



City Council
City Council Chambers 230 West Stephenson Street Freeport, Illinois 61032

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 19, 2008**

Call to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call by Mayor Gaulrapp

Present: Alderman Klemm, DeVine, Endress, O'Neill, Corbin, and Helms (6)
Not Present: Bush and Boldt (excused)

Public Comments

There were no public comments this evening.

Committee of the Whole Report

A motion was given by Alderman Endress to approve the Committee of the Whole Report from the regular meeting on February 4, 2008, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. Vote to approve 6-0.

Executive Session

A motion to move to Executive Session pursuant to Illinois Open Meetings Act – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) – Pending Litigation was made by Alderman Corbin, seconded by Alderman Endress. On a roll call vote of ayes and nays: Klemm, DeVine, Endress, O'Neill, Corbin and Helms voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion return from Executive Session pursuant to Illinois Open Meetings Act was made by Alderwoman O'Neill, seconded by Alderman Klemm. On a roll call vote of ayes and nays: Klemm, DeVine, Endress, O'Neill, Corbin and Helms voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Water & Sewer

1. An informational item on the Capital Improvement Projects of the Freeport Water and Sewer was presented by Water & Sewer Project Director Denise Ihrig. Ms. Ihrig stated that the council packets contain a letter and rates attached to the Ordinance 2008-11. This ordinance authorizes continuation of chapter 1052 (Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Fund) for one year to fund the fiscal year 2009 capital project program. The program at the current fiscal year 2008 rates (commonly known as the \$4 rate structure) would be extended one year to April 30, 2009.

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Community Development

1. A Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Artspace Projects, Inc. for Phase II of a Feasibility Study for a Proposed Artist Live-Work Development within the Rawleigh Complex was presented by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold. Director Griswold stated that this resolution authorizes and agreement with Artspace Projects, Inc. to complete a Phase II Feasibility Study on the proposed Artist Live-Work Development within the Rawleigh Complex. The fee for the survey and all expenses relating to the scope of work conducted by Artspace is \$25,000. The Community Development Department will be applying for two grants to offset this cost one from Commonwealth Edison in the amount of \$10,000 and one from the Freeport Community Foundation in the amount of \$15,000. If the grant funds are not received, a line item in the TIF fund is reserved for the Rawleigh Complex. Director Griswold requested to have this resolution move forward to this evening's City Council meeting.

Motion to approve resolution – O'Neill

Second – Klemm

On a roll call vote of ayes and nays: Aldermen Klemm, DeVine, Endress, O'Neill, Corbin and Helms voted aye. There were no nay votes. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to move forward to council this evening – Klemm

Second – Corbin

Vote to approve – 6-0.

Public Works

1. A Resolution to Authorize Approval of Agreement with Larson and Darby Group for Plan to Repair Rawleigh Powerhouse Roof and Building was presented by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron. Director LeBaron explained the RFQ process to obtain bids from companies to look at the Powerhouse roof – this does not include repair costs. Over 50 letters were sent out to prospective bidders with ten being returned and presented to the committee for review. The Rawleigh Building Committee recommended Larson & Darby Group to develop a plan to repair the Powerhouse Roof and Building in the Rawleigh Complex. The Larson & Darby project understanding, professional services, compensation package, deliverables, work not included, and schedule were provided to the Committee of the Whole with the resolution. Compensation for the professional services outlined in the letter dated January 22, 2008 from Larson & Darby Group is \$14,000.00 excluding reimbursable expenses. Reimbursable costs for lift rental, printing and postage are estimated to be \$1,200.00. Only one quote was received by a contractor from Freeport and the committee felt the experience that Larson & Darby had with historic buildings made them a better fit for this task.

Motion to approve resolution – Klemm

Second – O'Neill

On a roll call vote of ayes and nays: Aldermen Klemm, Endress, O'Neill, Corbin and Helms voted aye. Alderwoman DeVine abstained. There were no nay votes. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to move forward to council this evening – Klemm

Second – O'Neill

Vote to approve – 6-0.

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2. An informational item regarding the bid process for the roof at the Freeport Arts/Senior Center was presented by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron. Director LeBaron explained that there was a quote for the repair obtained by the Freeport Arts Center but it did not follow the procedures of the city for purchasing requirements. Therefore, Director LeBaron will be working with the Freeport Arts Center to obtain specifications in order to develop a request for qualification from contractors which should be ready in March.
3. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 480 Parking Generally, Section 480.12 (Restricted Parking Street) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport was on the agenda as discussed in the meeting held February 4, 2008. A motion was made by Alderman Helms to table this ordinance, second by Alderman Endress. Vote to approve the motion 6-0.

Finance

1. A review and recommendations of three plans brought forward from the City of Freeport Healthcare Committee was presented by Finance Director Craig Joesten. The three plans presented to the Committee of the Whole were: 1) Local Government Health Plan through State of Illinois, 2) Cottingham-Butler, and 3) NIHP/FHN. The Healthcare Committee, is comprised of two representatives from each of the unions in addition to two representatives from the non-bargaining employees. Their mission is to review the City's healthcare plan and make recommendations that will hopefully control or at least slow the rising health care costs which the City is experiencing. The healthcare committee reviewed each plan for coverage and costs and additional benefits, if available, for prescription drug, vision plan, and dental plan. After reviewing of each of the plans, the Healthcare Committee, signed a resolution stating their choice as the Local Government Health Plan as their choice for provider of health care services to the City of Freeport. This resolution was signed by all the committee members except Duane Price. Duane Price wrote a memo dated February 14, 2008, explaining his position which was contained in the packets for Committee of the Whole. The City's current healthcare contract expires April 30, 2008. Finance Director Craig Joesten explained to the Committee of the Whole that final cost estimates are expected on March 1, 2008 because they are based on January and February 2008 health care costs to the city. Alderman Corbin asked to have more finalized numbers of all the plans available for review at the March 3, 2008, meeting and then the council could vote on the issue at the March 17, 2008 meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was given at 6:30 p.m.