, 2009 and JRB Meeting to be held on January 23, 2009
- January 6, 2009 – Notice was mailed of the date of the Public Hearing and JRB Meetings to DCEO and Tax Districts including a copy of the TIF plan by certified mail
- January 9, 2009 – Notice was mailed regarding the availability of the plan to Interested Party registrants and to residential addresses within 750 feet of TIF boundary
- January 23, 2009 – Joint Review Board meeting was held
- January 30, 2009 – Sent revised plan to Joint Review Board members and DCEO
- February 2, 2009- Mailed Public Hearing Notice of March 2, 2009 to taxpayers, residents and tax delinquent owners
- February 2, 2009 – 1st Publication of the Public Hearing Notice printed in Journal Standard
- February 2, 2009 – Discussion at City Council Meeting regarding Public Hearing date set for March 2, 2009 and the need for a Special Meeting to be held on March 30, 2009
- February 5, 2009 – Director Griswold submitted partial parcel information to Assessor for codes
- February 9, 2009 – Completed new legal description and sent to Vandewalle & Associates
- February 17, 2009 – 2nd Publication of the Public Hearing Notice printed in Journal Standard
- February 17, 2009 – Discussion at City Council Meeting regarding Public Hearing date set for March 2, 2009 and the need for a Special Meeting to be held on March 30, 2009
- March 2, 2009 – Public Hearing was held during the Freeport City Council meeting
- March 16, 2009 – Discussion at City Council Meeting regarding Special Meeting to be held on March 30, 2009 under several of the agenda items including the TIF ordinances

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- March 30, 2009 – Final readings for annexations and TIF ordinances for the City of Freeport West Avenue Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project
- By April 9, 2009 – The City Clerk will file adoption ordinances with the County Clerk and Certify EAV with County Clerk
- By April 11, 2009 – The City Clerk will mail notice of availability of Redevelopment Plan and project and other documents to persons on interested parties register

Mayor Gaulrapp asked Director Griswold how many persons were on the interested parties registry and Director Griswold answered one person. The person on the interested party registry does not live in the City limits but, as Director Griswold stated, is allowed on the registry. Alderman Bush asked Mayor Gaulrapp if there are any plans currently for developing in this area. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that although there are no projects in the works, the creation of the TIF has been in preparation so that when the economy breaks the City will be in the position to invite in business and to have plans and incentives to get them here.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS

2ND 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.

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 16, 2009. A motion approve conditional upon the passage of the West Avenue Redevelopment Project Plan and TIF was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Boldt. It was moved to have it laid over to tonight's special meeting. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that administration is requesting a suspension of rules for a final vote this evening. A motion was given by Alderman Klemm for a suspension of the rules for a final vote this evening, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. A roll call vote was taken on the suspension of the rules.

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

Nays – None (0)

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the ordinance is properly on the floor and open for discussion.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the ordinance.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-22 was adopted.

2ND 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

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 16, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Corbin. It was moved to have it laid over to tonight's special meeting. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that administration is requesting a suspension of rules for a final vote

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this evening. A motion was given by Alderman Corbin for a suspension of the rules, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken on the suspension of the rules.

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

Nays – None (0)

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the ordinance is properly on the floor and open for discussion.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the ordinance.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-23 was adopted.

2ND 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

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 16, 2009. A motion approve conditional upon the passage of the West Avenue Redevelopment Project Plan and TIF was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Boldt. It was moved to have it laid over to tonight's special meeting. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that administration is requesting a suspension of rules for a final vote this evening. A motion was given by Alderman Klemm for a suspension of the rules for a final vote this evening, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken on the suspension of the rules.

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

Nays – None (0)

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the ordinance is properly on the floor and open for discussion.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the ordinance.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-24 was adopted.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-30:

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

A public hearing was held on this matter on March 2, 2009. The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 16, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. It was moved to have it laid over to tonight's special meeting. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that administration is requesting a suspension of rules for a final vote this evening. A motion was given by Alderman Klemm for a suspension of the rules for a final vote this evening, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken on the suspension of the rules.

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

Nays – None (0)

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the ordinance is properly on the floor and open for discussion. Alderman Bush discussed about the plan and the TIF in relation to a meeting held on Saturday by the Third Ward. He stated resident's in his ward requested to have TIF's closer to the east side of town. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that a portions of this TIF are relatively closer to the eastside if you look at the area at South Street and Walnut and he added that a TIF was created a couple of years ago in the downtown that includes an

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area of the third ward. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that developers choose where to go and they generally choose areas that cluster other retail. A roll call vote was taken to approve the ordinance.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-30 was adopted.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-31:

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

A public hearing was held on this matter on March 2, 2009. The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 16, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. It was move to have it laid over to tonight's special meeting. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that administration is requesting a suspension of rules for a final vote this evening. A motion was given by Alderman Klemm for a suspension of the rules for a final vote this evening, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken on the suspension of the rules.

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

Nays – None (0)

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the ordinance is properly on the floor and open for discussion.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the ordinance.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-31 was adopted.

2ND 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 public hearing was held on this matter on March 2, 2009. The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 16, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. It was move to have it laid over to tonight's special meeting. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that administration is requesting a suspension of rules for a final vote this evening. A motion was given by Alderman Endress for a suspension of the rules for a final vote this evening, seconded by Alderman Klemm. A roll call vote was taken on the suspension of the rules.

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

Nays – None (0)

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the ordinance is properly on the floor and open for discussion.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the ordinance.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-32 was adopted.

ORDINANCES –FIRST READING

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-33:

Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois - Amendment Of Zoning Ordinance From R3 (One Family Residence) To B3 (Commercial And Wholesale Business) for applicant; John G. Zajicek, Kirk R. Moll, And Mary Lou Moll, Trustee Of The Richard T. Moll Trust for property located; Vacant Parcel (Tax Pin #04-19-06-451-004) Located East Of The Centerline Of South Walnut Avenue And North Of Knollwood Drive, Freeport, Illinois
Mayor George Gaulrapp stated that the Council may take final action on a proposed ordinance at first reading when the following requirements are met 1) the Planning Commission unanimously recommended its approval at a proper public hearing 2) no person filed a formal written objection or protest to such ordinance. Both of these requirements have been met. The ordinance was presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stating that three parcels were heard the Planning Commission public hearing and two of the parcels required annexation and they were previously approved this evening. This parcel does not require annexation and there is no planned development at this time on this parcel. A motion to place Ordinance 2009-33 on the floor for approval as presented was given by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Endress. The ordinance was approved by roll call vote. Yeas: O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (8)
Nays – None (0)
Ordinance-2009-33 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #R-2009-27:

Resolution Authorizing Vehicle Lease Agreement Between the City of Freeport and Pretzel City Transit, LLC – Vehicle #1 (2008 Chevrolet Uplander, 6 passenger)

Finance Director Craig Joesten presented the resolution stating that this is the vehicle lease for the Pretzel City Transit, LLC to use a 2008 Chevrolet Uplander 6 passenger vehicle noting a scrivener’s error in fourth paragraph of the Resolution stating it should be 2008 and not 2007. A motion to approve the resolution as presented and amended was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (8)
Nays – None (0)
Resolution #R-2009-27 was adopted.

Resolution #R-2009-28:

Resolution Authorizing Vehicle Lease Agreement Between the City of Freeport and Pretzel City Transit, LLC – Vehicle #2 (2008 Chevrolet Uplander, 6 passenger)

Finance Director Craig Joesten presented the resolution stating that this is the vehicle lease for the Pretzel City Transit, LLC to use a 2008 Chevrolet Uplander 6 passenger vehicle. A motion to approve the resolution as presented was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: O’Neill, Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (8)
Nays – None (0)
Resolution #R-2009-28 was adopted.

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Resolution #R-2009-29:

Resolution for the Agreement Between City of Freeport and Fehr-Graham & Associates for Preliminary Engineering Services of the East Stephenson Street Corridor Improvements (M.F.T. Sec. 09-00138-01-EG)

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron presented the resolution stating that this is the engineer's agreement with IDOT forms attached for the remainder of the corridor grant from a couple of years ago. This agreement is with Fehr-Graham & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$18,000 for preliminary engineering for improvements along Illinois 75 (E. Stephenson Street) from Sheridan Street to Mary Street. After full and complete discussion including informing the public of the business being conducted a motion to approve the resolution as presented was given by Alderman Bush, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Resolution #R-2009-29 was adopted.

Resolution #R-2009-30:

Resolution for the Agreement Between City of Freeport and Fehr-Graham & Associates for Preliminary/Construction Engineering Services for Projects Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (M.F.T. Sec. 09-00148-00-RS)

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron presented the resolution stating that this for use of stimulus dollars, roughly \$800,000 earmarked for grind and resurfacing of street. This resolution is the engineer's agreement for preliminary/construction engineering services in an amount of \$56,000 with Fehr-Graham & Associates for roadway projects including Empire Street (from Float to West Avenue), Carroll Avenue (from Empire Street to Galena Avenue), and McKinley Avenue (from Empire to Stephenson Street). Alderman Boldt asked about the curb and gutter work by the ball fields and Director LeBaron stated that the money for this is hopefully coming from the Park District and if not, the Public Works Department will have to take another look at it so it is not included at this time. After full and complete discussion including informing the public of the business being conducted a motion to approve the resolution as presented was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Resolution #R-2009-30 was adopted.

Resolution #R-2009-31:

Resolution Authorizing Participation in an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Division of Aeronautics

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron presented this resolution referring to his memo dated March 30, 2009 to Mayor George Gaulrapp and the City Council regarding Participation agreement with IDOT Division of Aeronautics. Director LeBaron explained two memos from last July that were presented as explanation for acceptance of bids for the 3 unit handler at the airport. These memos reflect the higher cost for the hangar and an anticipated payback schedule. The City has been told all along that it would be fronting the construction costs for this hangar. The City has also been told that the project is eligible for

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Resolution #R-2009-31(cont.):

reimbursement from the Department of Aeronautics at the 95% level. The City has made payments to the contractor totaling \$445,600.80 with another pending payment of \$108,918.00 to date. The balance of this project will consist of a final payment to the contractor and payments to ComEd for installation of electric service. The City has processed the first reimbursement request to IDOT Division of Aeronautics in the amount of \$225,237.60 which has prompted this first participation agreement. The \$206,039.00 amount shown in this agreement is the total amount of Federal Funds allocated to Freeport at this time. Director LeBaron provided a new funding schedule indicating a possibility of \$150,000 being put into a resurfacing program for the airport apron. The State is not guaranteeing reimbursement. Alderman Helms asked where the funds for this project would come from and Director LeBaron stated that \$180,000 comes from capital improvement line item set aside for local projects, \$206,000 of it has been built up at the State and the remainder coming from the general fund until reimbursed from the Division of Aeronautics. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that the City will consider using bonds. Finance Director Craig Joesten stated that the City will receive an \$800,000 corporate hangar for a cost to the City of \$35,000 to \$40,000. After full and complete discussion including informing the public of the business being conducted a motion to approve the resolution as presented was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Resolution #R-2009-31 was adopted.

Resolution #R-2009-32:

Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program Application

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the resolution stating that it is for a grant due tomorrow which could potentially create jobs and there is no dollar match required by the City. A motion to approve the resolution as presented was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. The resolution was approved by voice vote with no nay votes.

Resolution #R-2009-32 was adopted.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

FIRE

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman stated the Fire Department will host a civilian Fire Academy beginning the first week of May, mirroring what the Police Department does with their civilian academy. Applications will be available beginning April 1 and will need to be turned in by April 22, 2009. This will be an eight week program and interested persons should contact the Fire Administration office.

WATER AND SEWER

Director Joesten spoke about a recent rain event that made it necessary for the Water & Sewer plant to operate at full capacity of 18 million gallons through the plant as a result the Water & Sewer department pulled man covers around the areas of past problems (Benton and Jackson, Lind Street pumping station on Hunt and the Elk Street pumping station) and found that it was necessary to bypass pumping. The EPA has been notified. Director Joesten did not know of any basement back-ups.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor George Gaulrapp stated that the City is a recipient of a grant in the amount of \$70,900 to be used for Tutty Crossing Boat Launch, in addition electrical will be added to the site. Fireworks will be provided on Saturday by Central Fireworks as a demonstration to area municipalities at no cost. Mayor Gaulrapp extended sympathies to the family of Valeria Wiegand.

NEW BUSINESS

Each council member was given an opportunity to publicly address significant items of interest. Alderman Bush asked to have a vacant house on the corner of Stephenson and Wilbur Street added to the list of possible demolition houses. He noted that trash is a nuisance at that vacant house as well and Director Griswold stated it had been cited. Discussion was held regarding demolition of houses and it was suggested to have a more formal notification of the neighbors. Discussion was also held regarding the demolition of houses scheduled to be done this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one signed on the sheet for public comments this evening.

Mayor George Gaulrapp made a public announcement that there will be a Special Meeting of the City Council on April 13, 2009 to discuss the budget.

At 7:05 pm, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Meg Zuravel
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk