



City Council

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, August 16, 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, August 16, 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 Endress moved to approve the minutes of the emergency meeting held on July 26, 2010, seconded by Alderman Klemm. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Alderman DeVine moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 2, 2010, seconded by Alderman Corbin. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

PRESENTATIONS

A presentation was regarding an update on Northwest Illinois Development Alliance was given by board member Adam Holder. Mr. Holder provided information on the Target Marketing Recruitment to assist the City of Freeport to develop marketing pieces as a tool to bring prospects. Mr. Holder provided an update in employment figures for Stephenson County. At the end of 2009, there were 21,696 employed and at the end of June it was at 22,924 with the increase due to construction season. In comparison of figures from June 2009 to June 2010, there was a net decrease of 406 people being employed. NIDA has been involved with five businesses addressing 84 jobs in the area.

Discussion was held regarding the federal prison and the requirement that workers must live at least 30 miles away from the prison. Mr. Holder reported that thirteen resumes have been received for the director position and the board is in the process of reviewing and interviewing.

The presentation of the softball team was delayed for additional members.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

Ken Bohnsack, 1154 W. Logan, spoke about the petitions presented to the Circuit Court for the referendum questions for City Manager that were filed for an election this fall. He stated that he was confused about the manner and timing the validity of the questions. Mayor Gaulrapp stated the City was served papers as the defendant and a court time was set in place, Corporation Counsel attended the court case, and did what she had to do as Corporation Counsel for the City of Freeport and as for his position as mayor, he stayed away from it.

Andrew Soria, 2292 Oriole Drive, spoke in favor of the bike and pedestrian paths in the City.

Ron Mattson, 120 S. Chicago Avenue, spoke as the owner of Freeport Bicycle Company in favor of bike and pedestrian paths as a means to support transportation in the City of Freeport.

PRESENTATION

The Freeport Little League Senior All-Star Girl's Softball team was honored. The team placed second in the State of Illinois tournament this summer and was coached by Todd Bookman.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
 - 1) City Treasurer's Schedule of Tax Receipts for period ended July 31, 2010
 - 2) City Treasurer's Report on Cash and Fund Balances for period ended July 31, 2010
 - 3) City Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report to Council for period ended July 31, 2010
 - 4) Police Department Report on Activities for June 2010
 - 5) Police Department Report on Activities for July 2010
 - 6) Community Development Report on Activities for July 2010 including Building Permits; Cash and Misc. Receipts; and Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing and Sign Permits
- B. Resolution #R-2010-57: Resolution to Request Temporary Closure of Streets for Freeport High School Homecoming Parade – *to be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010*
- C. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (#434 and 437) ---- \$97,282.00
- D. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending August 11, 2010 ---- \$400,940.02
- E. Approval of Finance Department Bills Payable (#435, 436, 438) ---- \$294,774.18

Alderman Endress moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. Alderman Helms made a motion to remove item E, seconded by Alderman Corbin.

Mayor Gaulrapp stated we will pass the consent agenda items without section E. A roll call vote was taken to approve the consent agenda items except for item E.

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

Nays: None

Discussion was held regarding Consent Agenda Item E, Register List #435, page 1 for Comcast Cablevision. Chief Countryman stated that the fire stations use internet access and one station is charged a franchise fee and the other is not and the same with taxes. Upon no further discussion, Alderman Helms moved to approve Consent Agenda Section E, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

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Yeas: Klemm, Bush, Endress, O'Neill, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin (8)
Nays: None

ORDINANCES - THIRD READING

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-43:

Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois – Type of Relief: Zoning Variance to allow an accessory building 18 ½ feet in height in an R7 (General Residence District) Zoning Classification; Owner or Applicant: Donald R. Veer; Property Located at 440 West Douglas Street, Freeport, IL

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the first reading of this ordinance was held on July 19, 2010. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderman Endress. The second reading was held on August 2, 2010 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the third reading Alderman Klemm moved to layover the ordinance to the next meeting, seconded by Alderman Endress. Discussion was held regarding the one dissenting vote by the Zoning Board of Appeals and it was stated that there was no comment as to the reason why for the dissention. A roll call vote was taken to layover the ordinance.

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

Nays: None

The ordinance was laid over to the next meeting.

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-45:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 290 (Compensation and Benefits) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport to Add Section 290.12 (Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Wage Freeze)

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the first reading of this ordinance was held on July 19, 2010. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress. The second reading was held on August 2, 2010 and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the third reading and no discussion, a roll call vote was taken to approve the ordinance.

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

Nays: None

Ordinance 2010-45 was adopted.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-46:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 480, Section 480.11 (Prohibited Parking Streets) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport - Elk Street

Mayor Gaulrapp stated the first reading of this ordinance was held on August 2, 2010. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Discussion was held regarding a Neighborhood Watch Meeting that Alderman Helms attended and the parking on Park Boulevard and Highland Avenue having the line of sight blocked due to vehicles parked. The problem is when vehicles are on Highland Drive facing east and vehicles are parked on west side of Park Boulevard, looking north. Currently, the ordinance states 150 feet both ways on Park Boulevard from Stephenson Street. Alderman Helms requested review of this problem area before the next council meeting. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next council meeting.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-47:

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 – (February 16, 2010 through July 6, 2010)

Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin presented the ordinance stating this is a housekeeping ordinance that is presented two times per year. It takes the ordinances which have been passed since February and to July it changes the code by codifying it with the ordinances that have already been passed. Alderman Helms moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Endress. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2010-58:

Resolution to Establish Loading Zone for Persons with Disabilities (1557 W. Stover)

Public Works Director Tom Dole presented the resolution by stating that his office has received the request by the resident at 1557 W. Stover to allow a loading zone in front of her house. There will be no parking for her or anyone else other than what is allowed for a loading zone. Alderman Helms moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken to adopt the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2010-58 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2010-59:

Resolution to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network and the City of Freeport for Public Works Functions in Need of Mutual Aid Assistance

City Engineer Denise Ihrig presented the resolution by stating that this is an agreement with the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network ((IPWMAN) is a provides a formalized system for government agencies to enter into a written mutual aid agreement to provide and receive emergency assistance in the event of a natural or man-made disaster or other situation that require action or attention beyond normal capabilities of the agency. There are 89 other villages, counties, and towns that are all members for IPWMAN.

At 6:30 pm, Alderman Klemm left council chambers.

City Engineer Denise Ihrig this agreement was approved for Water & Sewer by that commission so now this is before the council for the public works. The cost to join the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network is \$200.00 per year. Alderman DeVine moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Alderman Helms. A roll call vote was taken to adopt the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Alderman Klemm was absent.

Resolution #R-2010-58 was adopted.

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At 6:32 pm, Alderman Klemm re-entered council chambers.

RESOLUTION #R-2010-60:

Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

City Engineer Denise Ihrig presented the resolution by stating a that the resolution is for support and commitment of local funds for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. This is a new application similar to the IL Route 75 enhancement program. This application of for cycle 9 for a bicycle and pedestrian paths for access along West Avenue towards the Southgate Plaza along Illinois Route 26. City Engineer Denise Ihrig stated the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1.4 million with an 80/20 split. The 20% match would be \$200,000 for construction and \$110,000 for engineering would be funded from the Motor Fuel Taxes. This is the preliminary estimates in order to apply for the ITEP program. City Engineer Denise Ihrig stated this project could be between 18 months and over several years. Discussion was held regarding the motor fuel tax funding and the status of funds in the account. Discussion was held regarding public works installing sidewalks and the cost of the work. Alderman Klemm motioned to move the resolution forward, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion.

Yeas: Klemm and Endress (2)

Nays: Bush, O'Neill, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, and Corbin (6)

Motion failed by a vote of 2-6 and the resolution was not adopted.

OTHER

Finance

Finance Director Craig Joesten was present at the meeting and had nothing further to provide.

Public Works

Public Works Director Tom Dole reviewed flood damage summary for the pick-up of curbside items for the dates of August 2 through August 13, 2010. This summary included the staffing hours and number of loads and tons for the Public Works Department in the amount of 280 hours, IDOT workers in the amount of 240 hours and the Water and Sewer Department in the amount of 72 hours. All together a total of 262 loads were picked up amounting to 244.57 tons which covered every street in the City of Freeport. The estimated cost at \$60 per ton is \$14,674.20.

Public Works Director Tom Dole provided a status of the hangar leases and tenant payments at Albertus Airport. There are many tenants who have not signed the new leases. Others have submitted the lease but made changes to the lease, did not have the proper insurance, or submitted the wrong payment. There are 13 or 55 leases complete and in the books. 10 hangars are empty. There are 39 missing the correct lease. Mayor Gaulrapp stated he will be meeting with the pilot's association to find out why they haven't signed their lease. Discussion was held that the City can't continue without leases. It was asked to have the Airport Commission chairperson attend the next council meeting.

Library

Library Director Carole Dickerson provided a summary of play-a-ways available to provide another form of books available at the library.

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City Engineer

City Engineer Denise Ihrig had nothing further to provide.

Police

Deputy Chief Jeff Davis presented the bids for Body-Worn Cameras and requested approval of the recommendation by the Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore. Taking into consideration the committee recommendations Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore recommended the purchase of the Vie Vu system from Jansen Electronics at a total cost of \$23,498.50. This will leave a remaining amount of \$3,701.50 from the grant that will be used to purchase a hardware and software for a storage/archive system.

	EHS	Digital Ally	Jansen Electronics	Taser	WatchGuard	VieVu
Unit Price	\$700.00	\$995.00	\$899.95	\$1,699.95	\$815.00	\$899.95
I Year Warranty each unit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$140.00
Total Per Unit	\$700.00	\$995.00	\$899.95	\$1,699.95	\$955.00	\$1,039.95
Server Software	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,999.95	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
price for 25	\$17,500.00	\$24,875.00	\$22,498.75	\$42,498.75	\$23,875.00	\$25,998.75
shipping	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$65.00
Total cost for 25 units	\$17,750.00	\$24,875.00	\$22,498.75	\$42,498.75	\$24,125.00	\$26,063.75
car kit ea	N/A	N/A	\$39.99		\$39.95	\$39.99
25 car kits			\$999.75		\$999.75	\$999.75
<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>\$17,750.00</u>	<u>\$24,875.00</u>	<u>\$23,498.50</u>	<u>\$42,498.75</u>	<u>\$25,124.75</u>	<u>\$27,063.50</u>

Alderman Klemm moved to approve the bid by Jansen Electronics recommended by the police department due to design and ease of use by the officers. The motion was seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken to accept the bid.

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

Nays: None

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman presented bids received from three vendors for 35 fire helmets. Their results of the quotes were 1) WS Darley provided the lowest quote of \$4,635.25 2) US Safety provided a quote of \$5,365.00 3) Jefferson Fire and Safety provided a quote of \$4,798.00. These safety helmets will be paid through a grant by the Illinois State Fire Marshal. Alderman Klemm motioned to moved forward the low bidder from WS Darley, seconded by Alderman Endress.

A roll call vote was taken to accept the bid.

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

Nays: None

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman stated that the bids for fire hose and hose repair equipment will be forthcoming at a future next meeting.

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Chief Countryman stated that as of Friday evening, August 13, 2010 they were back in the Fire Station #3 after the flood. Conditions are not ideal but it is safe to be in the building with minimal cost. There was a cost of \$16,000 for flood remediation to clean the drywall and sanitize the building so it could be occupied again. The firefighters donated items and worked to get it back into shape with minimal cost from the general fund.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gaulrapp thanked the staff at city hall, the public safety personnel and public works for their dedication during the flood. He also thanked Steve Holbert and Terry Groves of the Stephenson County Emergency Management Team for their leadership. The staff has been in contact with FEMA and is hopeful their assistance will come through. Mayor Gaulrapp thanked the aldermen for their participation in the furniture drive for flood victims. Alderman Boldt provided information on the furniture which will be distributed on August 20 and 21. He stated that there were 760-770 items and volunteers are requested to pass out items to those who completed a flood damage assessment form.

NEW BUSINESS

Each council member was provided the opportunity to publicly address significant items of interest. Alderman Klemm thanked the auxiliary police for their assistance with furniture drive. Alderman Endress thanked the workers for the clean-up around the City. Alderman O'Neill spoke about the timeline for the upcoming election which is on the website. Alderman O'Neill stated she will not be running in the upcoming election for Ward 7. Alderman Boldt spoke about a notice to close the local Comcast office and thanked the Mayor for his assistance in keeping this office open. Alderman Boldt requested the speed wagon on Mesa Drive. Alderman Corbin voiced his concerns about the trash on the curbs and it was referred to a staff meeting. Alderman Corbin thanked Alderman Boldt for his work and efforts for the furniture drive. Alderman Corbin stated that he thought the council was not provided enough information as to why the City has tried to block the question on the ballot for City Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Karen Lowery, Freeport spoke about the abandoned property at 51 S. Louis. Ms. Lowery spoke about the weeds, grass and brush. She spoke about a meeting with the nuisance inspector and Mayor. Ms. Lowery stated her dissatisfaction with the clean-up of the property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION)

The following was read into the record by the City Clerk as to the exceptions for the Executive Session:

- 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;
- Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 (c) (5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and
- Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 (c) (11) Litigation, when the action against, affecting or on behalf of the public body has been filed and is pending before court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting

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At 7:30 pm, Alderman Endress moved to enter executive (closed) session, seconded by Alderman O'Neill. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

At 8:02 pm, Alderman O'Neill moved to return from executive (closed) session, seconded by Alderman Helms. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Teich, Freeport, spoke about the new restaurant that opened by the name of "G's Chicken" and recommended its support.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

s/ Meg Zuravel

Meg Zuravel, City Clerk