

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**  
**MONDAY EVENING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 2, 2003 AT 7:00PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**QUORUM**

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

**RECORD**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman Bender.

**DO THE RIGHT THING PRESENTATION**

Michelle Countryman acknowledged all the sponsors for the Do the Right Thing Program. Fire Chief, Jim Blackburn and Police Chief, Jerry Whitmore then read the nominees for the month of June and announced the top winner for the 2002-2003 program.

**PRESENTATION**

There was a presentation by Taylor Rockwell, Arts Sub-Committee Chairperson of the Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee on possible uses of the Rawleigh building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 19, 2003, was presented for approval. Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval to receive and place on file:
  - 1. Community Development Cash Receipts, May 2003
  - 2. Community Development Building Permits, May 2003
  - 3. Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for period ending April 30, 2003
  - 4. Treasurer's Report for period ending April 30, 2003
  - 5. Tax Receipts for period ending April 30, 2003
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for May 2003 - \$\$224,009.42
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for May, 2003 - \$712,475.77
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending May 17, 2003 - \$296,169.36

Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval of the consent agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Bill Morris from Kirkpatrick Pettis and Fifth Third Securities, Inc. were in attendance to answer any questions that the council might have on Ordinance #2003-32.

**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 Clark, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on May 29, 2003. The committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of this ordinance as amended to enable issuance of \$12,750,000 of General Obligation Bonds to complete storm water projects, fund city's commitment to the new library, and TIF commitment to Raleigh office complex and Alderman Clark so moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance as amended, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

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

**ORDINANCE #2003-41**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT, OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Variance, 1244 S Walnut)**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of May 19, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Gaulrapp, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval. Alderman Gaulrapp explained that the owner of the property runs a daycare and would like the front yard fenced in for the safety of the children. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted nay. The motion was denied.

Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to deny this ordinance. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The ordinance was denied.

**RESOLUTION #R-2003-23**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE NOTICE TO INSIGHT COMMUNICATION MIDWEST, LLC TO INCREASE THE CABLE FRANCHISE FEE**

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 Alderman Wright to refer this ordinance to the Finance Committee. Alderman Clark stated that there is no need for the Finance Committee to review this ordinance. Alderman Gaulrapp then withdrew his motion and Alderman Wright withdrew his second. Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderman Wright that this resolution be laid over. The motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCE #2003-42**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SANITARY METERING SYSTEM**

Alderman Clark, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on May 29, 2003. This ordinance is to allow for a special appropriation to spend up to \$90,000 to install a sewer metering system in the Hunt Street watershed area in order to identify discharge levels coming from the private mobile home sewer system. These monies are part of the proposed 2003/04 budget. However the Public Works Committee and the Water and Sewer Commission believe it is important enough to proceed immediately, thus the need for a special appropriation. The committee community voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Clark so moved, seconded by Alderman Bolt. Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Wright 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 Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2003-43**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 220 (COUNCIL) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

Alderwoman Bender, Executive Committee Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on May 28, 2003. Mayor Gitz presented a draft of Section 220.10, "Rules Of Council" in order to better reflect the current process of the council. This has been done with some rearranging of the wording in this section. There was also discussion on the number of public speakers and the length of time that should be allowed for comment on agenda items. This was done not to deter the public from speaking if they so choose, but to establish a reasonable amount of time for them to make their presentation. The committee recommended that there be no more than six speakers on any issue, both pro and con sides will be allowed the two-minute limit to speak. The public would still have the opportunity to speak on non-agenda items at the end of the meeting.

The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderwoman Bender so moved, seconded by Alderman Clark. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**BID OPENININGS**

The following bids were received for the sale of properties:

- 822 E Pleasant Street - \$200.00
- 415 S Carroll Ave - \$350.00
- 4 E Linden - \$95,000

Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender that this bids be referred to the Community Development Committee for further consideration. The motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp to go into executive session in order to discuss collective bargaining. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The motion carried. The council members then convened in the mayor's office for executive session. After reconvening in council chambers, Alderwoman moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp to come out executive session. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Alderman Gaulrapp, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be June 9, 2003 at 5:00 pm, in City Council Chambers.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Alderman Boldt, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be June 16, 2003 at 5:30 pm, in City Council Chambers.

**FINANCE**

Alderman Clark, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be June 3, 2003 at 5:00 pm.

**EXECUTIVE**

Alderwoman Bender, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on May 28, 2003. The committee discussed timing and delivery of council packets, changes to city council meeting agenda, and ordinance/resolution cover letters.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Community Development Director, Jeff Mikkelsen, submitted his resignation effective June 20, 2003. He stated that it has been a pleasure working for the city.

Human Resources Director, Roberta Rogers, stated that she has enjoyed working with the city employees. She wished everyone well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderwoman Bender stated that air conditioner in the building does not work properly and referred this problem to Public Works to look into.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Gitz made comments regarding various city issues.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

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LATACIA M. ISHMON, CITY CLERK

