



City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 524 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, August 4, 2014

Pastor Julie Bunt was recognized for an invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order in council chambers by Mayor James L. Gitz with a quorum being present at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Gitz and council members Tom Klemm, Shawn Boldt, Ronnie Bush, Dennis Endress, Sally Brashaw, and Andrew Crutchfield (6). Alderperson DeVine and Koester were absent (2). Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Brashaw.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gitz asked for leave of council to add a presentation to introduce a promotion in the Police Department. Alderperson Brashaw moved for approval of the agenda as amended, seconded by Alderperson Endress. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

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Alderperson Endress moved for approval of the July 21, 2014 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Alderperson Brashaw. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

There was no one signed on the sheet for public comments.

PRESENTATION

Chief of Police Todd Barkalow introduced Lieutenant Blake Klosa who was recently promoted and will be responsible for the telecommunications center and internal affairs of the Freeport Police Department. Lt. Klosa will also oversee the sex offender registration, grant coordination, and squad purchases. He was sworn in as an officer in 1989 and has worked as a patrolman, corporal, in the detective bureau and, most recently, worked as the administrative sergeant. Lt. Klosa thanked the hard working members of the Freeport Police Department that he has had the pleasure to work with over the years.

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Dave Young, Executive Director of Northwest Illinois Development Alliance (NIDA) provided an update on goals and objectives through July 2014. His written report was provided in the council packet. Mr. Young spoke about the recently announced layoffs at Titan Tire accounting for 48 jobs lost in Stephenson County. He stated recently spoke with Steve Strauss from Titan Tire who provided that there are 148 persons on the recall list at Titan Tire. He stated that layoffs are attributed to the global market and the downturn in the market due to a reduced amount of a purchase of new equipment. They are starting to produce items for secondary markets. He and the mayor spoke with them on how to acquire federal and state procurement contracts.

Mr. Young provided an update on the closing of MetLife in which there have been 238 persons laid off with the first beginning on August 15th. This was attributed to MetLife's goal of reducing their overhead costs by \$6 million by consolidating regional offices to main hubs in either St. Louis or North Carolina. NIDA has been working with the HR department in MetLife hoping to find alternative employment opportunities for the workers. One way they did that was through a recently conducted job fair held by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, Workforce Action, and Highland Community College. There were 44 companies present at the job fair. He provided an update on the MetLife building and stated that it has been packaged for resale along with eleven other MetLife properties. The building accounts for 170,000 square feet and is a combination of five buildings. He noted that the building would be suitable for multiple tenants. NIDA has met with a local broker and other real estate professionals from MetLife regarding the building to see how the sale progresses.

Mr. Young provided an update on interest in the Mill Race Crossing property for medical cannabis with cultivation center operators. He stated that only one license in District 16 will be issued and those interested in Mill Race Crossing are competing for a license with companies interested in property in Jo Daviess and Winnebago Counties. He stated that Stephenson County is the preferred county within State Police District 16. Mill Race Crossing is a competitive property for this business.

Mr. Young provided an update on a training program for high demand manufacturing jobs and a grant that had been received for this region titled Accelerated Training Illinois Manufacturers. They have 133 training slots at \$10,000 each and they are trying to place candidates into the training slots. Mr. Young explained the color coding of the score card provided in the packet and answered questions of the council.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda in the council packet and Mayor Gitz read the listed items into the record; [*Consent Agenda PDF*](#)

- A. Approval to receive and place on file:
 - 1) Police Department Report of Activities for June, 2014
 - 2) Fire Department Report of Activities for June, 2014
- B. Approval of Motor Fuel Tax Fund Bills Payable (Register #0046) --- \$20,577.15
- C. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (Registers #194 and 199) ---\$235,705.17
- D. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending July 26, 2014 --- \$411,319.47
- F. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #192, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 200) --- \$309,668.44

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Alderson Brashaw moved for approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Alderson Crutchfield. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, Endress, Brashaw and Crutchfield (6)

Nays: none

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-35:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE/PURCHASE FINANCING ARRANGEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS AND U.S. BANCORP GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINANCE, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH A NEW FIRE TRUCK ([view memo](#))

The first reading was held on July 21, 2014. A motion to adopt was given by Alderson Klemm, seconded by Alderson Koester and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. At the meeting held on July 21, 2014, Finance Director Cynthia Haggard presented the ordinance for a lease from US Bank for purchase of a fire truck previously authorized by the City Council at the council meeting held on July 7, 2014. She stated she had received proposals for financing and recommends the proposal provided by US Bank in an amount up \$540,000 with an interest rate at 1.66% (rate locked through August 25, 2014) for a quarterly payment amount of \$28,191.95, for a term of five years which would amount to an interest expense throughout the life of the loan is \$23,800. She stated in the first year the payment would be (three quarterly) payments totaling \$85,575.85 in 2015. Her memorandum provided years 2016-2019 payment amounts for four quarters and in 2020 it would be one quarterly payment.

Fire Chief Scott Miller stated that he and the mechanic met with Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin, to determine appropriate equipment required for the truck in Freeport. The final numbers for the fire truck including the prepayment discount will equal \$527,495.00. They are targeting an additional \$10,000 for outfitting with appropriate equipment. They are not replacing a vehicle but instead adding this vehicle to the fleet to change some of the response strategy so that the ladder truck will not be run as much and accumulate mileage. This vehicle apparatus was priced out for another municipality and it came out to be \$664,000 due to their upgrades on equipment. Chief Miller stated they are looking for an amount not to exceed \$540,000 as the ordinance is written to pay for the purchase of the fire truck and additional equipment totaling \$537,000. Their intent is not to take this to full term but to wisely manage what they are borrowing. Upon no further discussion, the motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, Endress, Brashaw and Crutchfield (6)

Nays: none

Ordinance #2014-35 was passed.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-36:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014A, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF

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SUCH BONDS AND BONDS FOR LEVIES OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS *Presented by Cynthia Haggard, Finance Director ([view memo](#))*

Cynthia Haggard, Finance Director introduced from Bernardi Securities, John Vezzetti, who is the underwriter engaged to manage the process of refunding our Series 2004 and Series 2005 bonds. She stated that the City's intent is to refund these bonds in order to save an estimated \$1.4 million dollars. She noted that the memorandum distributed in the council packet showed a savings of \$1.2 million but it is actually closer to \$1.4 million from the interest savings. The saving will be based on a pro-rated basis throughout the term of the loan - roughly \$90,000 per year. Director Haggard's memorandum provided the following; the Series 2004 and Series 2005 bonds were both originally issued to refund a portion of the Series 2000 bond to realize interest savings due to lower interest rates. The Series 2000 GO bond was issued for the following purposes: 1) Cost of construction of upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment plan and various other capital improvements with the City, 2) Pay capitalized interest on the bonds for a period of one year, 3) Pay the costs of issuance of the bonds and 4) Refund all or a portion of the City's Series 1993 GO bond. The Series 2004 and Series 2005 bonds were for wastewater. The savings will be realized on a pro-rata basis, meaning relatively even throughout the aggregate term – roughly \$90,000 per year. The maturity dates of the new Series 2014A and Series 2014B will be December 1, 2024 and 2019, respectively. Both refundings are bank-qualified which saves us roughly 20 to 50 basis points. The earliest the rates can be locked is August 25th so there is no need for a waiver of the second reading.

Mr. Vezzetti stated his firm assisted the City of Freeport in 2013 with refinancing of bonds which saved the City an amount close to \$100,000. They also assisted the City with the financing for the purchase of the Central Fire Station. He stated right now with today's current rate environment, we are seeing interest rates at nearly 3% which is 1½% less than the current interest cost and the yield to the City would be nearly \$1.4 million in interest savings. That could move depending on the rate going up or down, very market driven and very volatile.

Also provided in the Director Haggard's memorandum was a timeline as follows:

- August 4th – City is presented with 1st Reading of Parameters Ordinance for the Series 2014A/B refunding bonds
- August 14th – City and Bernardi Securities, Inc. have pre-rating call,
- August 15th – City and Bernardi Securities, Inc. have rating call with S&P and Due Diligence conference call
- August 18th – City is present with the 2nd Reading of Parameter Ordinance for the Series 2014A/B refunding bonds
- August 21st – City receives rating report from S&P
- August 25th – Series 2014A Bonds (refunding 2004 bonds): Bernardi Securities, Inc. begins pre-order selling period for local buyers. Bernardi Securities, Inc. contacts local institutional/retail investors
- September 11th – Series 2014A Bonds: Closing. Bernardi Securities, Inc. coordinates with Bond Counsel & Paying Agent

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- September 15th – Series 2014B Bonds (refunding 2005 bonds): Bernardi Securities, Inc. begins pre-order selling period for local buyers. Bernardi Securities, Inc. contacts local institutional/retail investors
- September 30th – Series 2014B Bonds: Closing. Bernardi Securities, Inc. coordinates with Bond Counsel & Paying Agent

Aldersperson Boldt moved to approve the ordinance as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Brashaw. The ordinance was automatically laid over the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-37:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014B, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND BONDS FOR LEVIES OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS

Director Haggard explained since we are refunding two bonds 2004 and 2005 then we need to have two ordinances and the term of those bonds is a footprint of the aforementioned ordinance with this one titled with 2014B. Aldersperson Brashaw moved to approve the ordinance as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. The ordinance was automatically laid over the next meeting.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-38:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1060 (GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

Mayor Gitz presented the ordinance to change the garbage collection ordinance for Multi-Family Dwellings. His memorandum provided the following: “Ordinance 2014-38 is an amendatory ordinance regarding garbage collection for multi-family dwellings of four or more units. This ordinance is based on problems that the City has experienced regarding fees assessed to apartment owners for garbage collection services not utilized. When the City originally franchised garbage collection in the early 1990’s, territories were awarded to particular haulers. By the City’s ordinance, garbage fees were automatically assessed as part of the water and sewer bill for all residential dwellings of six or fewer units. All commercial establishments and large apartment complexes (greater than six units) were exempt from the water and sewer garbage assessment and responsible for making their own garbage collection arrangements. These larger units usually utilize dumpsters as opposed to individual garbage containers for each unit. For the second time in a year, the City has experienced a unique situation wherein an owner is assessed for garbage collection as part of the water and sewer bill for a four or six unit apartment complex while also paying a commercial hauler for a dumpster to serve the same premises. This happened with Westport Village and it is currently happening with the Empire Court Apartment Complex on Deming Street. In both cases, the owners had dumpsters serving larger unit buildings. They also installed a dumpster for the four-plexes. Later on, they realized they were also paying for individual collection to the units as part of their water and sewer bill for the four-plexes. In effect, they were paying twice for the same service. The City did not benefit from this double billing; however, the haulers did. The haulers received a payment from the City as well as the land owner for the same premises. The proposed amendment is quite simple. It allows a multi-family dwelling owner of four or more units to form its own contractual relationship with a garbage hauler of their choosing, and exempt out of the water

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and sewer ordinance for larger unit apartments. The ordinance would still apply to duplexes or triplexes. Indirectly, the ordinance recognizes that dumpsters are easier to manage and maintain as opposed to many different garbage cans and recycling containers. If the owner does not have a long term relationship with a hauler and/or leaves the garbage uncollected, the City could still impose collection as part of the water and sewer services. Accordingly, the ordinance is conditional. It allows an opt-out only for larger apartment complexes and only when there are alternative arrangements with an approved hauler. This situation usually occurs when the four-plex or six-plex is part of a larger apartment complex, where dumpsters are supplied for residents' use."

Corporation Counsel Griffin explained that currently the definition of multi-family dwelling is to mean six or fewer units. So those units with four, five and six multifamily units are the ones that we are having issues with, such as in Westport Village. Some of the buildings in Westport Village are eight and some are six. So it is building not entire complex. What this will do is to put the onus on the owner of the property to provide evidence to the City that they indeed have a contract with an approved hauler whether it was Moring or Gills Disposal. She stated it needs to be an actual City approved hauler for the provision of adequate dumpsters. They need to prove it to us to our satisfaction.

Aldersperson Brashaw moved to approve the ordinance as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Boldt. The ordinance was automatically laid over the next meeting.

OTHER

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Community Development

Community Development Director Jim Brown provided that he had a meeting with Tri-Star Metals for consideration of an expansion project. He stated the expansion will be for logistical purposes as they have a warehouse on Adams Avenue and they would like to consolidate their facilities to one area on Lamm Road. This move would preclude them from 5-10 round trips per day. Director Brown stated he, along with the City Engineer and Building Inspector, reviewed the possible sites with Tri-Star Metals. They are looking to add a 40,000 square foot addition to the building. They have two options on both the east and west buildings. The west side looks to be the best option. They will need to get a plat of survey done and more research on the issues on the site so when that is completed we will work to expedite the site plans and possible Zoning Board of Appeals hearings. Director Brown provided an update on the building on west Stephenson commonly referred to as the Jackowski building. He stated he had three very cordial talks with the owner of the building and he provided to him an architectural evaluation. He has gone out and secured a couple of quotes. A meeting is scheduled for early next week to discuss rehabilitation of the building. He hopes to move work along quite speedily.

Finance

Finance Director Cynthia Haggard stated she is working with Bernardi Securities to prepare for documentation for the rating call with S&P and due diligence conference call on August 15th. The result of that should be announced August 21st. The administration is hoping for an improvement in the rating

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from an A to an A+, but with no assurances on this. Alderperson Brashaw thanked Director Haggard for her assistance on consent agenda item questions.

Public Works

Public Works Director Tom Dole provided a report on projects the crews are working on including improvements to the lots from the demolitions including grading and seeding. They are replacing sidewalks in those areas as well. He stated that a house at 750 W. Lincoln was demolished today with applause by the neighbors. He stated it will take two days to haul out the debris from that structure. A big focus this week for the crews, along with the Police Department, will be preparations and signage for Music on Chicago, the Lincoln Douglas 5K fun run and the Cruise Night. These events are all taking place in downtown Freeport so crews have been cleaning, weeding, and mulching areas along the area.

Library

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

Fire

Fire Chief Scott Miller stated that the Fire Department received the new hydraulic stretchers. Training has been going on over the last two days and they will be in service beginning Wednesday. The new stretchers will be great benefit to the public. The new cardiac monitors are in service and the members of the Fire Department have gone through the training. The department staff is comfortable with the use of the monitors. The Fire Department recently replaced the child restraint devices in the ambulances. Members of the department have been trained so they are available to those citizens needing assistance with the safety seats and how they fit into their vehicles. In conjunction with the Police Department they are wrapping up the Wednesday morning visits at the Lindo theater with area children.

Police

Chief of Police Todd Barkalow stated that ending last Friday was the Junior Police Academy as presented by the Freeport Police Department. This was a weeklong class from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day for middle school aged children who experienced what goes on at the Police Department on a day to day basis.

The Police Department will be working on Music on Chicago, the Lincoln Douglas 5K fun run, and the Cruise Night taking place in downtown Freeport this weekend. This is a busy weekend and they are planning for different contingencies to make sure everyone has a nice safe evening.

Water and Sewer

Water and Sewer Director Tom Glendenning provided an update for the Water and Sewer utility in which they will have significant water projects going on with the West Street (Illinois Route 26) project with the Illinois Department of Transportation. Their project will be done in conjunction with the IDOT contractor who was awarded the State bid on that and they will be working off hours as much as possible during that construction time. This saves the Water and Sewer Department money due to the amount of barricade and traffic control required when the roadway is a State highway. There are 5-6 main control valves that need to be replaced, dating back to the early 1900's. For the sanitary lining project there has been

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significant progress in the area of the landfill to replace the interceptor along the south end. There have been some major lining projects going on in that area to upgrade our infrastructure. Alderperson Klemm asked about the Burchard Tower. Director Glendenning stated the contractor was completing a final punch list such as some painting that did not meet our satisfaction (both externally and internally), weeding, and additional electrical runs that needed to be done. He stated that we will be entering into a contract with Utility Services to maintain that tank. The antenna to support the SCADA system has been installed on the top. The next move is to get everything communicating with the PRV stations. He spoke about the toxin microcystin coming out of Lake Erie and affecting the Toledo water. He spoke about the importance of the phosphorus removal at the Waste Water Plant because that is the number one catalyst for those bacteria in surface water.

City Engineer

Notification of Bids opened on July 28, 2014 regarding Adams and Clark Reconstruction *recommendation by City Engineer Gallagher to reject the July 28, 2014 bids and to have the project rebid with all necessary documentation for a bid opening date of Aug. 18, 2014.* On July 28th the Freeport Water & Sewer Commission held a bid opening for the Adams Avenue and Clark Street Reconstruction Project. The three (3) bids received were submitted by Civil Constructors, Inc., Martin & Company, and Fischer Excavating, Inc. The apparent low bid was submitted by Fischer Excavating for the amount of \$1,893,705.60. The following was noted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) prior to bidding: *Due to the possibility of a bid complaint for your agency's project, as it relates to the "Apprentice or Training Program Certification," the department will not concur with the award of any contract until the eight calendar day following the letting; therefore, the local authority shall not proceed with the award for eight (8) calendar days.* During the bid opening it was identified that required IDOT documents were not issued to each bidder. The bid documents were prepared by Fehr Graham and it included only federal portion of the bid documents and not the state documents. In order to use State funds for the project, the contract must be rebid. It is recommended that the bids opened on July 28th be rejected and that the project be rebid with all necessary documentation at a bid opening scheduled for August 18th at 10:00 a.m. and then will be presented at a special Water and Sewer Commission meeting on that same evening before the council meeting. City Engineer Gallagher stated that this now extends out the project for the Adams Avenue and Clark Street Reconstruction project because it would have been started around Labor Day. They will keep the same start date scheduled and some items were extended so that the contractor will have until November 24, 2014 to complete. Alderperson Brashaw moved to reject the bids opened on July 28th and to rebid with all the necessary documentation, seconded by Alderperson Crutchfield. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Boldt, Bush, Endress, Brashaw and Crutchfield (6)

Abstain: Klemm (1)

Nays: none

Mayor Gitz stated there are a lot of moving parts on that project including putting in the Jane Addams trail into that area, infrastructure improvements, improving the curve on Adams and Clark and making changes on lighting in the area. There was some money given by our legislators towards this project and if we don't get this rebid and out the door we stand to lose substantial key pieces amounting to several 100 thousands of dollars in grant funding.

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City Engineer Gallagher stated in the future all future bid documents would be generated from his office to avoid this discrepancy in the future.

City Engineer Gallagher stated that final paving will be completed this week for the mill and overlay project as they have upgrades to the inlet castings and the frame and grates. This project is about three months ahead of schedule from previous years timing for the street maintenance program. He provided an update on the project on Lincoln Boulevard from Saxby to Park in which a preliminary paving was placed to buy a little bit more time until this street can be reconstructed entirely. He stated the sub-base is in failure so that this a temporary stop-gap to stop that pavement from deterioration to finish design plans and proceed with construction plans by McClure Engineering. The patch on Park Boulevard will be fixed this week as an add-on to the mill and overlay program. City Engineer Gallagher completed an interior and exterior tour of the Carnegie Library and the old City Hall building this afternoon. Other than it being strange to be in there alone he did not notice anything additional going on with most things dry (although he noted we have had dry weather lately).

Aldersperson Boldt asked about what looks like cameras installed at the corner of South Street and West Avenue. City Engineer Gallagher stated those are video detector loops for the intersection stop lights. The cameras pick up vehicles more effectively and they also provided for a battery backup. Public Works Director Tom Dole handled the project and they work better than the in-ground sensor loops. They should last longer and the traffic will not have to be interrupted when they need to be replaced.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gitz provided praises to the department directors and the efforts that are being made to save money and to program things carefully. He spoke about capital improvements that need to be made in the Water and Sewer Department and the efforts being made to try to stretch our dollars. He complimented Freeport Public Library Director Carole Dickerson for summer reading program which was recently completed and effectively done with a diminishing budget. He complimented the workers involved in putting on the events taking place this weekend in downtown Freeport including Music on Chicago, the Lincoln Douglas 5K fun run, and the Cruise Night.

Mayor Gitz stated that recently the Police Department patterned with Slant and the Department of Corrections to pay visits to many parolees. The results were rather astonishing including drugs, criminal activity, and parole violations. He spoke about a positive thing going on to do with community service taking place this summer between the Freeport Township and the Public Works Department to complete painting of curbs in the downtown area.

Mayor Gitz provided an update on the IOCO station and he will notify the council in advance when its demolition can be scheduled next week. He provided an update on Okey Dokey. A lot of the tax properties have been tapped into and the administration is also trying to tap into State funding for demolition of a structure in the floodway which used to be a community center. Mayor Gitz told of a story where he followed a truck on Saturday full of debris and he caught them, after following them for a distance and they dumped items near Rose Street. Those persons were ticketed for illegal dumping and burning. One remarked, "Well you are the mayor, what do you care what is going on here?" Mayor Gitz

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stated this signals that everyone should pick up trash and police the issue of illegal dumping. His hope is to do a lot of education of people that change the rules of the game. The property owner was complaining about the gravel road and that road is county road not a city road. And perhaps we need to be talking to the county about a jurisdictional transfer and maybe we will need to bite the bullet and take responsibility for it. That is a lesson that came home to him about the community attitude.

Mayor Gitz provided an update on Van Buren project to bring the Jane Addams Trail into downtown Freeport. He noted that there are improvements to the landscaping and improvements made to the sidewalks from 4 feet to 5 feet included in the plans provided by City Engineer Gallagher. We are proceeding with the Freeport Housing Authority and wrapping up the grant application.

NEW BUSINESS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council members were provided an opportunity to discuss matters of public concern or to make announcements for their wards.

- Alderperson Brashaw thanked the administration for repaving Lincoln Boulevard. She remarked about the photos being posted for the demolition of the house on Lincoln.
- Alderperson Boldt provided kudos to City Engineer Gallagher for assisting with a drainage issue on Concord and that the communication between the City and the contractor was above and beyond. The stumps from the storm damage were removed at the same time.
- Alderperson Bush provided an update on a special event which will be held at the Boys and Girls Club as a Back to School Celebration on August 16, 2014, where backpacks will be distributed to school age children.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Tom Teich, 653 Jefferson Street spoke about the IOCO station and thought it was be a good idea to take that structure down. He wondered when the Okey Dokey would be demolished as well.
- Miranda McGregor, 426 W. Clark Street, Freeport, Illinois, spoke about a house next to her house which was demolished by the City for which she is thankful for. However now she has a problem with an infestation of roaches. She wondered why the property was not first bombed. She has taken the necessary step to counteract the roaches and still has an issue. She stated she and the neighbors have an issue with mice and roaches.

CLOSED SESSION (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Mayor Gitz stated the council will enter executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective negotiation matters and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) to review the closed session minutes.

At 7:21 p.m., Alderperson Brashaw moved to enter Executive (Closed) Session, seconded by Alderperson Crutchfield. The motion prevailed by a roll call of;
Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, Endress, Brashaw, and Crutchfield (6)
Nays: none

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The council members left council chambers for a conference room.

At 7:42 p.m., Alderperson Crutchfield moved to return to open session, seconded by Alderperson Endress.

The motion prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, Endress, Brashaw, and Crutchfield (6)

Nays: none

ACTION ON SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW/APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AND TAPES

Alderperson Boldt stated that 5 ILCS/120 2.06 provides that minutes of closed sessions should be made public once a public body determines that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interests or the privacy of an individual by keeping the minutes confidential. The City of Freeport City Council, in closed session, reviewed the minutes of past closed sessions currently kept in a closed file and determined the that the following action will be made under one motion;

- To approve the minutes with specific notice that that tapes are not released for the March 3, 2014 executive session on the topic to set the price of real estate, February 3, 2014 Subject #1 to review the closed session minutes, and February 3, 2014 Subject #2 for Litigation (Garven's Case), and
- to make a determination that the need for confidentiality still exists in relation to all other closed session minutes and tapes identified as not released; and
- to make a determination that the need for confidentiality no longer exists as to the minutes from the following closed session meetings or portions of minutes and that these portions should be made available for public inspection, specifically the February 3, 2014 Executive Session Subject #1 regarding minutes review; and
- to authorize destruction of verbatim recordings of the following closed sessions; all of which are over 18 months old and the written minutes of these closed sessions have been previously approved by this City Council (February 2013 and older) including;

November 5, 2012	Subject #1 Real Property to discuss negotiation to purchase or lease 302 South Street	Minutes Approved On Yes 03/18/2013
November 5, 2012	Subject #2 Minutes Approval	Yes 03/18/2013
October 15, 2012	Real Property to discuss negotiation to purchase or lease 302 South St	Yes 03/18/2013
October 1, 2012	Real Property to discuss negotiation to purchase or lease 302 South St	Yes 03/18/2013
September 17, 2012	Real Property to discuss negotiation to purchase or lease 302 South St	Yes 03/18/2013
September 4, 2012	Real Property to discuss negotiation to purchase or lease 302 South St	Yes 03/18/2013

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The above stated motions were seconded by Alderperson Klemm. The motion prevailed by a roll call of;
Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, Endress, Brashaw, and Crutchfield (6)
Nays: none

Seeing no other business to come before this council, Mayor Gitz asked for a motion for adjournment.
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

s/ Meg Zuravel

Meg Zuravel, City Clerk