



City Council

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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, October 4, 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, October 4, 2010, in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call were Mayor George Gaulrapp and council members Klemm, Bush, Endress, Boldt, DeVine and Corbin (6). Alderman O'Neill and Alderman Helms were absent (*see page 3, Alderman Helms entered 6:06 pm*). Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin was present.

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 Klemm. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Corbin moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 20, 2010, seconded by Alderman DeVine. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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 Fire Department Report on Activities August 2010
- B. Resolution #R-2010-67: Resolution to Establish Loading Zone for Persons with Disabilities (1266 W. Palmer)
- C. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (#453, 454, and 455) ---- \$166,898.10
- D. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending September 25, 2010 ---- \$405,443.28
- E. Approval of Finance Department Bills Payable (#452, 456, 457) ---- \$250,042.18

Alderman Boldt moved to approve the items on the consent agenda items, seconded by Alderman Klemm. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

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The Consent Agenda items were approved.

ORDINANCES - THIRD READING

There were no items on council agenda for third reading.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

2ND 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

The first reading of this ordinance was held on September 20, 2010. A motion to adopt was given by Alderman Helms, seconded by Alderman Klemm. Upon the second reading and no discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

There were no items on council agenda for second reading.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2010-68:

Resolution Appropriating Further Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Illinois Department of Transportation Project to Enhance IL Route 75 (Stephenson Street) Between Sheridan and Mary Avenue (MFT Sec. 09-00138-01-LS)

City Engineer Denise Ihrig presented the resolution which states that the City Council by Resolution R-2010-54 approved utilizing MFT funds for an Illinois Department of Transportation project to enhance Illinois Route 75 (Stephenson Street) between Sheridan and Mary Avenue in a total amount of \$52,500, specifically \$48,000 for construction plus \$4,500 for construction engineering. The improvements to Stephenson Street will be the sidewalk area, curb-line, and a section of the parking lane (not the full parking lane). This was the project from the Year 2000 ITEP program.

The lowest responsible construction bid received by IDOT was in the amount of \$332,423.65 which was \$92,423.65 greater than the engineer's estimate for construction. Originally the City was looking at a \$260,000 project. The project is being funded by the YR-2000 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program with an IDOT available funding cap of \$210,000. In order to complete the project, the City would need to increase the amount of local share above 20%, to cover the actual construction costs of \$332,423.65 to a local match of \$122,423.65. The City was able to reduce the construction engineering estimated costs by conducting most of the \$22,500 of work in-house, with the exception of IDOT required materials testing.

The City of Freeport has been notified that it will receive additional MFT funds from IDOT in the amount of \$114,843.00 as part of the Capital Investment in Local Transportation bill. The total amount of MFT funds required to complete this project is \$130,423.65 of which the City previously appropriated \$52,500.00 by Resolution R-2010-54 and leaving an amount of \$77,923.65 that remains to be appropriated. This money will come from the \$114,843.00 that the City was notified it will receive through the Governor's Office at the IML conference. There is a contractor that is waiting for word from

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IDOT to proceed. Upon no further discussion, Alderman Bush moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Klemm. A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2010-68 was adopted.

At 6:06 pm, Alderman Helms entered council chambers bringing the number of alderpersons present to seven (7).

RESOLUTION #R-2010-69:

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Emergency Public Infrastructure Grant – Cottonwood Drainage Basin

City Engineer Denise Ihrig presented the resolution stating the earlier this year the City experienced a failure to the sanitary sewer at Tutty's Crossing and as part of coming up with funding for alternatives for a better solution than to making repairs to a sanitary sewer the commission requested a \$100,000 public facility set-aside grant. This was approved at a special meeting in May. The resolution before you is to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP). The \$100,000 has a zero match. This money will be used for the Cottonwood drainage basin sanitary sewer improvements.

Upon no further discussion, Alderman Endress moved to approve the Resolution 2010-69 as presented, seconded by Alderman Klemm. A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2010-69 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2010-70:

Resolution Authorizing Submittal of United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Assessment Grant (Hazardous Substances) Application

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated that this grant application will help the City continue to our work accessing environmental contaminated or potentially contaminated sites. We have a number of sites that have been identified within the Rawleigh Corridor and the eastside of Freeport and additionally will do some city-wide planning to prioritize some areas not contained in this area. This is a \$200,000 grant with no match by the City. Upon no further discussion, Alderman Bush 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, and Endress (7)

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2010-70 was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2010-71:

A Resolution Authorizing Application to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for 2011 HOME Homebuyer Assistance Grant Program

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the resolution by stating this is an application for \$210,000 for homebuyer acquisition and rehabilitation. This grant will allow us to help

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five-six families to purchase, rehab homes, and bring them up to code. There is no local match for the grant. Upon no further discussion, Alderman Klemm motioned to move forward the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderman Corbin. A roll call vote was taken to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2010-71 was adopted.

OTHER

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Community Development

- Request for approval of bid for Freeport Municipal Landfill No. 4 – Gravel Access Road Repairs

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the bid tabulation summary for bids received on September 22, 2010, for the City of Freeport Landfill No. 4 – Gravel Access Road Repairs. Director Griswold stated that the road at Landfill #4 is a private access road that goes all the way up the hill, then across top of the hill and then down the other side. The biggest enemy has been erosion and because this, we have received notices by the EPA. The City needs to make repairs to this access road. The proposal includes installing on the road a 4" Geoweb then filling it with aggregate material to help keep it from eroding. Director Griswold provided a bid tabulation spreadsheet which showed bids received from Northern Illinois Services of Rockford, IL in the amount of \$37,620.00, Civil Constructors of Freeport, IL in the amount of \$45,856.00, and Stenstrom Excavating and Blacktop, Rockford, IL in the amount of \$53,096.00. Director Griswold recommended acceptance of the bid from Northern Illinois Service in the amount of \$37,620.00 as the low bidder. Director Griswold stated that this will be paid from the Landfill Closure Fund. There may be a shortfall in the Landfill Closure Expense Funds and the Lamm Road TIFF funds may be used to cover this expense. Alderman Klemm moved to accept her recommendation, seconded by Alderman Endress. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion.

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

Nays: None

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold provided two updates on upcoming meetings. The first is that there is a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting this Thursday for the garage variance sent back to the commission. The second is a Flood Mitigation Community Meeting will be held at the Freeport Public Library on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be held to discuss flood mitigation and flood insurance and will bring together interested parties throughout the City, County, Illinois Emergency Management Team, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Discussion will be held regarding options for flood mitigation. Letters with information about the meeting will be mailed by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold to flood victims this week. The meeting will be posted so that council may attend.

Finance

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated that several years ago the City moved the administration of employee 456 account from MFS Investment Management to Securities Management. A few people remained in the MFS fund. In order to move these funds out of MFS, the City will need to sign a release

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form as a plan sponsor. Finance Director Craig Joesten stated that this is an informational item to council that he will need to sign this release form so that this person may transfer funds from the MFS fund.

Public Works

Public Works Director Tom Dole stated that the leaf pick-up program will begin October 18, 2010. This is the second year in the three year agreement with Kampen farm for the leaves. The work on Fire Station #3 began last Wednesday and is moving along. Pot holes are currently being filled through the next two weeks.

Water and Sewer/City Engineer

City Engineer Denise Ihrig stated that she will attend a Rain Garden meeting on October 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension Office. Tutty's Crossing Phase I pre-construction meeting will be held on October 5, 2010 and they are looking to get started to open cut the week of October 18. Traffic control and road closure information will be sent to the public with approval from IDOT. There will be a two to three week period when Stephenson Street will be closed. Local businesses have been notified through the mail and by meetings. City Engineer Denise Ihrig stated she misspoke earlier this evening that the site at Tutty's Crossing is not hazardous it is lead contaminated special soils.

Police

Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore stated he had no further report.

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman stated the Fire Station #3 work has progressed and they are working to get it insulated in the exterior walls and the ceiling done so that when the heating and ventilation equipment starts up it can help to keep it warmer.

Flood insurance was obtained and will go into effect on November 3, 2010. This is a \$250,000 policy on the building and \$100,000 on the interior with \$1,000 deductible and the annual premium is \$1,279.00 through a local insurance agent. This policy is issued by the Federal Government. The Fire Department will meet with FEMA representatives to determine how much and if we are eligible for reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Alderman Boldt requested an update on the exposed gas pipe on Sioux Drive opening and Finance Director Craig Joesten stated that NICOR has been contacted to no avail and he has not received call back. NICOR went to the site and put out a stake to say there is a gas line there. Mayor George Gaulrapp stated that he will contact NICOR and see what remedy can be done.

Discussion was held regarding the problem of vehicles parking in front of homes on American Street which block the access from the homes to the streets. This area is elevated and the stairs are needed to gain access to the front of the house. Alderman Helms stated the issue is if there is a medical emergency and there are vehicles parked in front of the stairway, then there is no access for emergency responders to get to the sidewalk. Leave of council was requested to hear from John Pollock. Mr. Pollock lives on West American and stated that the State ordinance is very clear about not blocking driveways or

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sidewalks for public access. Mr. Pollock stated that in his block there are thirteen homes that do not have driveways and have only stairs as the access to the home. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that we will review the ordinance for parking.

Mayor Gaulrapp stated there is a Neighborhood Watch meeting for the 1st and 6th Wards on October 11, 2010 at the Schwarz Funeral Home on Park Boulevard if the public wishes to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Shawn Starry spoke about a book that he wrote featuring Freeport and Krape Park in the story line about paying it forward.
- Tom Teich spoke about the re-opening of Sav-A-Lot since the flood that occurred this summer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

s/ Meg Zuravel
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk