



City Council

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, July 6, 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 Tuesday, July 6, 2010, in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Klemm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman O'Neill moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 21, 2010, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

Paul Domino, 1221 W. Lincoln, spoke against the ordinance on council floor for parking on Lincoln Boulevard stating that extending it that far back from the corner of McKinley is extreme. He asked for reconsideration of the parking restriction from the corner with consideration with safety at that corner.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- A. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (#418, 420, 421) ---- \$277,305.58
- B. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending June 19, 2010 ---- \$400,278.24
- C. Approval of Finance Department Bills Payable (#417, 419, 422) ---- \$681,131.30

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

Nays: None

ORDINANCES - THIRD READING

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-38:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 480, Section 480.11 (Prohibited Parking Streets) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport – Lincoln Boulevard

The first reading of this ordinance was held on June 7, 2010. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Helms. The second reading was held on June 21, 2010 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the third reading, discussion was held regarding parking on Lincoln Boulevard from McKinley west. Public Works Director Tom Dole recommended moving restricted parking to 165 feet, trimming trees limbs, removing trees, and possibly moving a mailbox. The problem is with the trees and when cars park blocking the line of sight. Alderman Helms motioned to amend the line "Lincoln, south side, from McKinley 225 feet west" to "Lincoln, south side, from McKinley 165 feet west." This motion was seconded by Alderman Corbin. A roll call vote was taken to approve the amendment.

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

Nays: Klemm (1)

The amended wording was approved 7-1. Upon no further discussion, Mayor Gaulrapp asked for a roll call vote to approve the ordinance as amended.

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

Nays: Klemm (1)

Ordinance 2010-38 was adopted as amended on the floor this evening.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-42:

An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of an Enterprise Zone to Alter the Termination Date

The first reading of this ordinance was held on June 21, 2010. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Endress, seconded by Alderman Klemm and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Finance Director Craig Joesten stated this amends the intergovernmental agreement for the operation of an enterprise zone extending it ten years to December 31, 2020. Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin noted there was a Scrivener's error in the first page of the ordinance and the date should be corrected from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2020. She stated it will be corrected for the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION)

The following was read into the record by the City Clerk, "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."

At 6:15 pm, Alderman Klemm moved to enter executive (closed) session, seconded by Alderman Endress. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

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At 6:53 pm, Alderman Boldt moved to return from executive (closed) session, seconded by Alderman DeVine. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2010-49:

Resolution to Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement with Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee (PBLC)

Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin presented the resolution describing the amendments to the agreement for two years with the wages frozen at the May 1, 2009 amount, the PEHP payment of 1% has been suspended from July 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. There is an automatic reopener of the agreement for negotiations to begin in February to discuss wages and PEHP along with a few other minor issues.

Alderman Corbin moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman DeVine. A roll call vote was taken to adopt the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution 2010-49 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2010-50:

Resolution Ratifying the Signature of Mayor Gaulrapp on the Contracts Between the Stephenson County Fair Association and the City and Between Central States Fireworks, Inc., and the City Both Regarding Fireworks for the 2010 4th of July Celebration

Mayor George Gaulrapp stated five aldermen were called prior to the 4th of July Fireworks and the agreement was signed. All five aldermen provided their verbal approval. The mayor's office has \$11,000 in pledges for the fireworks and he is confident, as we have in the past, to collect the full amount. So far, has collected \$4,500 from the invoices that were recently mailed. Discussion was held as to who will pay if the pledges are not collected. Alderman Helms motioned to add to the third resolved, "must have prior council approval before expenditure" and to strike the second to the last further resolved, "that at such time if any, as funds from line item 01-63-527 interdepartmental – other technical services, are fully expended, a supplemental appropriation ordinance shall be passed so that any further expenditure shall be appropriately spent. This motion was seconded by Alderman Bush. A brief discussion was held to layover the resolution and then Alderman Helms withdrew his motion and Alderman Bush withdrew his second.

Alderman Helms moved to layover this Resolution 2010-50 for two weeks to the next meeting, seconded by Alderman Boldt. The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

RESOLUTION #R-2010-51:

Resolution for the Agreement between City of Freeport and Illinois Department of Transportation for Maintenance and Preliminary Engineering of Streets and Highways – W. Pleasant Street

City Engineer Denise Ihrig presented the resolution stating that this is to resurface West Pleasant Street between Chicago Avenue and Galena Avenue. This is a project that was supposed to be completed in 2009 but due to trench failure in the area it was recommended that it did not get paved at that time. The sum appropriated is \$60,000 for preliminary engineering and cost of resurfacing of the street. Alderman

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O'Neill moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Corbin. A roll call vote was taken to adopt the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution 2010-51 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2010-52:

Resolution to Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport and the City of Freeport for Assistance With a New Playground at the Westview Apartments

Public Works Director Tom Dole presented that resolution for assistance with a skid loader, operator and some miscellaneous tools to help build a playground at the Housing Authority of the City of Freeport at their Westview Apartment area. Alderman Klemm moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken to adopt the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution 2010-52 was adopted.

OTHER

Community Development Director

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold was present at the meeting and had no further report.

Finance

Finance Director Craig Joesten provided an update on the financial situation of the City. The City has received a payment from the State of Illinois for \$195,228 in June so this is one payment in the first two months of this fiscal year and they owed \$139,344. The balance that the State of Illinois owes the City has gone down from \$991,228 to \$935,344. At the end of June the City's cash balance was \$610,000 that covers less than two payrolls and \$425,000 was money that was borrowed to cover operations.

At this time Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin provided an item that she forgot to say to the public in regard to Resolution R#2010-49 when the police agree to their contract they did do that with the understanding that there would be layoffs included with that wage freeze.

Public Works

Public Works Director Tom Dole provided information on the layoffs of street department workers which starts on July 7, 2010 and continues through August 30, 2010. The department will be working with five people to cut down trees, fill pot holes through the end of August. The administrative assistant has been laid off as well.

Library

Library Director Carole Dickerson was present at the meeting and had no further report.

City Engineer

City Engineer Denise Ihrig provided an update on projects including grant administration and inspection of Cottonwood project, contract specification and bid documents for clarifier rehabilitation, Hunt District

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detention basin retrofit design, Tutty's Crossing Sanitary Sewer abandonment and redesign including hauling and disposal of its special waste, pilot meter study with Mueller Systems, oversight of John Johnson on Citywide I/I study, revision of storm water ordinance and design manual, and 43 detention basin inspections for the Water and Sewer Commission. For the City of Freeport she is working on relocation of power and utility poles for IDOT IL 75, Pleasant repaving project, Pearl City and Kiwanis drive re-design, Lazarus rain garden, and drainage redesign of IL 75 working with the Park District.

Police

Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore provided information about a scam on the elderly with a person posing as a grandson in need of money and being held by authorities in a foreign country.

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman provided information about the "Back to School" supply collection and stated items may be taken to any of the three Fire Stations.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gaulrapp provided a summary of the fireworks thanking the Police Department and auxiliary police. This administration has done a very good job with the City's finances. Mayor Gaulrapp thanked the police union and, in particular, the President Terry Cowan for their negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS

Each council member was provided the opportunity to publicly address significant items of interest. Community Development Director Shelly Griswold was asked to provide an update mowing progress stating that they are behind due to the Animal Control Officer and Nuisance Inspector being on layoff (one after another). Alderman Bush stated there will be third ward meeting on July 13 to discuss the Comprehensive Plan to work with State to see what can be done about the flooding issues. Alderman Bush stated there will be a meeting on July 15 regarding the kids on the streets.

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold provided an update on reports due by the Freeport Raceway Park and she reported as of this date they are up-to date on the sound study and the muffler check reports. There is one other report that they needed to provide confirmation (by June or July she wasn't sure which for sure) that they implemented some measures from the sound study that was done by them a few years back and that has not been received as of this date. A reminder letter will be sent out for this. Discussion was held regarding landscape waste from storms.

City Engineer Denise Ihrig was asked to provide the results of a field inspection for Kiwanis Drive and Pearl City Road intersection including signage, trees and bushes and street striping which are room for improvement. Only part of the authority lies with the City on Forest Road, the other part is the county.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Tom Teich asked about a new restaurant coming across from Aquin High School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

s/ Meg Zuravel

Meg Zuravel, City Clerk