



City Council

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, September 20, 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, September 20, 2010, in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mayor George Gaulrapp and council members Klemm, Bush, Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine and Corbin (7). Alderman O'Neill was absent. Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Endress.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A proclamation was added and Item #14, a resolution, was removed to amend the agenda. Alderman Endress moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Alderman DeVine. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman DeVine moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on September 1, 2010, seconded by Alderman Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Alderman Endress moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 7, 2010, seconded by Alderman Klemm. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A proclamation was read to encourage Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to move toward to the Rockford Region and to communicate this area's support.

A proclamation was read regarding Nomadds Day on Friday, October 1, 2010.

A proclamation was read regarding Child Passenger Safety Week for September 19 through September 25, 2010.

A presentation was given by the Freeport Police Department commending "Do the Right Thing" participants.

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A presentation was given by board member Mark Winter as an update on Northwest Illinois Development Alliance (NIDA).

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented:

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
 - 1) Freeport Police Department Report on Activities August 2010
- B. Resolution # R-2010-62: Resolution to Request Temporary Closure of Street Aquin Catholic High School Homecoming Parade (*event to be held Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 5:00 pm*)
- C. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (#448) ---- \$228,694.50
- D. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending September 13, 2010 ---- \$406,700.74
- E. Approval of Finance Department Bills Payable (# 447, 449, 450, 451) ---- \$380,408.03

Alderman Helms requested to have item E removed for discussion purposes, seconded by Alderman Klemm.

Alderman Helms moved to approve the items on the consent agenda except item E, Finance Department Bills Payable (Registers #447, 449, 450, and 451), seconded by Alderman Klemm. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

Discussion was held regarding register 449, two charges from US Bank and Kelley Williamson due to late payments on the part of the Finance Department. Alderman Boldt moved to approve Consent Agenda item E Finance Department Bills Payable (Registers #447, 449, 450 and 451), seconded by Alderman Helms. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

APPOINTMENTS:

Alderman Endress moved to approve the appointment of Errol Newark as a representative of the City of Freeport to the Neighborhood Housing Services Board effective immediately replacing Alderman Jennie DeVine, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

ORDINANCES - THIRD READING

3RD 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*)

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The first reading of this ordinance was held on August 16, 2010. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Endress. The second reading was held on September 7, 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: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

Ordinance 2010-47 was adopted.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING
(There are no items for second reading this evening)

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION)

The following was read into the record by Accountant Duane Price as to the exceptions for the Executive Session:

- Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 (c) (2) Collective negotiation 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

At 6:32 pm, Alderman Klemm moved to enter executive (closed) session, seconded by Alderman Helms. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

At 6:57 pm, Alderman Klemm moved to return from executive (closed) session, seconded by Alderman Endress. The motion was approve by roll call vote.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-48:

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

Public Works Director Tom Dole presented the ordinance by stating that a request had been received to review the parking in the area of Park Boulevard and Highland Drive because of an obstructed view from the intersection due to parking in the area. The amendment adds no parking on the west side of Park Boulevard from Highland Drive to 60 feet north. Alderman Helms moved to approve the ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-49:

Special Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport Illinois; Type of Relief: Amendment of Zoning Ordinance from B1-1 (Restricted Retail Business) to B2-1

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(Limited Service Business); Owner or Applicant: Fox Hollow, LLC; Address/Description: Lot 14 (Tax ID 18-18-01-278-007); Lot 13 (Tax ID 18-18-01-278-001); and Part of Lot North of Lot 13 (Tax ID 18-18-01-278-005) in Green Gables Subdivision

Mayor Gaulrapp stated that the public hearing was held on September 9, 2010. The Freeport Planning Commission unanimously (5-0) recommended this zoning amendment to council and there were no written objectors filed in protest. Therefore the city council may take final action this evening. This ordinance was presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stating the property has been requested to be rezoned for the purpose of future use by a retail auto parts store. Upon no further discussion, Alderman Helms moved to approve the ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderman Klemm. A roll call vote was taken to approve the ordinance.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

Ordinance 2010-49 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2010-53:

Resolution to Adopt City of Freeport Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

This resolution was presented to council on July 19, 2010 and it was laid over to the meeting on August 2, 2010. At the August 2, 2010, meeting, the council voted to layover the resolution to the second meeting in September. Upon the presentation by Finance Director Craig Joesten and no further discussion, Alderman Helms moved to layover the resolution to the second meeting in October, seconded by Alderman Klemm. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2010-53 was laid over to the second meeting in October.

RESOLUTION #R-2010-63:

Resolution to Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local No. 441

The resolution that states the City's bargaining team has negotiated in good faith a one-year collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local No. 441 which freeze their wages to May 1, 2009 amount. Upon no further discussion, Alderman Boldt moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman DeVine. A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2010-63 was adopted.

RESOLUTION # R-2010-64:

Resolution to Renew Agreement with Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Finance Director Craig Joesten presented the resolution for the agreement with the Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau authorizing funding for such efforts and extending the term for another two year period. Alderman Klemm moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm and Bush (7)

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Nays: None
Resolution #R-2010-64 was adopted.

RESOLUTION # R-2010-66:

Resolution to Authorize Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Neighborhood Housing Services of Freeport, NFP

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the resolution which states the City is a recipient of an Illinois Housing Development Authority Homebuyer Assistance Grant which is designed to assist individuals and families of moderate income with down-payment and rehabilitation services assistance. This agreement is a memorandum of understanding with NHS to intake services for the City. Alderman Klemm moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Alderman Boldt. A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2010-66 was adopted.

OTHER

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Finance

Finance Director Craig Joesten provided an overview of the Financial Results for Three Months Ending July 31, 2010.

Public Works

Public Works Director Tom Dole presented the bid tabulation summary for bids received on September 16, 2010, for the City of Freeport – Stephenson Street Streetscaping project. The bid tabulation showed bids received from Stenstrom Excavation, Rockford IL in the amount of \$267,596.45, Civil Constructors, Freeport IL in the amount of \$274,461.88, and Fischer Excavating, Inc., Freeport, IL in the amount of \$289,618.26. Alderman Helms moved to accept the of bid from Stenstrom Excavation in the amount of \$267,596.45 for the Stephenson Street Streetscape Project, seconded by Alderman Klemm. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion.

Yeas: Endress, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Corbin, Klemm and Bush (7)

Nays: None

Fire

The council packets included a memorandum from Fire Chief Kevin Countryman showing a breakdown of costs and expenses due to the flooding damage incurred by Fire Station #3. The report included the amount of funds received through insurance for the vehicle in the amount of \$2,725.00 and for the building in the amount of \$36,793.61. The repair damage for the building, generator, washer/extractor, exercise equipment, communications equipment and vehicle was estimated at \$75,000. The City of Freeport has been approved for Public Assistance declaration which will provide assistance to local governments for the repair and replacement of flood damaged facilities. Fire Chief Kevin Countryman has been advised that amounts the City is unable to recoup from insurance will be reimbursed by FEMA for a minimum of 75% of those uncovered costs. Fire Chief Kevin Countryman also provided in the report a recommendation for the City to purchase flood insurance through FEMA's program to insure the

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building for \$200,000 and the contents for \$100,000 for a cost of \$1,180.00 on an annual basis with a \$1,000 deductible building and contents.

Alderman Bush moved to authorize repair of Fire Station #3, seconded by Alderman DeVine. Alderman Bush amended the motion to authorize repair of Fire Station #3 and to require obtaining flood insurance for the property, seconded by Alderman DeVine. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion.

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

Nays: Helms (1)

The motion was approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gaulrapp thanked the Fire Union for good faith negotiating and cooperation during these tough economic times.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Alderman Corbin stated he will not run to maintain his seat as Alderman At-Large in the 2011 election.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Teich spoke about a new restaurant and encouraged its support.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

s/ Meg Zuravel

Meg Zuravel, City Clerk