



## **City Council**

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

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### **MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING Monday, April 13, 2009**

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Mayor George Gaulrapp stated for the record that the special meeting the Freeport City Council was called and publicly announced during the televised regular meeting of the Freeport City Council on Monday, April 6, 2009.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Freeport Illinois City Council was called to order on Monday, April 13, 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 Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill, and Corbin (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 Klemm.

#### **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.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION #R-2009-40:**

#### **Resolution Authorizing Funds for Installation of Transformer and Underground Wire for the 3 Unit Hangar at Albertus Airport**

This resolution was presented by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron stating that Winter Construction is in the process of constructing a three unit hangar at Albertus Airport and it is need of electricity at this time. The original budgeted amount for all utilities is \$20,000. ComEd will install a transformer and the underground wire per the agreement in the amount of \$6,686.35. 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: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, O'Neill and Corbin (8)

Nays – None (0)

Resolution #R-2009-40 was adopted.

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**Resolution #R-2009-41:**

**Resolution for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Transportation Enhancement Funding For the Pecatonica Prairie Path in Stephenson County**

This resolution was presented by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron stating that the City has a chance of completing the Pecatonica Prairie Path with transportation enhancement funds part of the stimulus package dollars coming to the State of Illinois. This resolution is contingent upon the net percentage of required local matching funds for awarded grants being a maximum of 10% of the total grant project awarded amount. The estimated cost of the PATH construction within Stephenson County is \$7.5 million and the State require a statement of financial commitment of local matching funds by the local government project sponsors prior to the award of ARRA Transportation Enhancement funds. The amount of \$250,000 would be committed from each partner of the Pecatonica Prairie Path. Finance Director Craig Joesten stated funds for this project could be used from Motor Fuel Tax dollars, reserves if that is the choice of the council, or borrow the money in order to take advantage of the dollar windfall if we so choose to do that around sometime next year. Alderman Klemm motioned to move the resolution forward, seconded by Alderman Endress.

After discussion about the budget and the cost to the City for this project, Alderman Boldt motioned to layover the resolution to the next regular scheduled meeting, seconded by Alderman Helms. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

**OTHER**

**Discussion on Fiscal Year 2010 Budget/Appropriation (draft dated April 9, 2009)**

A draft budget was provided to the council showing a budget deficit of \$585,000. Discussion on various line items including funding for Neighborhood Housing Services, Freeport Beautification, TIF district, NIDA, Boy's and Girls Club, Fall Leaf Pickup, street sweeping disposal, PEPHP Plan, Sidewalk Program, and salaries and staffing of both union and non-bargaining employees. The City's budget is made up of 80% labor. Each Alderman was provided an opportunity to be included in the discussion of the budget. There was no final action taken on this subject.

At 7:50 pm, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

**RECORD**

*Note from City Clerk regarding notification of the special meeting - The agenda for the 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, April 9, 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 April 9, 2009, the special meeting agenda was posted on the City of Freeport website along with a copy of the resolutions. A supplemental email with the agenda attached was forwarded to 95 members of the agenda notice listing which includes members of the media requesting such notice.*

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Meg Zuravel  
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk