



## **City Council**

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

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### **MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING Tuesday February 22, 2011**

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*The special meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council for February 22, 2011 was called through personal notification to the Freeport City Council members and posting of the agenda at City Hall on February 17, 2011. The agenda was emailed to the media notice listing and posted on the City website on February 18, 2011 at 11:34 a.m. This meeting was televised on the cable news channel.*

#### **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 6:40 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, in Council Chambers.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call were council members Tom Klemm, Shawn Boldt, Ronnie Bush, Jennie DeVine, Dennis Endress, Scott Helms, Linda O'Neill and Randy Corbin (8). Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin was present.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Bush.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Alderperson Endress moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Alderperson Corbin. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

At 6:43 pm, Alderperson Boldt left council chambers.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

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

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION BY DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 SPENDING PLAN – COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Council members were asked to pair up and move to four different areas of council chambers (because of the absence of Alderperson Boldt, there were three sets of two alderpersons and one set with one alderperson). The department heads were then asked to rotate to the different areas on a fifteen minute intervals in order for each set of council members to hear and discuss the department budgets. This rotation lasted one hour and fifteen minutes with each council set spending time with;

- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Public Works Department

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- Community Development Department
- Mayor's Office, Finance Department, Corporation Counsel and City Clerk

Members of the public, media, and union representatives listened to budget discussions throughout council chambers. This discussion period lasted until 8:00 pm. Upon its completion, discussion was held regarding the format of the discussion. Members of the council stated their agreement with this format.

Mayor George Gaulrapp recognized the members of the City of Freeport union representatives in attendance at the meeting from the AFSCME, Fire and Police unions.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of holding a special meeting on Saturday, March 5, 2011 and keeping in mind that Alderperson Corbin would not be present and Alderperson Bush would need to leave early. Council provided input that this evening many of their questions regarding the budget were answered by the department heads. Mayor George Gaulrapp suggested that if the council agenda is relatively short in length for the meeting scheduled on March 7, 2011, then time could allocated for further discussion on the budget.

There was no final action or motions given by council on the budget at this meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

s/ Meg Zuravel  
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk