

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2006 AT 7:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

QUORUM

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

RECORD

Present were Aldermen Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman O'Neill to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

HONORARY RESOLUTION #R-2006-01

HONORARY RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE DONALD PARKER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Freeport are pleased to recognize the contributions of Donald Parker in his many capacities as part of the Freeport Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker was appointed to the Police Department in December, 1975; appointed as a Lieutenant in March 1987 to present; Mr. Parker was appointed Chief of Police from 1989 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker has been a devoted City official, putting in many extra hours overseeing the City's Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Freeport have benefited from his service, dedication and commitment to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that we hereby honor Donald E. Parker for his years of service to the people of Freeport and extend our best wishes to Donald Parker and his continued success and prosperity.

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderman O'Neill to adopt this resolution. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION

There was a presentation by Economic Development Director Bob Skurla, regarding upcoming annexations for 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Bohnsack spoke in support of approving the ordinance to approve Pretzel City U.S.A. as the official slogan for the City of Freeport.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2005, was presented for approval. Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman O'Neill to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
 - 1. Community Development Cash Receipts for December 2005
 - 2. Community Development Building Permits for December 2005
 - 3. Community Development Building Permits Summary for the year 2005
 - 4. Library Report for December 2005
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for December 2005 - \$335,686.52
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for December 2005 -\$489,028.12
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending December 24, 2005 - \$312,503.45

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

1st READING

ORDINANCE #2006-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL SLOGAN AND SNACKFOOD OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND REPEALING ALL CONTRARY PROVISIONS

Alderman Klemm stated that the committee of the whole held a meeting on December 17, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Klemm so moved, seconded by Alderman Helms. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1st READING

ORDINANCE #2006-02

SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT, OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (Special Use Permit, 608 S Park Blvd)

Alderman Klemm stated that the committee of the whole held a meeting on December 17, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Klemm so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

REAPPOINTMENT

There was leave granted to consider all reappointments in one motion.

Effective immediately, Mayor Gaulrapp hereby reappoints Alderwoman Linda O'Neill as the aldermanic representative of the City of Freeport, Tim Mellentine, and Peggy Althoff to the Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau pursuant to Chapter 286.01 of the Codified Ordinances. This term will expire on December 31, 2008.

Alderman Helms moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to accept these appointments. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea.

RESOLUTION #R-2006-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 5311 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED (49 U.S.C. 5311)

WHEREAS, the provision of public transit service is essential to the transportation of persons in the non-urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended

(49 U.S.C. § 5311), makes funds available to help offset certain operating deficits of a system providing public transit service in non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, grants for said funds will impose certain obligations upon the recipient, including the provision by it of the local share of funds necessary to cover costs not covered by funds provided under section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended (49 U.S.C. § 5311).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT:

Section 1. That an application be made to the Division of Public Transportation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant under Section 5311 of the Federal transit Act of 1964, as amended (49 U.S.C. § 5311), for the purpose of off-setting a portion of the Public Transportation Program operating deficits of The City Council of the City of Freeport.

Section 2. That while participating in said operating assistance program the City of Freeport will provide all required local matching funds.

Section 3. That the Mayor of the City of Freeport is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of the City of Freeport such application.

Section 4. That the Mayor of the City of Freeport is authorized and directed to furnish such additional information as may be required by the Division of Public Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration in connection with the aforesaid application for said grant.

Section 5. That the Mayor of the City of Freeport is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of the City of Freeport all required Grant Agreements with the Illinois Department of Transportation, in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of the Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended (49 U.S.C. § 5311).

Section 6. That the Mayor of the City of Freeport is hereby authorized to provide such information and to file such documents as may be required to perform the Grant Agreement and to receive the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is passed under the home Rule Authority of the City of Freeport as provided in Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Alderman Boldt stated that the committee of the whole held a meeting on January 3, 2006. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution with the amendment that granting funds would be approved by the committee of the whole before issued and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Helms, O'Neill, Boldt, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- o City Planning Session December 30, 2005
- o Press conference w/Lake Shore Investors on December 23, 2005

PUBLIC COMMENTS

De'Esta Munz spoke in support of the ordinance regarding Pretzel City U.S.A.

Lee Butler requested an update regarding the boat launch.

Ronda Scott spoke regarding Tax Increment Financing Districts.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CMC