



City Council

City Council Chambers ◊ 314 West Stephenson Street ◊ Freeport, IL 61032

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular Committee of the Whole meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order in council chambers by Mayor Jodi Miller with a quorum being present at 5:01 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2018.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Jodi Miller and Council Members Alderpersons Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Bob Smith, Patrick Busker, Mike Koester, and Andrew Chesney (7). Alderperson Sally Brashaw was absent upon roll call but arrived at 5:27 p.m. (see below).

Staff members present: City Manager Lowell Crow, Finance Director Randy Bukas, Director of Community & Economic Development Nancy McDonald, Director of Public Works Dennis Carr, Director of Streets Tom Dole, Fire Chief Todd Allen, Chief of Police Todd Barkalow, Director of Utility Operations Tom Kopanski, Director of Information Technology Curt Suttman, and City Clerk Dovie Anderson.

Others Present: City Legal Counsel Roxanne Sosnowski, Esq.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Busker who then became Chairperson of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderperson Koester moved to approve the agenda and Alderperson Chesney seconded; motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderperson Chesney moved for approval of the minutes from the regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on [December 11, 2017](#), seconded by Alderperson Koester. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

ITEM #7 - Discussion of [Resolution #R-2018-02](#) for Honorary Street for Merle D. Norman [View documents](#)

Alderperson Ross presented the petition for naming Orin Street in honor of Merle Norman who lived on that street for his entire life except for the years he was in the service. Mr. Norman was an influential part of Freeport especially with mentoring youth and his involvement with the East Side Rec Center which is now the Martin Luther King Center. Alderperson Klemm stated that he also knew Mr. Norman from his childhood.

Alderperson Klemm moved and Alderperson Ross seconded to recommend approval of the Honorary Street Name of Orin Street for Merle D. Norman.

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Aldersperson McClanathan pointed out that it is a testament to Mr. Norman's widespread influence when letters of support came from all across the United States.

Chairperson Busker called for a voice vote and the motion passed.

ITEM #8 - Discussion of 2018 Contracted Services for Monitoring of Landfill #2/#3 and #4 from Fehr Graham Presentation [View agreement](#)

Aldersperson Chesney left Council chambers at 5:13 p.m.

Joel Zirkle of Fehr Graham has monitored the services at the landfill for the past ten years. He presented the annual contract for Landfill #2/#3 and Landfill #4 located near Walnut and Lamm Roads. Landfill #2/#3 has a separate Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) permit from Landfill #4, which has been more active in recent times. Landfill #2/#3 opened in 1971 and began post-closure care in 1987. It has a clay liner. Even though a landfill is closed, in Illinois, it still requires to be permitted and monitored, which are the services Fehr Graham provides. Landfill #4 opened in 1986 with final closure at the end of 2013. It has a combination clay and geosynthetic (plastic) liner. It has a gravity leachate system (similar to a sewer system) that empties into the city's sewer system. It also has a geosynthetic cap. Fehr Graham monitors the leachate and methane gas. They also perform periodic inspections for erosion or breaks in the cap.

Aldersperson Chesney returned at 5:15 p.m.

Aldersperson Klemm moved and Aldersperson McClanathan seconded to recommend approval of the General Service Agreement with Fehr Graham. Chairperson Busker called for a voice vote and the motion passed.

ITEM #9 - Discussion of Engineering Evaluation from IEPA and Biennial Cross Connection Survey [View IEPA Letter](#) [View Survey to be Included in W&S Bills](#)

Director Kopanski stated that in early November 2017, he received a communication from IEPA that they wanted to conduct an engineering evaluation which is similar to a physical exam. After the City submitted paperwork, the IEPA conducted a visit to interview staff, visit the water treatment plant and elevated tank, review paperwork, ensured that required testing had been done and there were no violations. There was also a close out on the water main project on Empire Street with an inspection to ensure work had been done according to specifications. Funds can now be repaid on the loan. One deficiency was that Wells #2 and #6 had been taken out of service in February 2017 but had not yet been capped. The bid for this work has already been awarded in the amount of \$50,000. Director Kopanski spoke with the contractor and work will begin next week with an estimated completion date of April 2018. The next step will be to send a letter to IEPA stating that discussions have taken place with Council.

Aldersperson Brashaw entered the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Another item required by the IEPA is for the City to circulate a backflow prevention survey to determine if certain home businesses such as nail salons or funeral homes that could potentially introduce toxic chemicals into the water system have a backflow preventer. With industries, backflow preventers are permitted and designed to not have this happen, but, at residences, there is this possibility. A survey can be either completed online or a mailer will go with the water and sewer billing in the February. Other questions are regarding sprinkler systems or fire suppression systems on the premises.

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Manager Crow stated that a backflow preventer is required by State codes. Alderperson McClanathan asked how residents will know if they have a backflow preventer or not. Manager Crow stated that they are about one foot long and should be above ground with a cleanout filter system that can be unscrewed and cleaned.

Manager Crow stated that no action is required; however, a copy of these minutes will be sent with the letter to IEPA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

s/ Dovie L. Anderson
Dovie L. Anderson
City Clerk