

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**  
**MONDAY EVENING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 15, 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, and Wright. Absent was Gaulrapp.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Aldermen Wright moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill for approval of the agenda. The motion carried.

**HONORARY RESOLUTION #R-2003-73**

**HONORARY RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FRANK NOVAK FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF FREEPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the people of Freeport have benefited from Frank Novak's dedication and sense of service, not only as Director of the Freeport Public Library, but through his involvement in many community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Novak was instrumental in the planning, fundraising and construction of the new public library in Freeport, the first new library construction in 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Novak was instrumental in a fundraising campaign that raised millions of dollars in private contributions and grants for the new library building; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Novak was a member of the Freeport Downtown Development Foundation from 1999 to 2003, the Journal Standard Editorial Advisory Board from 2000 to 2003, the Stephenson County All Our Kids Board from 2001 to 2003, and the Fiber Optic Consortium from 2000 to 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Novak has given generously of his time and knowledge to the people of Freeport with the express objective of making Freeport a better community for everyone,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** that we hereby honor Frank Novak for his years of service and commitment to the people of Freeport. We further extend our best wishes for his happiness and continuing success.

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to adopt this resolution. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 1, 2003 was presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Wright for approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
  - 1. Zoning Board of Appeals Report, 615 S. Harlem
  - 2. Fire Department Monthly Activities, November 2003
  - 3. Request for excused absence – Alderwoman O’Neill
  - 4. Police Department Monthly Activities, November 2003
  - 5. Treasurer’s Tax Receipts for period ending November 30, 2003
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for December 2003 - \$190,112.82
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for November 2003 - \$888,721.86
- D. Approval of Payroll of Period ending November 29, 2003 - \$298,597.53

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

**2nd READING**

**ORDINANCE #2003-83**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2003, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2004 FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of December 1, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Wright for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O’Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCE #2003-84**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2003, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2004 FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of December 1, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Wright for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O’Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2003-85**

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

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of December 1, 2003, when it was moved by Alderman Boldt, seconded by Alderman Varner for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O’Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCE #2003-86**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT, OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Variance, 615 S Harlem Ave- Recommendation Denial)**

Alderman Wright moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals to deny this ordinance. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Wright moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to go into executive session according to according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) in order to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

The council then convened in the mayor's office. After reconvening in Council Chambers, Alderman Dawson moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to come out of executive session. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE**

Alderman Clark, Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting on December 15, 2003. The council previously approved to accept a tax-exempt loan for the early retirement obligation. According to the IRS, this loan is not eligible for tax-exempt status. Quotes were resubmitted and Amcore Bank provided the lowest interest rate at 4.87%. The committee voted unanimously to accept this quote and Alderman Clark so moved, seconded by Alderman Wright. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

Alderman Clark stated the regularly scheduled committee meeting would be moved to December 29, 2003.

Alderman Clark also stated that there would be a special meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 6:00pm, in order to approve an amended sales tax ordinance. He explained that ordinance was interpreted as a 1¼% increase, instead of the intended ¼% increase.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Alderman Boldt, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on December 15, 2003. Bids were opened on December 12, 2003 for a limb chipper, 5-yard dump truck, and 10-yard dump truck. The committee voted unanimously to accept the bid from Alexander Equipment for the limb chipper in the amount of \$33,890.00 and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderman Varner. Alderman Boldt explained that this was not the low bid, but the overall construction and safety features were preferred over the other chippers. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

The committee voted unanimously to accept the bid from Trucks, Inc for the 5-yard dump truck in the amount of \$78,595.00 and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. Alderman Boldt explained that this was not the lowest bid, but it was the closest to meeting the specs. On the roll call of yeas and nays to accept the bid for the 5-yard dump truck, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

The committee voted unanimously to accept the bid from Trucks, Inc for the 10-yard dump truck in the amount of \$103,370.00 and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderman Varner. Alderman Boldt explained that this was not the lowest bid, but it was the closest to meeting the specs. On the roll call of yeas and nays to accept the bid for the 10-yard dump truck, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Alderwoman Bender, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be January 5, 2003, at 5:00pm, in Council Chambers.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The mayor discussed the following items:

- Eastgate Project
- Stephenson Hotel

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

**LATACIA M. ISHMON, CITY CLERK**