



City Council

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

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, May 25, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order by Mayor George Gaulrapp with a quorum being present at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mayor George Gaulrapp and council members DeVine, Corbin, Bush, Endress and Boldt (5). Alderman Helms, Klemm and O'Neill (3) were absent at the reading of roll call (*see below at 5:34 pm when Alderman Klemm entered*). 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 DeVine. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

At this time, Alderman Klemm entered council chambers (5:34 pm) bringing the aldermen present to six.

PUBLIC HEARING

The following was read into the record: "A Public Hearing will be held regarding a grant application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for funding for improvements to the Cottonwood Drainage basin at Tutty's Crossing through the Community Development Assistance Program – Public Facilities Set Aside component. The public hearing will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the Freeport City Hall Council Chambers, 230 W. Stephenson St., Freeport, Illinois. The Public Hearing is open to all residents. This public hearing was published in the Journal Standard on May 23, 2010 and the bulletin boards of City Hall. It was also provided via email to the media notice listing."

At 5:35 pm, Mayor Gaulrapp opened the Public Hearing and stated that there was no one signed on the sheet this evening for public comments. Mayor Gaulrapp called on City Engineer Denise Ihrig to present the information for the public hearing. City Engineer Ihrig stated the public hearing is in regard to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities' CDAP Public Facilities Set Aside grant due to the failure of a sanitary sewer and, possibly, a storm sewer located at the Tutty Crossing site. The Tutty Crossing site is located at Liberty and Stephenson Street in Freeport, Illinois. The grant application would be in the amount of \$100,000 and the City is looking to put local funds to match alternative. The alternative to doing the sanitary sewer repair would be the installation of a lift station and approximately

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400 feet of forced main and gravity sewer to the auto parts store on Liberty. Due to the nature of where the failure is located which is in ground known to have lead materials in it, it is felt by the Water and Sewer Commission to be a challenge. It is demonstrated by what we were looking at today. City Engineer Denise Ihrig requested support of the council for the proposed resolution which requests commitment of local funds for Cottonwood Drainage Basin at Tutty's Crossing CDAP Public Facilities – Set Aside Grant.

City Council was provided an opportunity to ask questions of City Engineer Ihrig. The council asked if the City does not receive these grant funds, where will the money come from to repair the sanitary sewer? It was answered that it would come from the annual capital improvement fund but then other projects would be put on hold. Ms. Ihrig provided a listing of projects for the current capital improvement program and what this means is there will be no more capital improvement projects that were listed for the remainder of this year due to this emergency at Tutty's Crossing site. Items from the Capital Improvement Program for FY 2011 which will be removed from the listing will be emergency equipment for radios, heavy equipment purchase for a back hoe, maintenance items, lift station repairs, hydrant and valve replacements, GIS Database updates, facility upgrades, and water meters.

The Tutty's Crossing sanitary sewer failure and redirection construction has a budgeted cost of \$50,000 but with this failure the cost will go beyond that up to \$280,000 and these are funds that will be committed with the grant. The engineer's estimate with a project like this is potentially \$300,000 to \$350,000. We are looking at designing this so that we can offset some of these costs. We are looking to offset these costs with the grant. If they grant funds do not materialize, then we will have to take money from the reserves. Even with the grant we will need to take money from the reserves.

At 5:42 pm upon there being no further evidence to come before this body, Mayor Gaulrapp asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Alderman Endress moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alderman Klemm. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion. Alderman DeVine, Corbin, Bush, Endress and Boldt voted yea. Motion passed to close the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

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

RESOLUTION #R-2010-39:

Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for Cottonwood Drainage Basin at Tutty's Crossing CDAP Public Facilities – Set Aside Grant

Alderman Bush moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: DeVine, Corbin, Klemm, Bush, Endress and Boldt (6)

Nays: none

Resolution 2010-39 was adopted 6-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

s/ Meg Zuravel
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk