



City Council
City Council Chambers ♦ 314 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order in Council chambers by Mayor Jodi Miller with a quorum being present at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Jodi Miller and Council members Alderpersons Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Bob Smith, Patrick Busker, Sally Brashaw, Mike Koester, and Andrew Chesney, (8).

Staff members present: City Manager Lowell Crow, Finance Director Randy Bukas, Public Works Director Dole, Fire Chief Scott Miller, Chief of Police Todd Barkalow, Director of Utility Operations Tom Kopanski, and City Clerk Dovie Anderson.

Others Present: City Legal Counsel Roxanne Sosnowski, Esq.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson McClanathan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderperson Brashaw made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Alderperson Ross, and motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderperson Koester moved to approve minutes from October 2, 2017, Alderperson Busker seconded, and motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attorney Sosnowski stated that per Council Rules, there is a three-minute time limit per person for Public Comments with a maximum of six speakers. Alderperson Chesney made a motion to waive Council Rules, seconded by Alderperson McClanathan, and motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

Clerk Anderson read into record two emails opposing replacing the Demeter bridge with a two-lane bridge from Paul and Margaret Gitz and Clay Schroll. Maxine Schroll, David Snyder, Becky Finkenbinder, and Alison Woods also spoke in opposition to the two-lane bridge. Dan Neal spoke in favor of a two-lane bridge.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda. [Consent Agenda PDF](#)

A. Approval to receive and place on file:

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- 1) City Treasurer’s Reports – September 2017
- 2) Building Permits – September 2017
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Bills Payable (Registers #848 and #860) --- \$206,069.55
- C. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #853, 857, 859, 861, 862 and TBA) --- \$372,407.21
- D. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending September 30, 2017 --- \$420,181.69 with fringe benefit payments in the amount of \$34,222.70 for a total of \$454,404.39.

Aldersperson Koester moved and Aldersperson Ross seconded that the consent agenda be approved. Motion prevailed by omnibus vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney (8)

Nays: None

The Consent Agenda was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

There being no discussion, the Financial Reports for FY2017-2018 for period ending September 30, 2017, as follows were approved. Aldersperson McClanathan made the motion for approval, seconded by Aldersperson Busker, and the motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

Memorandum	Water Fund Highlights
Food and Beverage Tax Collections	Sewer Fund Highlights
General Fund Highlights	Storm Sewer Highlights
Library Fund Highlights	

RECOGNITION

Fire Chief Miller led a ceremony of promotion to lieutenant for one firefighter and recognized nine firefighters with Life Saving Awards resulting from the September 1, 2017, fire on the corner of Main and Galena. New Fire Chief Todd Allen was recognized as a member of tonight’s audience.

APPOINTMENTS

Aldersperson McClanathan moved and Aldersperson Busker seconded to accept the following appointments to the Housing Authority effective October 31, 2017: Kim Boldt through October 31, 2022, and Gwenn Shirley through October 31, 2022, and reappointment of Matthew Moyer to the Planning Commission through October 31, 2021.

The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, and Chesney (7)

Nays: Klemm (1)

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

[2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-66](#)

An Ordinance Amending Part Sixteen (Fire Prevention Code), Chapter 1630 (Miscellaneous Regulations), Chapter 1630.06 (Fireworks) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois

At the September 11, 2017, Committee of the Whole, a motion to move forward with modification was made by Aldersperson Brashaw; seconded by Aldersperson Smith; and passed unanimously. At the September 18, 2017,

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Council Meeting a motion was made by Alderperson Klemm and seconded by Alderperson Chesney to resend to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. At that meeting, a motion to move forward with modifications was made by Alderperson Chesney, seconded by Alderperson Busker and passed by voice vote.

Alderperson McClanathan stated that much of the wording in this Ordinance reflects the Illinois Fireworks Regulations Act and Illinois Pyrotechnics Act. The City already has a blanket prohibition and Illinois is one of the top three restrictive states regarding fireworks in the country. If mirroring state law, we are not prohibiting additional items. He also feels that the proposed time distinctions are more restrictive than the State.

Therefore, he moved to make an amendment to strike the following sentence from Section 2(a)(1), “[n]o Unregulated Novelty Fireworks and Approved Consumer Fireworks will be used between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.” Motion was seconded by Alderperson Koester. Alderperson McClanathan then withdrew his motion to amend and Alderperson Koester withdrew his second.

Alderperson Chesney moved and Alderperson Busker seconded to move Ordinance 2017-66 to the November 6, 2017, for review. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney (8)

Nays: None

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-72

An Ordinance Granting a Variance to Chapter 692, Section 692.01 (Discharging Firearms and Other Weapons) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois

At the October 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting a motion to move forward with modifications was made by Alderperson Klemm, seconded by Alderperson Ross and passed by voice vote.

Manager Crow stated that this is to honor an annual request from The Freeport Club for bow hunting on their golf course. A letter of approval has been received by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This Ordinance grants permission for three (3) years.

Alderperson Smith moved and Alderperson Ross seconded to move forward for approval Ordinance 2017-72.

Alderperson Smith confirmed that, even though this Ordinance is covered under a Firearms section of the Codified Ordinances, only bow hunting will be allowed.

Alderperson Klemm moved for suspension of the rules, which is non-debatable and requires a 2/3 majority vote. Alderperson McClanathan seconded and the motion for suspension prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney (8)

Nays: None

The motion for passage of the amendment prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester (7)

Nays: None

Abstain: Chesney (1)

Ordinance 2017-72 was passed.

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1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-73

An Ordinance Amending Part Ten-streets, Utilities, And Public Services Code, Title Six-other Public Services, Chapter 1060-Garbage and Rubbish Collection and Disposal, Section 1060.19-Discontinuance Of Service, Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport, Illinois To Remove Reference To The Board Of Water And Sewer Commissioners

Manager Crow stated that contracts have been reviewed for waste removal. Section 1060 still references the Water and Sewer Commission and this is a housekeeping measure to revise to Water and Sewer Department.

Aldersperson McClanathan moved and Aldersperson Busker seconded to move Ordinance 2017-73 forward for approval and the matter was automatically laid over to the next regular Council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R-2017-54

A Resolution of the City of Freeport, Illinois Approving a Retirement Plan with The Standard [View Plan Transition Summary](#)

Manager Crow stated that we will be shifting from Security Benefits, current 457 carrier, to The Standard. We received a brief during the Committee of the Whole regarding Security Benefit shifting their focus away from large groups. Effective date will be when Council passes Resolution. Aldersperson McClanathan asked and Manager Crow confirmed that it will cost the City nothing, and our plan advisor believes it will be more responsive to employees' needs.

Aldersperson Chesney moved for adoption of Resolution R-2017-54, seconded by Aldersperson Smith. The motion prevailed by roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Koester, Chesney (7)

Nays: None

Abstain: Brashaw (1)

Resolution 2017-54 was adopted.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R-2017-55

A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women Grant Award

Chief Barkalow stated that the \$449,796 award is to improve the Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program and promote offender accountability. There is no cash or in-kind match. Extension can be applied for at the end of the three (3) year program. It will provide for Special Victims Investigator for the Police Department and a victim advocate at VOICES, local domestic violence provider. It increases the likelihood of the victim obtaining legal services and provides for a follow up the day after an incidence. Aldersperson McClanathan asked and Chief Barkalow confirmed that at the end of three (3) years, if the grant is not reinstated, the Police Department will pay to retain the officer.

Aldersperson McClanathan moved for adoption of Resolution R-2017-55. Aldersperson Klemm seconded and the motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney (8)

Nays: None

Resolution 2017-55 was adopted.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R-2017-56

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Resolution of the City of Freeport, Illinois Authorizing a 457 Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust through the International City Management Association Retirement Corporation (“ICMA-RC”)

Manager Crow stated that several professionals who were recently hired already have a 457 Plan and this will allow them to retain it. Finance Director Bukas added that this is one of the largest public sector plans in the nation and has been in existence since 1972. Fees are reasonable and are some of the lowest in the deferred compensation realm. There is no cost to the City. Alderperson Brashaw inquired and Manager Crow confirmed that this is a secondary plan that will be open to any union or non-union employees.

Alderperson Chesney moved for adoption of Resolution R-2017-56, seconded by Alderperson Koester. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Koester, Chesney (7)

Nays: None

Abstain: Brashaw (1)

Resolution 2017-56 was adopted.

APPROVAL OF BIDS

Demolition of 10 Residential Properties CD-007-17: Bid Opening October 11, 2017

Neighborhood Service Manager Mills stated that last Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., a bid opening was held for ten (10) residential properties. Five (5) complete bids were received. The apparent low bidder was G&G Construction for \$69,400 as a package bid for all ten (10) properties. There is no individual gain to accept bids by property. G&G is registered with the City and it is his recommendation to award the project to them. Manager Crow stated that there is an additional \$1,000 discount if all properties are accepted, which is reflected in the \$69,400. Manager Mills stated that funding will come from Fund 36, Neighborhood Improvement Fund, which has been set aside for neighborhood demolitions. Alderperson Ross asked if the property will be leveled after the structure is demolished. Manager Mills stated that they will be leveled, graded and seeded. Alderperson Ross pointed out that there is a septic tank at one of the properties on South Hooker. Manager Mills stated that the specifications call out if a septic tank is encountered and the specs will be followed.

Alderperson Koester moved for approval of the award to go to G&G Construction, Alderperson Brashaw seconded.

Alderperson Brashaw pointed out that each individual property is also the lowest bid. Alderperson Chesney asked if the goal of eighty (80) will be reached. Manager Mills stated that there will be forty-five (45) by the end of the month and these will take the total to fifty-five (55) and we will continue from there. Manager Crow added that there are also four (4) emergency demos. The goal by the end of October is to have sixty-five (65) demos under contract. Manager Mills added that the County Trustee has forwarded purchase contracts for eleven (11) of twelve (12) that Northern Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA) will be involved in taking down and there will be other fast track and tax sale properties. Alderperson Klemm asked if G&G had completed demos for the City before. Manager Mills stated that they had demolished Okey Dokey and End Zone originally. Since then, they have occasionally been the successful bidder, and we have had no issues with them.

Mayor Miller called for a roll call vote and the motion prevailed by:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney (8)

Nays: None

OTHER

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Approval of Compensation Agreement between City of Freeport & Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. [View Compensation Agreement](#) [View Price Comparison](#) [View Premium Breakdown](#)

Manager Crow stated that he also received bids from Horton and Dimond Bros. The total program cost with Gallagher will be \$783,000, which is significant savings. Alderperson Chesney asked for the savings between health and liability over the next eighteen (18) months. Manager Crow stated \$395,000 in savings.

Alderperson Chesney moved for approval of the Compensation Agreement with Gallagher, Alderperson Klemm seconded. The motion prevailed by roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney (8)

Nays: None

Approval of Gladewood/Demeter Bridge Proposal [View McClure Engineering Proposal](#)

At the October 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting a motion to move forward with a 2-lane bridge was made by Alderperson Klemm, seconded by Alderperson Busker, and passed by voice vote.

Manager Crow stated that he and Director Dole have examined the bridge. It is 65 feet long by 35 feet wide. It will be going further up the Demeter side as well as moving further into the park on the Gladewood side. For clarification, funding is not county money, but state money that is assigned to the county for the bridge program. Because our population is over 15,000, that money is also assigned to the City. The estimated cost from McClure for a walking bridge with requirements to raise it above the floodplain is \$195,000, which would be out of the City's funds. The walking bridge that is sitting at the Park District is not sufficient to get it out of the floodplain. The estimated cost for a 2-lane bridge is \$637,500. The City's 20% match for the cost for a 2-lane bridge would be about \$127,000, which includes road improvements on both sides of the bridge. When using state money, the requirement is that it must be a 2-lane bridge, with an application deadline of this year or next year or we will not be able to use state funds. The water mains are the worst in the City and need to be replaced and then the streets will be replaced from the MFT Capital Improvement Fund.

Chief Barkalow stated that pedestrian safety is always a top priority. He asked and Manager Crow confirmed that there will be a walking lane on one side of the bridge. The Police Department response to Gladewood would be enhanced. Sometimes five (5) minutes can be critical and the time savings to reach Gladewood on a 2-lane bridge is preferred. Chief Miller stated that ambulances could probably use a 2-lane bridge but not a fire engine.

Alderperson Chesney inquired about speed bumps. Manager Crow stated that he has had internal conversations regarding speed limit but not yet with citizens.

Alderperson Smith noted that he previously lived in the 1600 block of Demeter when the 1-lane bridge was open and did not feel there was excessive traffic. He also pointed out that the 1-lane bridge was originally placed for vehicular traffic into the park and he feels it is strategically placed to do so and will be supporting the 2-lane bridge.

Alderperson Brashaw raised a constituent's concerns regarding eminent domain in taking residents' property to build above the floodplain. Manager Crow stated that would only apply on the Park District side and the Park District is in agreement to give that in-kind. The north side of the bridge is already within City easements. She then asked and Manager Crow confirmed that curb and gutter would be added on the lower part of the loop of Sylvan. Manager Crow stated that if MFT funds are used, then storm sewer is required. Depending upon size of road, there may be requirements for curb and gutter. After completion of water/sewer work, MFT funds will be used to replace the road. Utility Operations Director Kopanski stated that the water main is from 1965 and is high on the priority list to be replaced. First, water main under the bridge will be replaced and then Demeter Street. It

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was established that the water main in this area is spun cast iron which is newer than some portions of the City, but it is deteriorating faster.

Aldersperson Chesney asked how to address the public when the plan moving forward is contrary to public polls. Aldersperson Klemm pointed out that the poll results were not a landslide and there are pros and cons. There appears to be a difference of cost to the City of \$70,000 between a 2-lane bridge and a walking bridge. However, the 2-lane bridge is \$637,500 with the City bearing 20%. For a walking bridge, the City bears the whole burden with no funding from anywhere. He feels that if we put in a walking bridge, we have missed an opportunity to upgrade the roads in the area. Aldersperson Chesney asked when the conversations regarding speed bumps or lights will take place. Manager Crow stated that the plan is to first approve the engineering proposal, then start the design phase. We will then go back and involve the neighborhood with what they want it to look like as well as capture safety concerns. Then, the next step will be to bring it back to Council.

Aldersperson Klemm made a motion for approval of the replacement cost estimate of Demeter/Gladewood Bridge. Aldersperson Koester seconded and the motion passed by roll call vote of:
Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester (7)
Nays: Chesney (1)

Approval of Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for Professional Services regarding the Rawleigh Complex [View Proposal and Terms for Structural Evaluation](#)

Manager Crow stated that there are two developers interested in portions of the Rawleigh building complex. There is concern regarding the concrete flooring. This is for an initial assessment of the structural nature of the buildings. Weight load bearing will be established to determine if the buildings are more suitable for heavy equipment or apartments. The buildings have been exposed to the elements and water is not draining properly. This will allow the Rawleigh buildings to be redeveloped. Mike Leslie with Willett Hofmann stated that they will do a visual assessment and preliminary sounding and use a sub-consultant to do radar scanning of floor slabs in particular areas to get an idea of the reinforcement and spacing. Plans are not available. They will look for major concerns in two buildings: the metal-clad 8-story building and the baghouse off of Spring Street. Both buildings have a lot of roof leaks and openings in the floors. They will also inspect the brick walls. They will then develop a scope for repair recommendations and feasibility of a load rating.

Aldersperson Klemm suggested that Honeywell may have plans. Manager Crow advised that Fehr Graham supervised the remediation and they had floor plans, but they did not give the thickness of floors. One developer is interested in a machining business and the major concern is weight rating.

Aldersperson Brashaw asked and Manager Crow confirmed that it is a one-time fee of \$18,500 for Willett Hofmann and the sub-consultant. Manager Crow also stated that the funds will come from Community Development. The baghouse has been appraised at \$138,000; and the metal-clad building at \$185,000. Neither developer wants to proceed without this study to determine if the weight rating meets their needs. This is the only way to know what is in the buildings and make them saleable.

Aldersperson Bradshaw moved and Aldersperson Koester seconded to approve the contract with Willett Hofmann. The motion passed by a roll call vote of:
Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney (8)
Nays: None

Approval of Expression of Interest (EOI) for project development on City Owned Property, with TerraNavigator [View Agreement](#)

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Manager Crow stated that this is a temporary agreement for 90 to 180 days to determine if the landfill site is appropriate for the use of TerraNavigator. He stated that Attorney Szeto recommended two changes and TerraNavigator has agreed. One was dealing with confidentiality which is not allowed under State of Illinois law. The second was recommending the company provide full indemnity and hold the City harmless if they damage the cap. If they agree, he will add the language to the agreement.

Aldersperson Klemm moved and Aldersperson Koester seconded to approve the EOI with TerraNavigator subject to Attorney Szeto's revisions.

Manager Crow stated that this is fast moving as he received this within the last seven (7) days. They want a commitment by October 27, 2017, and then will be here the week of November 6, 2017. They will meet with Fehr Graham, who also maintains the site, to look at the contours and elevations of the site. This is a green company and they do not want to cut trees. Where they make their money is selling energy to surrounding companies. They need to look at the location of substations and how surrounding companies tie into them. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) recommended Freeport as one of the top three sites for TerraNavigator to locate. If TerraNavigator decides to do so, it will need to be approved by IEPA.

Mayor Miller called for a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney (8)

Nays: None

Approval of Portable Radios and Radio Consolettes for Police Department [View Proposal](#)

Chief Barkalow requested permission to release money that was budgeted for portable radios and consolettes. The radios connect to a state-wide StarCom trunk program which combines various frequencies into a talk group. Freeport Communications, a local business, was the low bidder and he recommends acceptance of their bid. The consolette will interface with the encrypted frequency of the police radios. There are currently five (5) in-house consolettes that are the size of a DVD. This is to replace one of them.

Aldersperson Koester made a motion and Aldersperson Smith seconded to approve the purchase of portable radios and consolette.

Aldersperson Busker asked if there would be charges for antennae rental. Aldersperson Smith recalled that there were two repeaters in town that require regular maintenance. This allows communication with anyone in the State. Chief Miller explained that narrow banding nearly destroyed VHF transmitting. The Fire Department has obsolete equipment that will not mix with a new system.

Aldersperson Chesney left Council chambers at 8:10 p.m. and returned at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor Miller asked for a roll call vote and the motion prevailed by:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney (7)

Nays: Busker (1)

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Finance Director Bukas stated that the audit was received late last week and he has begun review.

Police

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Chief Barkalow stated that in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, the exterior lighting on the Police Department Building will be pink. November is Prostate Cancer Awareness month. He has approval from Manager Crow that, if officers donate locally to Ferguson Cancer Center, they can grow facial hair for No-Shave November.

Water and Sewer

Alderson Chesney asked about the status of the repairs on Stephenson Street across from the bank that were not completed. Director of Utility Operations Kopanski stated that he was not aware of this site and would check into it.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Manager Crow stated that he and Chief Barkalow will be at their respective national conferences from October 20 to 25, 2017. Director Bukas will be the Acting City Manager and Deputy Chief of Police Matt Summers will be the Acting Police Chief. Community and Economic Development Director Nancy McDonald was currently at the Illinois Economic Institute in Naperville. He reminded everyone of the Halloween Parade on Friday, October 27, 2017, after dark. Trick-or-treating is scheduled for October 31, 2017, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A Booze and Blues fundraiser for the Freeport Art Museum will be held at the Wagner House this weekend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Children's Hands On Museum will be open one more day at the Freeport Lincoln Mall. Purple ribbons are displayed around town because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Council and City Manager met to work on a Strategic Plan for the next five (5) and twenty-five (25) years. She thanked them for their time and dedication to the City. She believes the City has turned a new page towards getting to "yes" faster for our citizens and businesses.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

Alderson McClanathan also thanked everyone for their time at the Strategic Planning meeting and welcomed new Fire Chief Todd Allen.

Alderson Ross echoed Alderson McClanathan's thanks and welcome. He stated the 3rd Ward Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW.

Alderson Busker had no announcements.

Alderson Smith stated that the 5th Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene.

Alderson Brashaw had no announcements.

Alderson Koester stated that 7th Ward Neighborhood Watch meeting will be the fourth Wednesday at the Main Fire Station at the corner of Walnut and South at 6:30 p.m. He felt that the Strategic Planning session was very productive and he also welcomed the new Fire Chief Todd Allen.

Alderson Chesney thanked Manager Crow for over \$400,000 in savings and the many hours he works including Sundays. He also thanked Mayor Miller for coordinating the Strategic Planning session which was beneficial, productive, and hopes to continue with the momentum generated at it.

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Aldersperson Klemm echoed the comments regarding Strategic Planning and welcoming new Fire Chief Todd Allen. He referenced a 3rd Ward Open Meeting where he was out of line and offered his apologies to the citizens and Aldersperson Ross, who accepted his apology.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Tom Teich asked and Mayor Miller confirmed that the new shoe store is open.

Dan Neal appreciated the consideration given to all sides of the Demeter bridge issue. He feels that even when it was open to vehicle traffic, he feels there was not very much traffic. He believes the walking lane will make it even safer for walkers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION) PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2

City Clerk Anderson read the following exceptions into record to enter an Executive (Closed) Session:

- Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

At 8:24 p.m., Aldersperson Smith made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Aldersperson McClanathan. The motion prevailed by roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Chesney, and Koester (8)

Nays: None

At 9:09 p.m., Aldersperson Busker made a motion to return from executive session, seconded by Aldersperson Brashaw. The motion prevailed by roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, and Chesney (8)

Nays: None

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

s/ Dovie L. Anderson

Dovie L. Anderson
City Clerk