

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**  
**MONDAY EVENING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 5, 2003 AT 7:00PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**QUORUM**

At 5:00pm, a quorum being present, Mayor Gitz called the meeting to order.

**RECORD**

Present were Aldermen Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Rinehart, Bender, Bush, and Moore-Howard. Alderman Gaulrapp entered the meeting at 7:05pm and Alderwoman Steele entered at 7:20pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**RESOLUTION #R-2003-33**

**HONORARY RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WAGNER COMPANIES FOR 150 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, in 1853, Wilhelm Wagner, the founding Editor of the Deutscher Anzeiger (German Crier), established the Wagner Companies which will celebrate 150 years of service in the City of Freeport; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wagner Companies have the honor of being the oldest family owned and operated printing company in the United States, the oldest family owned and operated business in the City of Chicago, and, the third oldest family firm in the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wagner Companies have evolved from a German language newspaper which covered the Lincoln Douglas Debates in 1858 to a micro-switch assembly line during World War II, and have now expanded into a one-stop digital and conventional print shop where full customer service is handled in one location; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wagner Companies have a proud family history and the City of Freeport is fortunate to have such a long-standing, successful business as a partner in our community,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CONCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** that we hereby honor The Wagner Companies for their years of service. We further extend our best wishes to all Wagner family members for their continued success.

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Rinehart to adopt this resolution. The motion carried. Mr. Wagner was then presented a Proclamation and plaque.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 21, 2003, and special meeting held on April 29, 2003 were presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp for approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on file:
  - 1. Community Development Report
  - 2. Police Department Monthly Activities Report for April 2003
  - 3. Community Development Cash Receipts for April 2003
  - 4. Community Development Building Receipts for April 2003
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for May 2003 - \$360,954.51
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for April & May 2003 - \$355,221.90
- D. Approval of Payroll for Pay Period ending April 19, 2003 - \$290,817.64

Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval of the consent agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Bush, and Moore-Howard voted yea. The motion carried.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2003-27**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 290 (COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of April 21, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Bush, seconded by Alderman Goley for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Bush, and Moore-Howard voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2003-30**

**ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, FREEPORT TOWNSHIP, AND CERTAIN VILLAGES**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of April 21, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Bush, seconded by Alderman Goley for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Bush, and Moore-Howard voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2003-31**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 298 (COURT PROCEDURES) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of April 21, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Dawson, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Goley, Toepfer, Veer, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Bush, and Moore-Howard voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2003-32**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES**

**2003, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR A LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS AND FOR CERTAIN REVENUE SOURCES TO PAY AND SECURE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of April 21, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Bush, seconded by Alderman Goley for approval. Alderman Bush moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender that this ordinance be laid over in order for new council to consider. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #R-2003-23**

**RESOLUTION INCREASING CABLE FRANCHISE FEE TO 5%**

This resolution was laid over from the meeting of April 7, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Gaulrapp, seconded by Alderman Rinehart for approval. Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender that this resolution be laid over in order for the new council to consider. The motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Gitz and City Clerk, Latacia Ishmon presented plaques to the following outgoing council members for their years of service: George Rinehart, Donna Steele, Ronnie Bush, Audrey Moore-Howard, Chris Goley, Vicki Toepfer, Carla Jones, Sandy Veer, Ken Urban, and Scott Jenkins

Mayor Gitz then outlined some of the items the outgoing council members accomplished. He also welcomed the new council members.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

City Clerk, Latacia Ishmon, swore in George Gaulrapp, Nickee Bender, Robert Varner, Mike Clark, James Dawson, Shawn Boldt, Linda O'Neill, and Dean Wright as the newly elected aldermen for the City of Freeport. The aldermen then took their seats.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2003-36**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 220.11 (COUNCIL COMMITTEES) OF CHAPTER 220 (COUNCIL) AND AMENDING SECTION 222.02 ENTITLED (COMMITTEE APPROVAL) OF CHAPTER 222 (ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

Alderwoman Bender, Executive Committee Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 18, 2003. The committee discussed Ordinance #2002-75, which covers the committee structure. After much discussion of the pros and cons to a four-member committee, the committee voted unanimously to change the current ordinance to four standing committees with four-aldermen on each committee plus the executive committee. It also stated that if a tie vote should occur in the committee then the item at hand would come to the entire council with no recommendation and the council, as whole, would then take action on the item.

Alderman Gaulrapp brought up his concerns with the four-member committee structure as to when two persons from a committee would get together and the issue of violating the Open Meetings Act. Alderman Boldt stated that he believed the four-person committee would involve the aldermen more than currently, with Alderman Dawson in agreement. With this change all alderpersons are either a chair or a vice-chair, providing them more of an opportunity to be involved.

Mayor Jim Gitz brought up the current Ordinance #2002-75, page two, paragraph beginning with "The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall..." in reference to the "most senior" member of the council, with much discussion following. Mayor Gitz wanted it clear so some future Executive Committee would not be faced with how to interoperate these changes. This ordinance was originally established with the Executive Committee consisting of the chairpersons from each standing committee and to include the most senior alderman and who is not already a member of the Executive Committee. With the new four-member committee structure, the Executive Committee will consist of the chairperson from each committee and the most senior alderperson. If the most senior alderperson were also a committee chair the next most senior alderperson would be added to the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Alderman Gaulrapp and seconded by Alderman Boldt to have Sarah Griffin, Corporation Counsel, make the changes as recommended, i.e. standing committees now would consist of four members not five and was to include the wording that "the term" would be consecutive years fulfilled by an alderperson, as well as how the committee handles if the senior alderperson also being a chairperson.

The discussion was then opened up regarding the make-up of those on the newly formed committees. The committee structure was accepted as presented.

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson for approval of this ordinance. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp to suspend the rules in order to consider this ordinance at this meeting. On the roll call of yeas and nays to suspend the rules, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve the ordinance, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Pursuant to Section 220.11(c) & (d) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, the Executive Committee having met, I hereby appoint the standing committees as follows:

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| Community Development: | George Gaulrapp, Chair<br>Robert Varner, Vice Chair<br>Nickee Bender<br>James Dawson |
| Public Works:          | Shawn Boldt, Chair<br>Linda O'Neill, Vice Chair<br>Robert Varner<br>Dean Wright      |

Public Safety: Nickee Bender, Chair  
James Dawson, Vice Chair  
Mike Clark  
Linda O'Neill

Finance: Mike Clark, Chair  
Dean Wright, Vice Chair  
George Gaulrapp  
Shawn Boldt

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp for approval of these appointments. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The appointments were accepted.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Alderman Gaulrapp, Chair, announced that the next meeting would be May 12, 2003 at 5:00pm, in City Council Chambers.

Alderman Boldt, Chair, announced that there would be a joint meeting with the Water & Sewer Department on May 8, 2003 at 5:30pm.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Linda Buss, City Treasurer announced that she would be hosting Cash Dash, which is a program offered by the State Treasurer's Office, on May 6, 2003 from 10am-6pm, in City Council Chambers.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Clark distributed proposals for the council agenda to the executive committee for discussion.

Alderman Wright stated that he would like the Intergovernmental Agreement to be amended to include a member of the city council.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Tykes announced that there would be a Pork Chop Dinner on May 18, 2003 and that he would be participating in the Special Olympics at Harlem High School.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

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**LATACIA M. ISHMON, CITY CLERK**