



## **City Council**

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

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### **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, July 6, 2009**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were Mayor George Gaulrapp and council members Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and Corbin (5). Absent at the meeting were Alderman Klemm, Boldt, and O'Neill. 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**

Mayor Gaulrapp asked leave of the council to move forward on tonight's agenda the presentation and proclamations due to the number of audience members present for this item. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Corbin. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Endress motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 15, 2009, seconded by Alderman Helms. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- A. Special Olympics participants were presented awards by Mayor Gaulrapp and Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore.
- B. A proclamation was read by Mayor Gaulrapp for Barb Sowers, Head of Youth Services of the Freeport Public Library who retired after 40 years of service with the library.
- C. A proclamation was read by City Clerk Meg Zuravel regarding Decennial Census 2010 – Complete Count Committee.
- D. A presentation regarding Northern Illinois Development Alliance status report for July 6, 2009 was given by its director, Cheryl Kneubuehl. She announced Slumberland and Sonic coming to Freeport. Ms. Kneubuehl stated the 2008 County unemployment rate was 8.7% with 22,708 people employed. Freeport unemployment rate was 9.2% with 11,395 people employed. By the end of May 2009,

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unemployment rate was 9.8% and 11% respectively with 22,455 being employed in the County and 11,268 being employed in Freeport. This represents a slight improvement over April numbers.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 6:35 pm. a public hearing was opened by Mayor George Gaulrapp regarding an Application for Illinois Department of Transportation Capital Improvement Grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Vehicle and IT Module. Community Development Specialist Leslie Mastroianni stated this grant will be used to offset capital costs for the purchase of a public transportation vehicle and the purchase of an IT module at an approximate cost of \$155,000. There will be no dollars matched by the City for this grant. Ms. Mastroianni stated Resolution No. 2009-71 is on council agenda for this evening and she was available for questions from the council. No persons from the public had signed up for questions this evening. The public hearing was closed at 6:37 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

At 6:38 pm. a public hearing was opened by Mayor George Gaulrapp regarding an Application for Illinois Department of Transportation 2009 Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Rolling Stock Capital Assistance Grant. Community Development Specialist Leslie Mastroianni stated Resolution No. 2009-72 is on council agenda for this evening and she explained the grant application process. This grant will be used to offset capital costs of providing and improving public transportation facilities by replacement of two public transportation vehicles at an approximate cost of \$104,000. There will be no dollars matched by the City for this grant. No persons from the public had signed up for questions this evening. The public hearing was closed at 6:39 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Alderman Helms motioned to remove item A. 1) City Treasurer's Schedule of Tax Receipts through April 30, 2009 from the Consent Agenda items to allow for discussion on the report, seconded by Alderman Endress. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (5)

Nays – None (0)

The remaining Consent Agenda items were presented:

B. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (#265, 266, 269, 271, 273, 274, 275) - \$277,699.52

C. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending June 20, 2009 --- \$423,599.32

D. Approval of Finance Department Bills Payable (#264, 267, 268, 270, 272, 276) - \$491,182.44

Alderman Endress moved to approve the above stated Consent Agenda items, seconded by Alderman Corbin. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (5)

Nays – None (0)

City Treasurer Linda Buss was called to the podium to explain City Treasurer's Schedule of Tax Receipts through April 30, 2009. The schedule includes major tax receipt not including property taxes. The spreadsheet includes fourteen years of data by month for tax receipts including State Income Tax, Special Use Tax, State Sales Tax, Commonwealth Edison, Ni-Gas, Food and Beverage, Property Transfer, Telephone Utility, and City Gas Tax. City Treasurer Buss explained that for each tax the amount received was less than the amount budgeted except for the Food and Beverage taxes. She stated the 2008-

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2009 cumulative result was \$642,271.98 less than the anticipated budgeted amount and each of these taxes, except for the gas tax, would have been for used for general fund expenses.

Alderman Endress motioned to place on file the City Treasurer's Scheduled of Tax Receipts through April 30, 2009, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**COMMUNICATION TO COUNCIL**

- Council was presented a memo from Finance Director Craig Joesten regarding Garbage Rates explaining a rate increase effective on July 1, 2009 from \$10.93 to \$11.42 due to the increase in bad debt. This increase offsets a \$32,000 shortfall for FYE April 30, 2009 and collects for anticipated uncollectible in FYE 2010.
- Council was presented a memo from Water & Sewer Project/Utility Manager Denise Ihrig dated June 30, 2009 reporting on activities by the Water & Sewer Commission in which status was given on Well number 9, water meter replacement, sanitary sewer improvements and projected spending.
- Council was presented the minutes of the Health Care Committee Meeting held on June 19, 2009 and summarized by Finance Director Craig Joesten.

Alderman Helms motioned to place the communications to council on record, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**ORDINANCES - THIRD READING**

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-44:**

**An Ordinance to Ascertain the Prevailing Wages for Labors, Workmen and Mechanics Employed in Public Works of the City of Freeport, Illinois**

The first reading was held on June 1, 2009. Alderman Helms motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. The second reading was held on June 15, 2009 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the third reading and no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (5)

Nays: None

Ordinance 2009-44 was adopted 5-0.

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-45:**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 480, Section 480.03 (Prohibited Parking Areas) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport**

The first reading was held on June 1, 2009. Alderman Helms motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The second reading was held on June 15, 2009 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the third reading and no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (5)

Nays: None

Ordinance 2009-45 was adopted 5-0.

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**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-46:**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1044 (Water Rates and Revenues) and 1048 (Sewer Rates and Revenues) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport**

The first reading was held on June 1, 2009. Alderman Endress motioned to adopt the ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The second reading was held on June 15, 2009 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the third reading and no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (5)

Nays: None

Ordinance 2009-46 was adopted 5-0.

**ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-35A:**

**An Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport Illinois – Application by Jacob Heitz for property at 816 S. McKinley for variance to Section 1268.07 (d) Accessory Buildings of Chapter 1268 (supplemental regulations) to allow an eighteen foot (18') high accessory building**

In a meeting held on June 4, 2009, the Board of Zoning Appeals recommended by a vote of 5-1 to approve the petition. The first reading of this ordinance was held on June 15, 2009. Alderman Klemm motioned to deny the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Endress. Upon the second reading, it was automatically laid over to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-48:**

**An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation (Limited Tax) Notes To Finance Municipal Facilities For The City Of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, And Providing The Details Of Such Notes, And Related Matters**

The first reading of this ordinance was held on June 15, 2009. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Klemm. Upon the second reading, it was automatically laid over to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-49:**

**An Ordinance to Authorize Right of Way or Easement to Stephenson Pecatonica Prairie Path Commission an Intergovernmental Agency Authorized and Appointed by the City of Freeport**

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron presented the ordinance stating that Illinois Department of Transportation has authorized the plans for the Pecatonica Prairie Path and the commission is now seeking right-of-way and easements for the construction phase. This ordinance represents that entire easement needed over the CMC Heartland property. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Helms and it was automatically laid over to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-50:**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1062 (City Cemetery) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – Prohibiting Dogs in City Cemetery**

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron stated that this ordinance has been brought forth due to complaints received by the City Sexton about owners of dogs allowing them to run loose or to not clean up after them in the City Cemetery. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-51:**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 893 (Motor Fuel Tax) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport to Remove the Expiration Date**

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated that this tax and the next two taxes had sunset clauses and these ordinances will eliminate their sunset clauses. This tax was set to expire on July 31, 2009 and this ordinance states that the tax is extended to be in effect without expiration, unless and until such time as this council sees fit to repeal such tax. Director Joesten stated a waiver of the third reading will be asked at the next meeting so that the Motor Fuel Tax stays in effect. Discussion continued regarding taxes and Home Rule status of the City.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-51 was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Helms and it was automatically laid over to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-52:**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 889 (Electricity Kilowatt – Hours Use Tax) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport to Extend the Increase on Such Tax**

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated this ordinance is also set to expire on July 31, 2009, and this ordinance extends without expiration until such a time as this council sees fit to repeal such tax. The tax generates approximately \$441,000 in annual receipts.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-52 was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Corbin and it was automatically laid over to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-53:**

**An Ordinance Extending Ordinances 2003-55 and 2003-80 Regarding Chapter 891 (Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax)**

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated the sunset date is December 31, 2009 and the income generated by this tax is approximately \$860,000 per year. Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin stated this one is different in that it is the difference of the 4% tax to the 5% that is asked to come back to council and the State of Illinois requires that action must be taken to sunset this tax. The City staff was directed by City Council to bring the issue of the additional 1% telecommunications tax before it is time to consider such expiration with enough time to notify the Illinois Department of Revenue by October 1, 2009.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-53 was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Corbin and it was automatically laid over to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-54:**

**An Ordinance to Approve the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois**

Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin stated this is the quarterly codification of ordinances through January 2009. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Helms and it was automatically laid over to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #R-2009-65:**

**Resolution to Authorize Jane Addams Trail July 1-June 30, 2009–10; 2010-11; and 2011-12 Three-Year Operating Budget**

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron stated the spreadsheet attached to the resolution shows the City's contribution towards the Jane Addams Trail of \$9,030 per year for fiscal year 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012. This is a three year rolling budget to maintenance the trail and the funds have been appropriated through the appropriation ordinance general fund. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Corbin. Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (5)

Nays: None

Resolution 2009-65 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2009-66:**

**Resolution to Authorize Pecatonica Prairie Path Commission July 1-June 30, 2009–10; 2010-11; and 2011-12 Three-Year Operating Budget**

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron there are five partners in the Pecatonica Prairie Path and the path has not been constructed but these funds will be used for future maintenance funds and the City's contribution is \$1,000 per year for fiscal year 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012. This is a three year rolling budget to maintenance the trail and the funds have been appropriated through the appropriation ordinance general fund. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (5)

Nays: None

Resolution 2009-65 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2009-67:**

**Resolution to Request Honorary Street Sign Named "Clark and Addison" at Intersection of West Empire and South McKinley Streets**

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron stated the process to name honorary streets including a petition of 51% of the residents and the ensuing resolution requests the creation of an honorary street sign to add more flavor to the Little Cubs Field by adding an honorary street sign at the intersection of West Empire and South McKinley Streets to read "Clark and Addison."

Alderman Helms motioned to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Resolution 2009-67 was adopted.

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**RESOLUTION #R-2009-68:**

**Resolution to Request Honorary Street Name of Larry and Nell Herbig to Kiwanis Drive**

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron stated the process to honorary name streets is by a petition of 51% of the residents and the ensuing resolution requests the creation of an honorary street sign to Kiwanis Drive to honor Larry and Nell Herbig for their contribution to the street and trees planted along the roadway. Alderman DeVine motioned to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (5)

Nays: None

Resolution 2009-68 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2009-69:**

**Supplemental Resolution for City of Freeport Street Program (MFT Sec. 08-00000-00-GM) - Resurfacing of Douglas Street Final Costs**

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron stated that this is the resurfacing of Douglas Street for the Lincoln Douglas Debates and \$600,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for maintenance during the period from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 was approved by IDOT. The City made final payment for part time summer labor of \$4,951.39, contract maintenance of \$459,467.80 and materials of \$46,385.61. The city has made final payment for resurfacing Douglas Street in the amount of \$87,050.37 and the total final cost was \$682,565.45. Director LeBaron stated we exceeded the total final costs by \$82,565.45 and therefore the supplemental resolution is necessary and commitments were given by the State of Illinois in the amount of \$60,000 for resurfacing of Douglas Street and \$50,000 has been paid so far. We also have a commitment from Stewart & Associates in the amount of \$30,000. This supplemental resolution of \$82,565.45 closes out the books for 2008 general maintenance.

Alderman Endress motioned to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Helms. Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (5)

Nays: None

Resolution 2009-69 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2009-70:**

**Supplemental Resolution #2 for the Agreement between the City of Freeport and Illinois Department of Transportation for Rehabilitation of Park Boulevard (MFT Sec. 06-00144-00-RS)**

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron stated that this is the resurfacing of Park Boulevard and \$30,000 was passed in a resolution to cover the engineering with Fehr-Graham & Associates. A Resolution for the construction agreement with the State for the amount of \$30,000 was never brought to council since both the resolutions were in the same amount it was assumed that the resolution had already been passed and the supplemental resolution for this section previously in the amount of \$5,350.40 which was meant to cover the construction costs for this section and another supplemental resolution is now needed to cover the portion of construction which was never covered and that amount of engineering which went over the original \$30,000 amount. Therefore this resolution appropriates the additional sum of \$30,708.68 to allocate funds from Motor Fuel Tax. Alderman Endress motioned to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Corbin. Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (5)

Nays: None

Resolution 2009-70 was adopted.

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**RESOLUTION #R-2009-71:**

**Resolution Authorizing Application for Illinois Department of Transportation Capital Improvement Grant through The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – Vehicle and IT Module**

Community Development Specialist Leslie Mastroianni stated that this resolution follows the public hearing held this evening and applies for public transportation vehicle and the purchase of an IT module at an approximate cost of \$155,000. Alderman Endress motioned to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Corbin. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Resolution 2009-71 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2009-72:**

**Resolution Authorizing Application for Illinois Department of Transportation 2009 Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Rolling Stock Capital Assistance Grant**

Community Development Specialist Leslie Mastroianni stated that this resolution follows the public hearing held this evening and applies for two public transportation vehicles at an approximate cost of \$104,000. Alderman Endress motioned to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Helms. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Resolution 2009-72 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2009-73:**

**Resolution Authorizing Central Dispatch Center Provider Agreement between the City of Freeport and Nationwide Inbound, Inc.**

Community Development Specialist Leslie Mastroianni stated that this resolution continues the agreement for the Central Dispatch Center Provider Agreement between Nationwide Inbound, Inc. the total cost of the contract for this year being \$86,027 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Alderman Endress motioned to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Helms. Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (5)

Nays: None

Resolution 2009-73 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2009-74:**

**Resolution Authorizing Application for Illinois Housing Development Authority's Affordable Housing Trust Fund – Home Modification Program Grant**

Community Development Specialist Leslie Mastroianni presented the resolution stating there were no matching funds by the City for this grant application. Alderman Endress motioned to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Helms. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Resolution 2009-74 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2009-75:**

**Resolution Authorizing Application for HUD – ARRA Funding – Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2)**

Community Development Specialist Leslie Mastroianni presented the resolution stating that funds from this grant could be used for demolition and the intent is to stabilize neighborhoods. The City would look to either purchase/rehabilitate or demolish approximately 100 foreclosed vacant properties and the grant request is in the amount of \$5,000,000 over a period of three years. There were no matching funds by the

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City for this grant application. Alderman Helms motioned to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Resolution 2009-75 was adopted.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Library

Library Director Carole Dickerson spoke about the retirement of Barb Sowers who has held the position of Head of Youth Services for many years.

Community Development

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated the flood map modernization open house will be held the middle of August. She spoke about a house on Hooker Avenue and its need for demolition and the lack of funds available to accomplish this. Director Griswold spoke about a clerical aid in Community Development through Partners in Employment and the excellent job she is doing.

Finance

Finance Director Craig Joesten spoke about a memo provided to council regarding MWM Consulting Group dated July 1, 2009 and the rules governing accounting. He stated the need to comply with GASB Statement No. 45 for an actuarial valuation of the retiree health and other non-pension OPEB benefit programs sponsored by the City. The quote for the fee for services will not exceed \$4,500 for the first year and \$5,000 for the third year. Director Joesten stated unless there is differing opinion from council, he will approve the engagement letter for our audit this year for the work to be completed in six weeks.

Public Works

Public Works Director Craig LeBaron provided a memo for consideration of bids received on July 1, 2009 for Motor Fuel Tax projects. The city received one bid from Civil Constructors, Inc. of Freeport. All bid documents were properly included and signed. The bid was under the engineers estimate by 4.9% and Director LeBaron recommends that the bid in the amount of \$523,442.33 be accepted from Civil Constructor, Inc.

Alderman Helms motioned to accept the bid from Civil Constructor, Inc. in the amount of \$523,442.33 for 2009 Motor Fuel Tax projects, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion was approved by roll call vote. Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress and Helms (5)

Nays: None

The motion to accept the bid was approved 5-0.

Streets

Street Superintendent Tom Dole stated the street department is removing eight knuckles from Main Street in order to improve maintenance plowing, street sweeping and storm sewer flow. This prepares the street for resurfacing this summer. The street department is also utilizing Partners in Employment for two workers this summer (one person of the three has stopped showing up for work).

Water and Sewer

Water & Sewer Project/Utility Manager Denise Ihrig provided an update on projects on Galena Avenue and the operating permit from the IEPA received last week.

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Police

Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore recognized Lieutenant Mark Marti who retired after 28 years of service to the department. He also thanked the auxiliary police for their help with the firework traffic.

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman spoke about the retirement of James Jackson after 33 years with the department. He was thanked by the Mayor for their assistance with the fireworks.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor George Gaulrapp thanked his Administrative Assistant, Mary Ann Eirhart, for her assistance in soliciting donors and the generous sponsors for donations towards the fireworks this year. He spoke about the success of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event to celebrate Independence Day. The City will be meeting with union representative on Tuesday to discuss the budget deficit of \$538,000. The City is looking at each department with a possible furlough hours, layoffs and will be looking at increasing the sales tax ½% increase by September 30, 2009.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Dan Neal of 1815 Gladewood Drive presented to council ideas by the Neighborhood Housing Services, Freeport Beautification Association, Freeport Chamber of Commerce and the United Way as ways to clean up yards and keep them mowed. He presented 1) Initiate an “Adopt a Lot” Program, 2) Utilize “Free” Labor through probation department, 3) Summer Youth 4) Investigate “Best Practices” in Other Communities 5) New Ordinance requiring banks and realtors to take care of grass when house is in foreclosure or for sale.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:57 pm, a motion to enter an Executive Session pursuant to Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120 (c) (2) – collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Helms. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (5)

Nays – None (0)

At 8:30 pm, a motion to return from executive session was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman DeVine. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Corbin, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Helms (5)

Nays – None (0)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

s/ Meg Zuravel  
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk