

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 21, 2007 AT 7:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

QUORUM

At 7:00 pm, a quorum being present, Mayor Gaulrapp called the meeting to order.

RECORD

Present were Aldermen Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill. Absent was Alderman Boldt.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alderman Helms moved, seconded by Alderman Helms to approve the agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried.

INVOCATION

There was an invocation by Pastor Fred Woodruff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Corbin.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Gaulrapp presented the State of the City address.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Gaulrapp proclaimed May 21-27, 2007, as Mentor Recognition Week and June 5, 2007, as Hunger Awareness Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 2007, was presented for approval. Alderman O'Neill moved, seconded by Alderman Helms to approve. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
 - 1. Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for period ended April 30, 2007
 - 2. Treasurer's Report for period ended April 30, 2007
 - 3. Treasurer's Tax Receipts for period ended April 30, 2007
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for April 2007- - \$106,834.21
- C. Approval of Bills Payable (#991-#994) for April 2007 - \$238,558.30
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ended May 12, 2007 - \$389,960.43

Alderwoman O'Neill moved, seconded by Alderman Helms to approve. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried.

2nd READING ORDINANCE #2007-33

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 806 (ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR SALES) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of May 7, 2007, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Helms to approve. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Corbin, Klemm, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill voted yea. Alderman Bush voted nay. There were six yeas and one nay. The ordinance was approved.

2nd READING ORDINANCE #2007-34

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 650 (MINORS), SECTION 650.08 (CURFEW) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of May 7, 2007, when it was moved by Alderwoman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Helms to approve. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

2nd READING ORDINANCE #2007-36

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 1052 (WATER & SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of May 7, 2007, when it was moved by Alderwoman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Helms. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Alderman Corbin, Klemm, Endress, Helms voted yea. Aldermen Bush, DeVine, and O'Neill voted nay. There were four yeas and three nays. Mayor Gaulrapp voted yea. The motion carried.

1st READING ORDINANCE #2007-37

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 480 (PARKING GENERALLY) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

The committee held a meeting on May 7, 2007. Craig LeBaron stated that IDOT is requesting no parking on West Avenue, Illinois Route 26, both sides from U.S. Route 20 (north bypass location) to Rudy Road. IDOT will be adding a bi-directional turn lane to that street as part of a hazard elimination project. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Endress moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1st READING ORDINANCE #2007-38

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 480 (PARKING GENERALLY) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Variance, Nathan & Jennifer DeJong, 1306 Empire Court)

This ordinance is a petition for a variance to Section 1252.02(e)(1), R-2 One-Family Residence District/yard Areas/Side Yards, of Chapter 1250, Residence Districts, of the City of Freeport Codified Ordinances to allow a six (6) foot side yard setback (code requires an eight foot side yard setback) at 1306 Empire Court, Freeport. Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve.

1ST READING ORDINANCE #2007-39

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF DEED FROM DEREK GARNER FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 219-229 E SPRING ST, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

The committee held a meeting on May 21, 2007. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Helms so moved, seconded by Alderman Bush. Alderman Klemm moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. On the roll call of yeas and nays to suspend the rules, Aldermen Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #R-2007-39

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR UTILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATING TO THE WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEMS BETWEEN UNITED WATER SERVICES, Inc. AND THE CITY OF FREEPORT THROUGH ITS WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

The committee held a meeting on May 7, 2007. This resolution authorizes a contract with United Water to provide a Utility Manager. The committee voted unanimously to approve and Alderman Helms so moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried.

There was leave granted to consider the following resolutions with one motion:

RESOLUTION #R-2007-40

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ELIMINATION OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CHEROKEE HILLS SUBDIVISION, PLAT 6;

RESOLUTION #R-2007-41

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ELIMINATION OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CHEROKEE HILLS SUBDIVISION, PLAT 9;

RESOLUTION #R-2007-42

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ELIMINATION OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CHEROKEE HILLS SUBDIVISION, PLAT 10;

RESOLUTION #R-2007-43

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ELIMINATION OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CHEROKEE HILLS SUBDIVISION, PLAT 11

The committee held a meeting on May 21, 2007. The committee voted unanimously to adopt Resolutions R-2007-40-43 and Alderman Klemm so moved, seconded by Alderman Endress. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Alderman Corbin, Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #R-2007-44

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FREEPORT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR A FLOATING BOAT RAMP AT TUTTY'S CROSSING

Lee Butler requested that the city write a grant to the Freeport Community Foundation. The City has the ability to write the grant but does not have the staff to maintain a boat ramp. Mr. Butler was given until Thursday, May 24, 2007, to provide a group to maintain the boat ramp. Alderman Helms moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to approve. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Corbin, Klemm, DeVine, Endress, Helms, and O'Neill voted yea. Alderman Bush abstained. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

Community Development: Chair-Shawn Boldt; Vice-Chair-Jennie DeVine

Finance: Chair-Tom Klemm; Vice-Chair Randy Corbin

Public Works: Chair-Dennis Endress; Vice-Chair-Scott Helms

Public Safety: Chair-Linda O'Neill; Vice-Chair-Ronnie Bush

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.