



City Council

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, April 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present on Monday, April 6, 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 Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms and O'Neill (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 Corbin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON APRIL 13, 2009

Mayor George Gaulrapp called for a special meeting of the Freeport City Council to be held on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

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

PRESENTATIONS

- The Freeport High Girls Basketball Team represented by Coach Slaight and players K. Norman and S. Dixon was honored for their season accomplishments and for placing second at the Illinois High School Association tournament.
- FHS Jr. High Student Desmond Canada was honored for earning the 2009 IESA State Wrestling Championship and he introduced Coach Hail and Coach Guiffre.
- Deb Elzinga of the Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) to provided an update of their current focus areas and introduced board members. Alderman Helms asked about the delinquency rate of the Neighborhood Housing Services and Ms. Elzinga stated that it is at 10%, stating that it is a little better from last year. Ms. Elzinga provided a handout titled NHS "Making a Difference."
- A presentation was given by Colleen Johnson of Vandewalle & Associates regarding the Rawleigh Collaboration Team. Rawleigh Collaboration team member, Patrick Beckman read a letter regarding his viewpoint of the Rawleigh property and the positive focus of the teams including the numerous grants obtained by Vandewalle & Associates to help finance the work done on the

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property. Ms. Johnson answered questions by council members and referred to a handout showing current funding available and funding sought and awaiting announcements. The outside funding currently available was \$410,000 with a city match of \$40,500. She noted there is \$3,080,000 in funds that were applied for waiting announcements.

- Cheryl Kneubuehl provided information to regarding a virtual entrepreneur center idea.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Gaulrapp stated this is a Public Hearing to consider the exchange of certain properties currently owned by the City of Freeport and Harold D. Rood and Robert G. Rood, consisting of approximately .78 acres each. Mayor Gaulrapp asked if there were persons signed up on the list wishing to cross examine and it was answered there was none. Mayor Gaulrapp opened the public hearing at 6:53 pm. Public Works Director Craig LeBaron was sworn in by Mayor Gaulrapp. Director LeBaron stated that the public hearing is for consideration of a proposed exchange of real estate between the City of Freeport and Harold D. Rood and Robert G. Rood, such property being West of Henderson Road and East of the Pecatonica River, near the property commonly know as the CMC Heartland site, consisting of approximately .78 acres each. In the council packet each member received a copy of the publication of this public hearing which contains the legal description, in addition a map of this area was provided. Director LeBaron stated the hearing was published according to law. The intent is to exchange property so that the City can later grant an easement to the Pecatonica Prairie Path Commission for the public use as part of the trail system. In a few weeks the council will receive an Ordinance regarding this issue which will ask you to make three findings and these findings are 1) that the premises to be conveyed by the City under such exchange, in the opinion of the City Council are no longer needed by the municipality for the public interest 2) that the premises to be received by the City under such exchange will prove useful to the City and will be for the public interest and 3) that the total value of the substitutional premises is approximately equal to or exceeds the value of the premises for which same are being exchanged, as determined by the corporate authorities, taking into consideration the long term interest of the public. The council was given an opportunity to ask questions. There was no one signed up to offer evidence in the form of testimony. There being no further evidence to come before this body, Mayor Gaulrapp declared the public hearing closed at 6:55 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- 1) City Treasurer's Report for period ended February 28, 2009
 - 2) City Treasurer Monthly Investment Report for period ended February 28, 2009
- B. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (#227, 230, 231, 234) --- \$283,046.38
C. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending March 28, 2009 --- \$481,602.18
D. Approval of Bills Payable (#228, 229, 232, 233) --- \$679,391.26

Alderman Endress moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

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

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COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

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

A. A motion to place the Water and Sewer Report dated March 31, 2009, provided by Denise Blakeley Ihrig, Project Manager was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

B. A motion to place the Health Care Committee meeting minutes from Tuesday, March 17, 2009, on file was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

ORDINANCES –THIRD READING

3RD 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. The second reading was held on March 16, 2009 it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the third reading, the ordinance was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-20 was adopted

3RD 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. The second reading was held on March 16, 2009 it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the third reading, the ordinance was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, DeVine, Endress, Helms and O'Neill (7)

Nays – Bush (1)

Ordinance 2009-21 was adopted

ORDINANCES –SECOND READING

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-25:

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

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 16, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Corbin. Upon the second reading tonight, a motion was given by Alderman Corbin to suspend the rules to vote on this ordinance this evening, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken on the suspension of the rules.

Yeas: Corbin, Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and O'Neill (7)

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Nays – Helms (1)

Motion passed to suspend the rules and vote on Ordinance 2009-25 this evening.

The ordinance was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Ordinance 2009-25 was adopted

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-26:

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

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 16, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The second reading was held this evening and it was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-27:

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

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. The second reading was held this evening and it was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-28:

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

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 16, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The second reading was held this evening and it was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-29:

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

The first reading of this ordinance was held on March 16, 2009. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Corbin. The second reading was held this evening and it was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

ORDINANCES –FIRST READING

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2009- 34:

An Ordinance to Amending Chapter 806 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – Temporary Liquor Licenses

This ordinance was presented by Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin stating that wording was added for “temporary licenses shall be limited to three consecutive calendar days, with the exception that one temporary licenses per year, per applicant, may be for five consecutive calendar days with the approval of the Liquor Commission and subject to specific restrictions placed by that Commission.” In addition,

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wording was added to match the city practice of where the paperwork is filed. After discussion full and complete discussion including informing the public of the business being conducted a motion to approve was given by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Klemm and it was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2009-33:

Resolution to Co-Sponsor Memorial Day Parade with Allied Veterans Council – scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2009

Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin presented the resolution stating that it is the annual request by the Allied Veterans Council to co-sponsor the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2009 after the special event was approved by the department heads. A motion to approve as presented was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress. The resolution was approved by voice vote without dissent. Resolution #R-2009-33 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2009-34:

Resolution to Request Temporary Closure of Streets for Annual Memorial Day Parade – scheduled for Monday May 25, 2009 (Parade theme is “Women in Service to our Country” with line-up beginning at 9:00 am and parade stepping of at 10:00 am)

Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin provided a correction to the resolution prior to the meeting and stated that it is the annual request to Illinois Department of Transportation for temporary closure of streets for the annual Memorial Day Parade. A motion to approve as presented was given by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderman Endress. The resolution was approved by voice vote without dissent. Resolution #R-2009-34 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2009-35:

Resolution Approving Participation in the Illinois Housing Development Authority Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program

This resolution was presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stating that this grant was applied for in 2008 and the city was awarded and this approve the participation in the grant agreement. Director Griswold stated that NHS will provide a workshop and there will be no city match to the grant. A motion to move the resolution forward was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The resolution was approved by voice vote without dissent. Resolution #R-2009-35 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2009-36:

Resolution Approving Participation in the Illinois Housing Development Authority HOME Homebuyer Assistance Program

This resolution was presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stating that the City was approved for a grant and anticipate signing a grant agreement. NHS will provide both pre-purchase and post-purchase counseling for the people that participate in this program and there is no City match. A motion to move the resolution forward was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The resolution was approved by voice vote without dissent. Resolution #R-2009-36 was adopted.

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RESOLUTION #R-2009-37:

Supplemental Resolution for City of Freeport Street Program (MFT Sec. 06-00000-00-GM)

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron presented the resolution stating the resolutions presented this evening are house keeping resolutions because every year we have a resolution to expend \$600,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for summer help maintenance for highway right-a-ways, contract maintenance for the street program and materials used at the City yards. If the City goes over the \$600,000 the Illinois Department of Transportation requires the City to approve a supplemental resolution. The resolution stated an amount of \$8,859.27. Alderman Helms asked if the City typically runs two to three years behind on this and Director LeBaron answered when the audit came through there were a few to get up. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Resolution #R-2009-37 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2009-38:

Supplemental Resolution for City of Freeport Street Program (MFT Sec. 07-00000-00-GM)

The resolution was presented by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron by stating that this is similar to Resolution 2009-37 bringing it one year closer. The resolution stated an amount of \$509.69. A motion to approve was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Resolution #R-2009-38 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2009-39:

Resolution for the May 1, 2009 Contract for the City's Healthcare Coverage (Self-Funded NIHP)

Finance Director Craig Joesten presented the resolution by stating that the City's healthcare plan is May 1 through the following April 30 and this resolution extends the contract with Northern Illinois Health Plan. Director Joesten stated that contained in the council packet is a summary of the quotations received in the process to evaluate health care option and he explained the items and the changes. The resolution states that City Council has determined that the City healthcare plan remain self-funded and that the City renew its contract with the Northern Illinois Health Plan for its TPA administration and Zurich American Insurance Company as our reinsurance carrier on a 24/12 specific \$70,000.00 contract basis, with a \$60,000.00 aggregating specific and 12/12 aggregate contract basis with a \$ 2,297,947.00 attachment point to contain its healthcare costs and a total possible exposure of \$2,598,649.00 through April 30, 2010, with vision and dental coverage for the employees up to an annual amount of \$45,000 to be continued. This resolution authorizes an agreement with the Northern Illinois Health Plan for TPA administration and Zurich American Insurance Company for reinsurance coverage, and that coverages and policies in relation thereto be consistent with the preamble. This plan would increase the corridor from \$40,000 to \$60,000 and it is a direct payoff to a lower premium with no increase in exposure to the City. In the last two months the City has had over \$900,000 in health care claims and in the first eight months we were averaging \$120,000. Director Joesten stated we are very close to hitting the attachment point for the first time on an aggregate basis this year. Alderman O'Neill stated that the healthcare

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RESOLUTION #R-2009-39 (cont.):

committee made their recommendations knowing that the City's financial situation is not where we would want it to be.

A motion to approve was given by Alderman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Endress. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays – None (0)

Resolution #R-2009-39 was adopted.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

LIBRARY

Library Director Carole Dickerson provided an update of events at the Freeport Public Library including the history series, food collections for FACC and Library Foundation Annual Dinner scheduled on May 5, 2009.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold provided information on EPA Brownfields at a Glance featuring the CMC Heartland Trail Project as a featured project in the newsletter

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 attended a meeting for the capital plan and the importance of Route 20 expansion. Mayor Gaulrapp stated there are openings on commission and please contact him if interested. The City was the site of a fireworks display on Saturday at no cost to the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Each council member was given an opportunity to publicly address significant items of interest. Alderman Helms spoke about dumping in the area by Miles and Charles Street just to the east and south of those streets and it was stated that it is outside of City limits. Alderman Helms asked if there was anything that can be done in the area and Mayor Gaulrapp said there could be more patrols in the area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Meg Zuravel
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk