



City Council

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, May 17, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order by Mayor George Gaulrapp with a quorum being present at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 17, 2010, in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Boldt.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was read for Emergency Medical Services Week from May 16, 2010 to May 22, 2010. Mayor Gaulrapp thanked all those involved in this line of work, particularly the emergency medical technicians of the Freeport Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman O'Neill moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2010 regular meeting, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- A. Approval to receive and place on file:
 - 1) Police Department Report on Activities for period ending April 2010
 - 2) Fire Department Report on Activities for period ending April 2010
 - 3) Community Development Report on Activities for April 2010 including Building Permits; Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing and Sign Permits, and Cash and Misc. Receipts
- B. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (#399, 400, 403) ---- \$118,468.32
- C. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending May 8, 2010 ---- \$474,165.87

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D. Approval of Finance Department Bills Payable (#398, 401, 402, 404) ---- \$541,676.16
Alderman DeVine moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. The Consent Agenda items were approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, Endress, and O'Neill (8)
Nays: None

COMMUNICATIONS

The City of Freeport currently has openings for two positions on the Historic Preservation Commission.

APPOINTMENTS

Alderman Endress moved to accept an appointment of James Bienlien to the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees effective immediately through May 31, 2013, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Alderman O'Neill asked for and received leave of council to have the re-appointments read and approved in one motion as follows:

- Re-appointment of Elliott Franklin Cooper to the Board of Fire and Police Commission effective immediately through April 30, 2013
- Re-appointment of Jim Lemanski to the Building Commission effective immediately through April 30, 2014
- Re-appointment of Daneice Davis to the Board of Fire and Police Commission effective immediately through April 30, 2013
- Re-appointment of Jon Green to the Building Commission effective immediately through April 30, 2014
- Re-appointment of Robert Dahms to the Liquor Commission effective immediately through May 31, 2014

Alderman O'Neill moved for acceptance of these appointments, seconded by Alderman Bush. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

ORDINANCES - THIRD READING

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-29

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 288 (Officers and Employees Generally) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – Office Hours

The first reading of this ordinance was held on April 19, 2010. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The second reading was held on May 3, 2010 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the third reading, Alderman Helms requested administration to review this ordinance for the public. Mayor George Gaulrapp presented the ordinance explaining that City Hall will be closed and locked for 13 consecutive Fridays due to budget considerations and furlough days that will need to be taken by support staff members. He stated that most department heads will be here working. The time period for the closing on Fridays is June 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010. City Hall will be available for those contractors and public Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Upon no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken to approve the ordinance on the floor.

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

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Nays: None

Ordinance 2010-29 was adopted.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-33:

Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2010-2011, for the City of Freeport, Illinois

The first reading of this ordinance was held on May 3, 2010. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Klemm and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. The second reading was held this evening and discussion was held regarding the amount of money owed to the City by the State of Illinois and specific line item questions by the council.

Discussion was held on the Tourism Promotional fund in the amount of approximately \$200,000 which is generated from the hotel motel tax and that the funds are used by the Visitors Bureau for promotional efforts. Finance Director Craig Joesten stated we receive a copy of the Visitor Bureau budget and audit report in which we know after the fact where their dollars go. Alderman Helms asked for a results report by the next meeting.

Alderman Corbin asked about \$15,000 fireworks line item during a time period when there are lay offs and furloughs required of staff members. Mayor Gaulrapp stated he left that item in the budget because of the tourism draw to the City and the amount of dollars brought into the restaurants. If the council wants to remove it, then it is up to the council. A request was given by Alderman Helms to receive the tracking of the spending over the 4th of July weekend for the last several years. It was stated that the report cannot be broken out by day but instead it shows by month.

Discussion was held regarding the position of the civilian service officer and the job he does writing tickets bringing income in to the City per year. Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore stated last year 2,700 tickets in the amount of \$10.00 each were written by the Civilian Service Officer for an amount of \$27,000, some of which were not paid. The police officers are beginning to write tickets downtown. The cuts for the police department portion of AFSCME came from those positions which were not mission critical of the department. There are 18 AFSCME employees in the police department with only four of those not being in the 911 Call Center. The records department has two positions with unfunded mandates by the State including FOIA requirements which make their positions critical since they are already behind in their work flow. This left two positions to make our 10% cuts from, those being the document coordinator and the civilian service officer. We will not know the affect of the elimination of the position, until receipts are received from parking tickets issued by police officers.

The AFSCME union chose not to make concession and the civilian service officer has over 17 years of experience who should have had bumping rights. The Animal Control Officer will be laid off from June 2, 2010 through June 29, 2010 and the Nuisance Inspector will be laid off from July 7, 2010 to August 3, 2010.

Discussion was held regarding Water and Sewer Department budget cuts and the projects scheduled as the "Big 4" projects. Those projects will be sub-contracted and they will not be performed by Water and Sewer crews. There is no correlation between the surcharge and work performed by W & S employees.

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Discussion was held regarding the job duties and salaries of the Community Development Specialist and how the position is paid by grant administration.

There is a problem with the State of Illinois paying the City their share of the income tax. There is an outstanding amount of \$730,000 owed to the City in last year's budget and by the end of the year the State could owe the City \$1.8 million dollars in earned shared revenue. The issue with the budget is a cash flow issue not a budget issue. We are earning this money but the State is not paying what is earned. Mayor Gaulrapp stated he has spoken with the Illinois comptroller and they don't have the money.

Out of the City's \$1.9 million budget, administration has a goal to cut \$900,000. Even if we only receive half of the money from the State, we will still need to cut our budget. Today was the date we should have received shared income tax. The State is not in session and they have no budget in place. We can't sit here and fully man the City anticipating the State's revenue that they should give us.

Mayor George Gaulrapp stated that because of the tax levy passed by this council, the City is \$275,000 off on the levy receipts for this year because a 0% levy was passed. When you couple these two events together, the City not receiving State income tax and \$275,000 less in tax levy, the administration is being fiscally responsible. What this administration has done with this budget and, hopefully will be approved by the council, is projected what we think the State will do. If the State comes through with some money, by raising taxes or cutting expenses to the tune of \$213 billion dollars, then it is a good problem for us to have. We can call people back on, we can do things that we should be doing. But at this time, financially we can not fully staff everyone because in six months from the financial picture could be worse.

Accountant Duane Price was asked to answer questions regarding the sales tax income and the budget. He stated his best estimate is that every ¼ percentage would provide revenue of \$600,000 and when we lowered the food and beverage it reduced that by \$300,000. The next would be an increase of \$1.5 million. On the State income tax the City will earn \$1.8 million but when we receive it in cash, nobody knows. This is a budget issue and receiving it is a cash flow issue. Council questioned if we were being too optimistic based on the State's past performance. The City currently has a cash flow issue and that is why the layoffs and furloughs were started and why we are cutting \$900,000 from the budget.

The cash flow analysis shows that if we do not receive anything from the State of Illinois for income tax the City of Freeport will have a shortfall of cash of \$1.9 million. We expect to receive some revenue. If we receive half from the State, we will still have a \$900,000 deficit. Our cash in the summer months will be higher than our cash in the winter months because we receive real estate taxes and the money out of the Fire Capital Improvement fund. We have three payrolls in October and need to pay \$600,000 in property and casualty insurance. We can't wait until then to make changes.

Discussion was held regarding the amount of grants with a sharing portion and it was stated by the Finance Department that currently there are three grants outstanding in which there is the match. The first grant is for the Fire Department having a grant that has a match of \$9,000, the second grant is for the Police Department having a grant for bullet-proof vests with a 50-50 match in the amount of \$2,500 and the third grant is for the Airport having a grant to complete the taxi runway which has a match of \$35,000 out of the general fund. The Brownfield and Housing grants are 100% funded by the grants. Currently

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our employee time in Community Development and the paralegal are being charged as administrative expenses in the grants that we are working on.

Alderman Corbin requested information on the positions of the City Treasurer, Finance Director and City Accountant. Discussion was held regarding the segregation of duties and the Finance Director's position being funded by 50% being paid by the Water and Sewer Commission for his function in that department amounting to \$45,000. If the position was filled by an Executive Director of Water and Sewer, that position would be paid \$80,000 plus. The City Treasurer's position has very specific job duties which are enumerated by State statutes being the custodian of the cash. The Finance Director's job has more to do with budgeting and allocation of funds. The City Accountant handles the oversight of payroll, internal controls, accounts payables, cash receipts, and budgeting.

Salaries of the Community Development Specialist and a percentage of the salaries of the Paralegal position, Electrical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Community Development Director are paid from grant administration funds.

Last year the non-union employees were given a raise of 3% on May 1 and then gave it up on August 1 and that 3% raise was put back onto the budget for non-union employees. Whether it happens or not, this is recapturing what was given up in 2010. The Fire Department gave up a 3.5% raise and AFSCME gave up 3% all three groups are being reset to where they were and any raises for the coming year would come on top of that, if there are any. The Mayor stated that we do not anticipate any raises and it is expected to take \$900,000 out of the budget through personnel cuts, what the council has before them is where we are before negotiations and we don't know what will happen. We are looking for \$900,000 in cuts from this budget and waiting to see what the bargaining unions will do.

Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was laid over to the next meeting.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-34:

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

Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin presented the ordinance which states that the City is required by the State of Illinois to adopt the revised wages of laborers, mechanics, and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any other under contract for public works. She stated there should be a correction to the Section 1. wording referring to May 1, 2010 prevailing wages and amended from the reference to May 1, 2008. Alderman Corbin moved to adopt the ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-35:

Special Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois; Type of Relief: Special Use Permit to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at the property located at 835 West Galena Avenue, Owner or Applicant: Walgreen Co.

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Mayor Gaulrapp stated the Freeport Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this Special Use Permit in the public hearing held on May 6, 2010 and there were no written objectors filed against this petition. Therefore, the city council may take final action this evening. Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the findings of the public hearing held on May 6, 2010 by the Planning Commission which were contained in Exhibit A attached to the ordinance. Walgreen Company petitioned for a special use to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at the property located at 835 West Galena Avenue. Alderman Klemm moved to adopt the ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. Upon no further discussion, roll call vote was taken to adopt the ordinance.
Yeas: Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm, and Endress (6)
Nays: Bush and O'Neill (2)
Ordinance 2010-35 was adopted by a vote of 6-2.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-36:

Special Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois; Type of Relief: Special Use Permit to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at the property located at 1732 South West Avenue, Owner or Applicant: Waltrust Properties, Inc.

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the Freeport Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this Special Use Permit in the public hearing held on May 6, 2010 and there were no written objectors filed against this petition. Therefore, the city council may take final action this evening. Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the findings of the public hearing held on May 6, 2010 by the Planning Commission which were contained in Exhibit A attached to the ordinance. This property owned by Waltrust Properties is in a B-2 zoning classification and therefore it requires a special use to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at the property. Alderman Klemm moved to adopt the ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. Upon no further discussion, roll call vote was taken to adopt the ordinance.

Yeas: Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm, and Endress (6)
Nays: Bush and O'Neill (2)
Ordinance 2010-36 was adopted by a vote of 6-2.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-37:

Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois; Type of Relief: Variance to allow a twenty-four foot (24') high accessory building at the property located at 417 South Hancock, Owner or Applicant: Derick Symanek

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the Freeport Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommended approval of this variance in the public hearing held on May 6, 2010 and there were no written objectors filed against this petition. Therefore, the city council may take final action this evening. This ordinance was presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stating that the property is located in a mostly manufacturing district just south of the water treatment plant on Hancock and twenty-four feet high accessory building would not be out of place. The applicant has requested a variance to allow a twenty-four foot high accessory building at the property located at 417 South Hancock. Alderman Klemm moved to adopt the ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. Discussion was held regarding the notification process through a legal notice in the publication and any property touching or near that property received a certified notice of the hearing. Upon no further discussion, roll call vote was taken to adopt the ordinance.

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

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Nays: none
Ordinance 2010-37 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2010-35:

Resolution for the May 1, 2010 Contract for the City of Freeport's Healthcare Coverage (Self-Funded NIHP)

Finance Director Craig Joesten presented the resolution stating that these are changes mandated by State and Federal by the National Healthcare Reform. The City is adding on coverage and we are not limiting or taking away any coverage. There are nine coverage changes itemized in the packet. The most notable coverage is amending coverage for dependents up to the age of twenty six. This resolution also reaffirms the plan sponsor and plan of the City. Alderman Helms moved for approval the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Boldt. A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution #2010-35 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2010-36:

Resolution for the Agreement Between City of Freeport and Illinois Department of Transportation for Assistance with Reimbursement Costs Associated with the Clark Street Storm Water Sewer Improvements (FAP Route 505 {Illinois Route 75})

City Engineer Denise Ihrig presented the resolution for the Cottonwood Drainage program and the City was fortunate to receive notification that the Illinois Department of Transportation would assist the City with the costs of that project since a portion is on a State Route. This resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreements with IDOT. This helps offset the Water & Sewer Commission CIP project funding. Discussion was held as to what happens if the State does not come through with the money and that it would affect the amount of projects that could be done with the CIP funds. Alderman Endress moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Klemm. A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution #2010-36 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2010-37:

Resolution to Adopt a Tax Increment Financing District Fund Expenditure Plan – West Avenue Redevelopment Project Area

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the resolution providing the operating budget of the West Avenue TIF that was created in March 2009. This year we will collect an amount of \$16,600 tax increment. \$4,000 is allocated to as surplus and redistributed to the other taxing bodies. The other \$12,550 is allocated to professional services. Alderman Corbin moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution #2010-37 was adopted.

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RESOLUTION #R-2010-38:

Resolution to Adopt a Tax Increment Financing District Fund Expenditure Plan - Burchard Hills Redevelopment Project Area

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the resolution stating that the TIF for Burchard Hills Redevelopment Project Area was created in 2007 and has \$2,450 in the fund. \$600 will be distributed to the other taxing bodies and \$1,850 will be allocated to FHN Redevelopment Agreement. Alderman DeVine moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution #2010-38 was adopted.

OTHER

Water and Sewer

City Engineer Denise Ihrig stated the City received some bad news due to a sink hole in the Tutty Crossing area. The second sanitary sewer line that runs through the area has failed. There are a lot of twists and turns in the line. The Water & Sewer has declared the area an emergency. Sanitary sewage is backing up into the collection system. It is being controlled by bypass pumping from one sanitary to another sanitary. This has been report to the Rockford IEPA and also Springfield IEPA. Civil Constructors was contacted this morning and they were already in the area working on a project. The operators will require 40 hours of OSHA HAZWOPER training due to the led based materials in the soils. The site will need to be handled as a hazardous site. The public was cautioned to stay away from the area because it is a hazardous material site. This project is being done on a time and material process and the Water and Sewer Commission will not have time to go out for competitive bids since it is declared an emergency repair.

Water and Sewer Emergency Repair Declared on Sanitary Sewer

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated that per Section 1.9 G of the City Purchasing Policy it designates the Finance Director as the Purchasing Agent. As this designee, he needs to make the determination as to the safeguard of the public and health. There was a major failing on a sanitary sewer line at the location of Tutty's Crossing. This was determined to be an emergency repair by the Finance Director and a need to remedy the situation could not take the time to go out for bids. It was determined by Finance Director Craig Joesten that Civil Constructors were working on another project in the area and already had equipment nearby. Due to the purchasing policy he is compelled at this time to notify the council and the Mayor that he will be hiring Civil Constructors to perform the work to repair the sanitary sewer.

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman stated there were two promotions due to the re-structuring of the Fire Department and the implementation of the Battalion Chief positions. One more promotion will take place at the next Board of Fire and Police Commission meeting this month.

Community Development

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated there has been work on the parking lot surfacing to cover the Lazarus property. First the building had to be demolished and we had received a Brownfields grant to clean it up and now we are working on taking out the contaminated soil and

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installing a barrier which is a parking lot. This has been completed and we are working on the budget of the rest of the job which will be completed by the City's staff for installing sidewalks. The center of the parking lot will have a rain garden to help alleviate runoff.

Director Griswold also explained the Animal Control Officer will be laid off during the month of June for the 20 working days and the Nuisance Inspector will be laid off for 20 working days during the month of July due to budget constraints. It was reported in the Journal Standard and on the radio that these positions will be eliminated and that was not true, they are lay-offs.

Director Griswold stated the mowing bids had been accepted last meeting and she received confirmation from Crossroads Church will rescind their bid so she will be coming back to council with one more bid to accept at the next meeting.

Director Griswold provided a status of Freeport Raceway Park. There are two weeks for which she has not received muffler check reports and this is supposed to be fulfilled every week. Director Griswold stated that the two weeks could have been rain dates, but she did not receive information to that effect. Instead of sending them a violation, she will be sending them a warning and they can reply and say it was a rain date. By June 15, 2010, they are scheduled to provide a sound study to Director Griswold and by June 26, 2010 they are supposed to have completed the noise abatement measures having to do with their sound system. By June 26, 2010 they need to submit proof of the noise abatement measures to the Community Development Director Shelly Griswold. The bridge construction of the Pecatonica Prairie Path could delay the Tutty Crossing Boat Launch in addition to the water height of the river.

Finance Department to Transfer Funds from the Fire Capital Improvement Fund

Finance Director Craig Joesten presented an item on council agenda referring to the discussion item from the last council meeting. The agenda stated "action on item pursuant to Chapter 242 Fire Department, Section 242.53 Fire Department Capital Fund, to transfer an amount equal to forty percent of the net ambulance receipts (\$182,715.42 from the Fiscal Year 2010) from the Fire Capital Improvement Fund into the General Fund (*refer to memo to Council from the Finance Department dated May 3, 2010*).” Alderman Klemm moved to authorize the transfer as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion.

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

Nays: None

Police

Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore was present at the meeting and had no additional report.

Library

Freeport Public Library Director Carole Dickerson was present at the meeting and had no additional report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gaulrapp stated he had attended a graduation ceremony of the avid group of Freeport High School. As a reminder the Memorial Day parade will be held on May 31, 2010 beginning at 10:00 am. At this time a moment of silence was held for a previous Street Superintendent Mr. Dan Fouts.

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NEW BUSINESS

Each council member was provided the opportunity to publicly address significant items of interest. Alderman Corbin and Endress requested status on the loitering ordinance and Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin stated she had received information but the IML did not comment on the constitutionality of the ordinance and that was the information that she was hoping to receive. Alderman Klemm discussed the corner of Kiwanis Drive and Pearl City road and, due to budget funding constraints; we need to make sure it will work for both entities of the city and county. Alderman Klemm reminded the public that only 10% of taxes for property go to the City. Alderman Bush asked about tree branches at the curb. Mayor Gaulrapp state that the brush from the storm was picked up around the city and then more appeared so they will need to take it to the transfer station in bundles. Alderman O'Neill stated that this was the quietest race held at Freeport Raceway Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Agenda or Non-Agenda Items (limited to 3 minutes per person)

- Tom Teich provided information on the Malcolm Eaton fundraiser which will be held on May 23 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Joseph Lotta, 834 Avon Street, spoke about a petition in which he had acquired signatures in support of having the padlock taken off the gates at the City Cemetery. Mayor Gaulrapp stated he had removed the padlock from the gate on south side along Prairie Avenue. He requested it to be open on Homer and Avon as well. A motion was given by Alderman Endress to receive and place on file the petitions, seconded by Alderman Klemm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION)

At 7:40 pm, an executive session was requested for the following reason being read into the record;

- Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 (c) (2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Alderman Endress moved to enter executive session, seconded by Alderman Klemm. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion.

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

Nays: None

At this time the public was asked to leave council chambers where the executive session was held.

At 8:43 pm, Alderman Klemm moved to return from executive session, seconded by Alderman O'Neill.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion.

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

Nays: None

The doors were opened for the public to return. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

s/ Meg Zuravel

Meg Zuravel, City Clerk