



City Council

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

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING Wednesday, April 6, 2011

The special meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council for April 6, 2011, was requested by the City Council during the regular meeting held on March 21, 2011 and approved by roll call vote. The purpose was to reschedule the April 4, 2011 regular meeting. Notification of council members through board packet delivery and posting of the agenda at City Hall was performed by the City Clerk on March 31, 2011. Media notification to the agenda notice listing and posting on the city website was completed on April 1, 2011. Members of the media were present at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order by Mayor George Gaulrapp with a quorum being present at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 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, and Linda O'Neill (7). Alderperson Randy Corbin was absent. Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance, an invocation was given by Pastor Lisa Fike. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson O'Neill.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderperson DeVine moved for approval of the minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on March 21, 2011, seconded by Alderperson O'Neill. A question was raised as to wording on page 6, under the Spending Plan and it will be reviewed further. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

PRESENTATION

Mayor George Gaulrapp stated the presentation for the music festival will be held at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented in the council packet for the Consent Agenda this evening;

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A. Approval to receive and place on file:

- 1) City Treasurer Monthly Investment Report for period ended February 28, 2011
- 2) City Treasurer Report of Cash and Fund Balances period ended February 28, 2011
- 3) Worker's Compensation Incident Report – January 2011
- 4) Worker's Compensation Incident Report – March 2011

B. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (Registers #531) --- \$86,841.61

C. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending March 26, 2011 --- \$402,029.68

D. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #528, 529, 530, 532) --- \$384,028.23

Aldersperson Endress moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented, seconded by Aldersperson O'Neill. Motion prevailed by roll call vote of:

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

Nays: none

The consent agenda items were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

Aldersperson Endress moved to place a memorandum on file from Finance Department dated March 30, 2011. The memorandum provided council information that the City has opened a new account with the Illinois Funds (IPTIP) which will be used to hold the funds necessary for the debt service payments for the \$425,000 loan taken out for the April 2010 payroll. The motion was seconded by Aldersperson DeVine. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

APPOINTMENTS

Aldersperson Klemm moved to accept an appointment of Jim Medendorp to the Water and Sewer Commission effective immediately through November 30, 2013, seconded by Aldersperson DeVine. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Aldersperson Klemm moved to accept an appointment of Cathy Drucker Basaraba to the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Mayor Gaulrapp encouraged the public who would be interested in serving on a commission or board should to call his office.

ORDINANCES –THIRD READING

(There were no items on council agenda for third readings)

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-14:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 806 – ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR SALES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, TO AMEND SECTION 806.01 (DEFINITIONS) AND SECTION 806.09 (PERSONS INELIGIBLE FOR LICENSES) REGARDING RESIDENT MANAGERS

Mayor Gaulrapp stated that the first reading of this ordinance was held on March 21, 2011. A motion to adopt was given by Aldersperson Endress, seconded by Aldersperson Helms and it was automatically laid

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over to tonight's meeting. Upon the second reading and no discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-15:

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 - MARCH 15, 2010 TO JANUARY 3, 2011

Mayor Gaulrapp stated that the first reading of this ordinance was held on March 21, 2011. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Boldt, seconded by Alderperson O'Neill and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the second reading and no discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-16:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADJUST THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Mayor Gaulrapp stated that the first reading of this ordinance was held on March 21, 2011. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Helms, seconded by Alderperson Klemm and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the second reading and no discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-17:

AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Mayor Gaulrapp stated that the first reading of this ordinance was held on March 21, 2011. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Klemm, seconded by Alderperson Endress and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. Upon the second reading and no discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

ORDINANCES –FIRST READING

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-18:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012, FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Finance Director Craig Joesten presented Ordinance 2011-18 by stating the city council has been provided a document for the Appropriation Ordinance and it the same is the document provided over the last month except for two changes; 1) an additional increase of \$200,000 over the previous year allocated for health care due to the quotation for the renewal for May 1, 2011 and 2) an increase of \$8,000 in the Building Department personnel cost due to the inclusion of the building inspector as a full time position versus the original contemplated two-part time positions. This full-time position is net saving of \$30,000 over previous years for one full time and one part time position. Finance Director Craig Joesten stated the Freeport Public Library appropriations are included in the document as well as the approved Water and Sewer Commission's appropriations.

Discussion was held regarding full-time positions, retirement of employees, and pension reform by the State of Illinois. The police retirement age have been increased to 55 years old and the salary is averaged

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over the career instead of the most recent three years. Discussion was held regarding the building inspector position with Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stating they had over 40 applicants and the one chosen is a journeyman plumber, has municipal inspection experience, and is a Nationally Certified Inspector with credentials well above the other applicants.

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated two cost elements come in when hiring a full-time employee the first being the employer portion of the pension and the second being the net health care costs that the City might incur since we are self-funded above the employee pays for premiums. The Building Inspector has been hired as a full time employee. The police and fire positions have not been hired.

Mayor Gaulrapp asked for leave of council for Alderperson Helms to be able to go through his list of questions. Discussion was held regarding the dollar amounts contained in the appropriations ordinance and the amounts in contingency for each of the departments. The commission contingency amount was increased for testing of the police and fire applicants, if necessary. Discussion was held regarding what raises, if any, were included in the appropriation ordinance. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that over the last four years there have not been raises for the non-bargaining employees and last year they took a 6% decrease and we are waiting to see how negotiations proceed. It has been built into the contingency a 3% increase over last year, pending negotiations with the unions. Any raises would need to be approved by council, except for Mayor, Treasurer and City Clerk who have been provided through an ordinance. In case there is turn-over an amount has been added to the contingency for earned vacation or if a raise is necessary due to union negotiations. Contingency is in case something happens that you were not planning on and raises could be one of those things.

Alderperson Helms requested projected economic impact for improving Pecatonica Prairie Path and Director Griswold stated she can provide return on investment dollars into the community. The City of Freeport, Stephenson County, and Freeport Park District are jointly responsible with for the upkeep of the Stephenson County portion of the Pecatonica Prairie Path. The City of Freeport, Freeport Park District, Stephenson County, and Village of Orangeville are jointly responsible for the upkeep of the Jane Addams Trail. In the three year budget, \$1,000 per agency is expected for upkeep and maintenance.

An amount of \$417,000 for the payroll that was borrowed is not in the budget because we are setting aside from one bank account to another it is not an expense. It is still in the general fund. The only thing that is appropriated for is the debt service payment that we have to make during the year. There will be a segregation of funds to accommodate the next two debt service payments plus the balloon at three years. On page 13 of the budget, there is comment section in the budget on how much debt service is paid on every loan.

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated that for Water and Sewer budget there is longevity raises and there are some contingency dollars depending on the outcome of union negotiations. There are no increases budgeted in the spending plan, there are raises included in the contingency dependent on union negotiations plus longevity.

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Discussion was held stating that if we had to pay every contingency, we would have a \$1.7 million dollar deficit. It was requested to let the council know where administration will go with the contingency and union negotiations and what we will do if we are looking at a deficit.

There is a line item for additional cell phones in Community Development because the grant coordinator and director were using their personal phones.

The Street Crimes Grant staffing grant was an original three year grant and we are in the completing the first year, so there are two years left.

Sidewalk program was discussed and it was suggested by Alderperson Boldt to move the purchase of a skid-loader at the Airport as a capital equipment fund purchase and use those funds for the sidewalk program in 2011. Currently, the Public Works department assists with the tear out a sidewalk.

Upon no further questions for the Finance Department, Mayor Gaulrapp asked if there are any motions to place this ordinance on the floor. Alderperson Boldt moved the adoption of Ordinance 2011-18, seconded by Alderperson Helms. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-19:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 290 (COMPENSATION) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT – ACCOUNTING CLERK, PAYROLL A/P CLERK AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Finance Director Craig Joesten presented the ordinance by stating that currently the Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk will retire soon. Instead of hiring a replacement for the full-time position, the Finance Department is recommending that the duties of the payroll processing be transferred to the Human Resource Manager position. Taking on these new job duties by the HR Manager will not affect the grade of the position. The Human Resource Manager position has been performing duties as the Deputy City Clerk. The duties of the Deputy City Clerk will be transferred from the HR Manager to the Mayor's Administrative Assistance, again with no position grade change or compensation. The Payroll/AP position as a full-time will become an Accounting Clerk to process accounts payable on a part-time basis. The estimated annual cost savings is \$17,000 to \$20,000. It is not known at this time how many hours the part-time person will be needed, so the current retiring employee, has been asked to consider working part-time processing the accounts payable.

Finance Director Craig Joesten reminded council by adopting these recommendations that the auditors comment on the segregation of duties and internal controls will not improve. In fact, there will be less people to segregate duties. This is a function of size. The administration does not consider this to be problematic, more than what we have currently due to the number of employees and their functions.

Alderperson Helms motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Alderperson Klemm. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

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1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-20:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1420 (INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE) TO AMEND THE TITLE, UPDATE VERSION, AND AMEND NUMBER OF COPIES ON FILE

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance recommended by the Building Commission along with the other nine ordinances on council agenda. The Building Commission still needs to review the fee structure for permits and licensing and the code for commercial and industrial sprinkler fire prevention systems.

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance by stating that the title under Section 1420.01 has been amended to refer to the 2009 issue of the International Building Code. One copy will be kept on file in the Community Development office for public use, inspection and examination. Copies of this document cost \$1,000 each so by not keeping multiple sets, it is a cost savings to the City. Alderperson Klemm motioned to move forward the Ordinance 2011-20 for approval, seconded by Alderperson Helms. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-21:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1422 (ILLINOIS PLUMBING CODE) TO UPDATE VERSION, AMEND NUMBER OF COPIES ON FILE, AND AMEND LANGUAGE REGARDING REGISTRATION OF PLUMBING CONTRACTORS

Director Griswold stated that the title under Section 1422.01 regarding the Illinois Plumbing Code has been amended to refer to the 2004 edition to bring it up-to-date from reference to the 1998 and 2000 editions. One copy of the code will be kept on file in the Community Development office for public use, inspection and examination. An amendment to Section 1422.10 entitled "Registration of Plumbing Contractors, Fees, Display of License, Liability Insurance was amended to require minimum general liability limits of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. The license applicant shall provide the Building Commissioner with evidence of obtaining insurance prior to registration. Alderperson Klemm motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Alderperson Endress. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-22:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1424 (NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE) TO UPDATE VERSION, AMEND NUMBER OF COPIES ON FILE, AND AMEND LANGUAGE REGARDING LICENSURE OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance by stating that the title under Section 1424.01 regarding the National Electric Code has been amended to refer to the 2011 edition to bring it up-to-date from 2002 edition. One copy of code will be kept on file in the Community Development office for public use, inspection and examination. An amendment was made to Section 1429.09 to bring the initial annual license fee for a supervising electrician to the current amount of \$294 with a renewal fee of \$147. Section 1424.09 was amended to require minimum general liability limits of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. Wording was added to clarify that the applicant for a Registered Supervising Electrician License must pass an examination administered by the Building Commissioner as a condition of licensure. Alderperson

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Klemm motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Alderperson Endress. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-23:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 14 – BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE, TITLE TWO – BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT ILLINOIS TO ADD CHAPTER 1425, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance by stating that this ordinance adopts Chapter 1425 the International Energy Conservation Code (2009) to follow state regulations. The ordinance includes wording so that no person shall erect, use, occupy or maintain any building or structure in violation of any of the provisions of the International Energy Conservation Code as adopted in Section 1425.01, or cause, permit, or suffer any such violation to be committed. It is the responsibility of the offender to abate the violation as expeditiously as possible and each day during which such violation is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense. A permit is required for the construction, installation, extension or alteration of a fuel gas system or gas-fired appliances and licenses are required when the International Energy Conservation Code applies. Alderperson Klemm motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Alderperson Endress. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-24:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1426 (INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE) TO UPDATE VERSION, AMEND NUMBER OF COPIES ON FILE, AND AMEND LICENSURE FEES

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance by stating that Section 1426.01 amends the version to 2009 International Mechanical Code. One copy of code will be kept on file in the Community Development office for public use, inspection and examination. An amendment was made to Section 1426 to update the fee amount to bring it current to \$294 with a renewal fee of \$147. Alderperson Klemm motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Alderperson Endress. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-25:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 14 – BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE, TITLE TWO – BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS TO ADD CHAPTER 1427, INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance by stating adopts Chapter 1427 International Fuel Gas Code which the Community Development Department uses currently. One copy of code will be kept on file in the Community Development office for public use, inspection and examination. Alderperson Endress motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Alderperson DeVine. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-26:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1442 (PERMITS AND FEES) TO AMEND LANGUAGE REGARDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND REFERENCES TO STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance by stating that Section

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1442.04 amends the qualifications of applicant to provide a reference Section 1442.22 and requires them to qualify under both sections. Under Section 2 for the duration of permits, your permit is good for a year unless you are granted additional time. The Building Commission recommended stating that building permits not be free to Not-For-Profit Organizations. If there is an emergency, the contractor may do the work but then they will still need to apply for the permit by the next business day.

Minor repairs has been defined to state, “No permit shall be required for minor repairs or alterations which do not involve structural changes, installation of new units or connections and which do not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) as the price charged to the owner. This subsection shall not apply to Chapters 1422, 1424, and 1426.” Currently a building permit is required on work exceeding \$100. For electrical, plumbing and HVAC work requires permits and need to be inspected.

In Section 4 of the ordinance, reference was changed to refer to the Storm Water Code 1050. In section 5, the current amounts of the license fees are reflected.

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated that in Section 5, it should refer to 1442.13 entitled “Renewal of License Fee and the chapter reference should be 1442 and will be corrected for the next reading.

Aldersperson Klemm motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-27:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1446 (LICENSING OF COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS) TO AMEND LANGUAGE REGARDING ISSUANCE OF LICENSES

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated that under the definition of commercial contractor that a painting contractor is excluded but only in rental property owned by said person but the painting contractor is not permitted. In section 2 it changes the licensing date from May 31 to December 31 to follow the plumbing license timing and it helps the work load of the department. There was old language allowing for a type of contractor license to not carry insurance and the Building Commission recommended removing this reference in 1446.09. Aldersperson Klemm motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-28:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1480 (INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE) TO AMEND LANGUAGE REGARDING EDITION OF CODE AND NUMBER OF FILE COPIES

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated that the edition has been changed for the International Property Maintenance Code from 2000 to 2009 and that one file copy will be kept by the department for public use, inspection and examination.. Aldersperson Klemm motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

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1ST READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-29:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1482 (INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE) TO AMEND LANGUAGE REGARDING EDITION OF CODE, NUMBER OF FILE COPIES, AND INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated that the edition has been changed for the International Residential Code from 2003 to 2009 and that one file copy will be kept by the department for public use, inspection and examination.. In the 2009 International Residential Code there was a significant change stating that one and two family dwellings constructed must have automatic fire systems. The City of Rockford recommended delaying until 2015. The Building Commission recommended specifically not adopting that paragraph. Mayor Gaulrapp stated administration recommends delaying it until to delay to 2015. Fire Chief Kevin Countryman recommends delay one to two years but does not agree with removing the statement.

Aldersperson Klemm motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated that what you are seeing in the ordinance as written was the recommendation of the Building Commission. However the recommendation of the Fire Chief and the administration is different. It was requested to draft an amendment for the second reading for the delay for one to two year or delay for four years.

Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2011-19:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PECATONICA PRAIRIE PATH COMMISSION JULY 1-JUNE 30, 2011-12; 2012-13; AND 2013-14 THREE-YEAR OPERATING BUDGET

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated this is a rolling three year budget to perform the maintenance on the Pecatonica Prairie Path. Aldersperson Helms moved to layover the resolution to the next meeting, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. Motion prevailed by roll call vote of:

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

Nays: none

Resolution #R-2011-19 was laid over.

RESOLUTION #R-2011-20:

RESOLUTION FOR THE MAY 1, 2011 CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT'S HEALTHCARE COVERAGE (SELF-FUNDED NIHP)

Finance Director Craig Joesten presented the resolution stating that the City is self-funded and this incorporates the provisions that are mandated by the Federal healthcare changes. All other provisions remain the same. A document was provided to list the changes and a chart to display the stop loss coverage amounts, the annual stop loss premium and the maximum total plan cost in the amount of \$3,349,674. It was recommended by the administration to go forth with Zurich for the renewal. The resolution states that City healthcare plan remain self-funded and that the City renew its contract with the Northern Illinois Health Plan for its TPA administration and Zurich American Insurance Company as our reinsurance carrier on a 24/12 specific \$90,000.00 contract basis, with a \$60,000.00 aggregating specific

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and 12/12 aggregate contract basis with a \$ 2,997,592.00 attachment point to contain its healthcare costs and a total possible exposure of \$3,349,674.00 through April 30, 2012, with vision and dental coverage for the employees up to an annual amount of \$45,000 to be continued. This is an 11.5% increase in the attachment cost.

Aldersperson Klemm moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. Motion prevailed by roll call vote of:
Yeas: O'Neill, Boldt, Helms, DeVine, Klemm, Bush and Endress (7)
Nays: none
Resolution 2011-20 was adopted.

OTHER

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Finance

Finance Director Craig Joesten stated the Water and Sewer Department will now be accepting credit card payments. This is an internet based payment method through computers and the State Treasurer.

Public Works

Public Works Director Tom Dole had no report this evening.

Library

Freeport Public Library Director Carole Dickerson was present and had no report.

Water and Sewer/City Engineer

City Engineer Denise Ihrig presented an update on the construction on Stephenson at Sheridan and Mary.

Police

Deputy Chief of Police Jeff Davis was presented and had no further report.

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman stated the Fire Department recommendation on residential sprinkler systems to be reviewed again in two to three years.

Community Development

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold provided multiple documents for council explaining the Jane Addams Trail project financial commitment. Director Griswold stated that the Building Commission is not looking to make specific changes to the commercial sprinkler ordinance, they want to review it. They have asked the Fire Chief Kevin Countryman and the Fire Inspector to attend the meeting.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gaulrapp stated his disappointment in Comcast's announcement to close the payment office in Freeport. The City will be following up by reviewing the contract to see if there is something the administration can do to rectify the closing. Mayor Gaulrapp provided thanks to Director Joesten and City Engineer Denise Ihrig for moving forward on the water pressure problem in Freeport. Mayor Gaulrapp stated he will be meeting with Vision 20/20 on Monday to talk about reaffirmation of the vision for Freeport, Illinois. He is recommending town meetings in the near future with the hopes of bringing positive viewpoints to the table. This has been a trying time for the City and we have spent a lot of time crafting a budget where we can bring back our reserves to what they should be at \$1.1 million at the end of this fiscal year. This will take everyone working together and the key will be a positive message.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Gaulrapp stated at this time, each council member will be provided the opportunity to make public announcements but there will be no discussion or deliberation on the items. Alderperson Helms requested to have ready for the next meeting an update on the Freeport Raceway, workers compensation prevention programs, winter parking amendment ideas, and research on charges for assist calls by the Fire Department. Alderperson Klemm encouraged candidates for council to continue to stay involved and participate on committees. Alderperson Bush stated he had received a request to have a street sign placed at Boggess Street since the sign was there before and is missing. He has also received a request for a stop sign at Iroquois and Kenwood.

Mayor Gaulrapp stated that the Kiwanis Kids program has a project at Lincoln Douglas School and students were provided the opportunity to be "Mayor-for-the Day". Three recipients were chosen from essays written and they will spend time in City Hall and then assist with the next council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Steve Carroll, 811 S. Oak, Freeport, Illinois provided information on 432 S. Liberty owned by Eleanor Corrigan and stated that she owes the City \$9,641, a combination of unpaid fines and demolition costs. The property at 427 S. Liberty is owned by Christopher Boland of 336 Lorraine Drive, Freeport, Illinois and he owes the City \$12,359, a combination of unpaid fines and demolition costs. Nothing has been paid on either of these properties. The taxes have not been paid in three years. This is not solely a 3rd Ward issue. It is time to publically call out these individuals who owe the City these large amounts of money and it is up to the council members to speak out against them.
- Tom Teich, 653 Jefferson Street, Freeport, Illinois asked about a vacant property. Mayor Gaulrapp stated that since this is a special meeting the administration will not provide a comment.
- Alex Dvorak 659 Jefferson Street, Freeport, Illinois would like to have sidewalks improved and provided suggestions for additional retail/food establishments that he wishes would come to Freeport.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

s/ Meg Zuravel
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk