



## *City Council*

City Council Chambers ♦ 524 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

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### **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, May 20, 2013**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order in Council Chambers by Mayor George Gaulrapp with a quorum being present at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2013.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call: Mayor George Gaulrapp and council members Tom Klemm, Shawn Boldt, Ronnie Bush, Jennie DeVine, Dennis Endress, Sally Brashaw, Michael Koester and Andrew Crutchfield (8). Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin was present.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Brashaw.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Alderperson Endress moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Alderperson Klemm. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

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Alderperson DeVine moved for approval of the minutes from the meeting held on May 6, 2013, seconded by Alderperson Koester. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no one signed on the sheet for public comments on agenda items.

#### **PRESENTATION TO MAYOR GAULRAPP AND CLOSING REMARKS**

Mayor Gaulrapp provided a summary of his administration for the last eight years from 2005 through 2013. He stated this is not about George Gaulrapp tonight but it is about Jim Gitz and what he is going to do moving Freeport forward. Mayor Gaulrapp provided a brief overview of the City and how he took over in one of the worst economic times in the nation and during that time Freeport went through a flash flood, the Germania building collapsed, there was a major fire downtown put out by our professional fire fighters, we had a blizzard and two hundred year flood events. He stated they were all in very difficult times and we came out of them. Mayor Gaulrapp stated we came out of them with a balanced budget and we continued through the help of the council to provide the services that people expect. He stated we did this with the professional firefighters, our police department, our public works, the staff at City Hall, and the Water and Sewer Department. He reviewed his commitment to keeping employment in Freeport by working with different industries such as Titan Tire and Snak King. He stated he was proud to implement the “mayor for the day” by bringing elementary school children to meet the staff and attend a council meeting. Mayor Gaulrapp summarized his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the

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department heads including Community Development Director Shelly Griswold, Public Works Director Tom Dole, Fire Chief Kevin Countryman, Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore, Water and Sewer Director Tom Glendenning, Public Library Director Carole Dickerson, and Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin. Mayor Gaulrapp reviewed his working relationship with legislators and various governmental units. He was proud to be a part of the Freeport Sesquicentennial and the work that was completed by the Freeport Beautification Committee in order to prepare the City for visitors from all over the United States. Mayor Gaulrapp thanked his family for their inspiration and support. He stated his good-byes to the council members. Mayor Gaulrapp closed by thanking a very special person to him who he said is Tom Teich. Tom Teich stated we are going to miss Mayor Gaulrapp and he was the best mayor in eight years.

Aldersperson Bush stated his appreciation on behalf of the council members and staff to Mayor Gaulrapp and provided a plaque to him as a token of appreciation and wished him well in his future.

Mayor Gaulrapp stated he tried to run the office based on three principals of honesty, integrity, and openness. He provided to Jim Gitz the hinge pins from the mayor's door to continue the open door policy.

Pastor Hollis recited a blessing on the new administration.

Mayor Gaulrapp returned to the podium to thank his administrative assistant, Mary Ann for keeping him on task and on schedule.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY – MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER**

The Honorable Judge Theresa L. Ursin swore in James L. Gitz as Mayor, Martha E. “Meg” Zuravel as City Clerk, and Linda L. Buss as City Treasurer. Each person signed their oath of office with Judge Ursin attesting the document.

**OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR GITZ**

Mayor Gitz thanked his family and friends for attending tonight's ceremony. He thanked the council, staff members and the members of the public for their support. He recognized members of his family and friends that were in attendance, including former Mayor Mark McLeroy and Stephenson County Chairperson, William Hadley.

Mayor Gitz stated that he has had his share of adversity as has many of our neighbors and we need to be mindful of the stresses of our citizens. He is and will continue to be. He stated that politics is about addition and not subtraction, it is about multiplication, not division, it is about unleashing the compelling economic forces in our town and mitigating those restraining forces. He stated we need a lot more people driving in to Freeport to work and far fewer people driving out to find work. He stated he is pleased to be Mayor and honored to serve and he hopes to win over the confidence and respect of those casting votes for the other candidates.

Mayor Gitz spoke about public service principles including; the first item which is that we who hold public office are servants to the public, not masters. We are not called to rule or govern over subjects. To that end the office that he will begin to serve is about “we” and not “I” and he will conduct himself accordingly. The second principle is that those who hold public office do so in trust for past, present, and

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future generations. He stated that acting as a trustee for past, present and future generations is easier said than done, but he believes that if we ask ourselves the right questions and do so with great motive, we will tend to make more decisions that stand the test of time. The third principle is that he believes in liberty and personal responsibility. Mayor Gitz stated we must have a heart for those who cannot take care of themselves—but notice he said "cannot" and not "will not". He stated this is a difference with the distinction. Freeport cannot grow and thrive if we are so busy asking what can government do for us and we forget to do for ourselves and take responsibility for creating our own future. It means however, that we must not only own our own neighborhoods but we must all surely work together. It means we are all in this together. He stated it is the old saying that if we are not part of the solution --- we are part of the problem. We must be our own salvation. The fourth principle he stated was that we should rebuild our opportunity culture in Freeport. He stated that investment in risk taking was once celebrated here and it must be again. Our role is to facilitate. We must not have the reputation of the town where deals come to die. Let us become the City where deals come to be made and new ideas find a welcome home. The fifth principle is that our City must find needed leadership in governmental protocol. We will model for others in the way that we transact. More of Lincoln and Douglas and less of Laurel and Hardy. He stated that robust and hearty debate is healthy. Fighting and snipping is unworthy of the trust given to us by the citizens. We will seek the best solutions that we can with the information that we have. We start tonight. We will speak the truth as we understand it. We will correct when we are wrong. Respect will drive all of our interaction with the public. He stated that work will include a special emphasis on customer service in all City departments starting with an ordinance which is on this agenda. Mayor Gitz stated these preceding core principles are the keystones to the work at hand. They are the how. But what is the purpose and what is our goal. He continued with an explanation of the Athenian oath, which read in part to say, "In all these ways we will transmit the City not only less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us." He concluded that he cannot think of a better summation for the goal at hand. If we leave this City and its government better, more efficient, more customer focused, then we will have vindicated the people's faith in this change. If we make our City safer with gunshots, robbery and drug dealing a rarity instead of an occurrence, we will make a major difference. If we make this City more prosperous and create more jobs and opportunity we will have made a down payment on a better future. If we beautify the corridors and improve our neighborhoods then we will make a beautiful more sustainable community. He stated that we will have transmitted this City greater and more beautiful than it is now. We will have made Tutty Baker proud.

Mayor Gitz stated as former Mayor George Gaulrapp knows, these things cannot be accomplished alone. It will take all of our best efforts to work together to make a dent in the challenges at hand. The opportune work is collaboration. It is us working together. Together you and I and this council and I can restore the City and grow it in entirely new ways. But alone the task is insurmountable, even for Ironman or Superman. He stated we have much to do. Mayor Gitz stated he pledges his everything. He stated he asks those in City government to do as well. There is much to do. Let's be about doing. Let's get it done. Mayor Gitz thanked Mayor Gaulrapp and his family for their years of service and dedication to the City.

**ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call: Mayor James Gitz and council members Tom Klemm, Shawn Boldt, Ronnie Bush, Jennie DeVine, Dennis Endress, Sally Brashaw, Michael Koester and Andrew Crutchfield (8). Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin was present.

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**INTERIM APPOINTMENTS FOR UP TO 90 DAYS**

Mayor Gitz provided in the council packet a memorandum dated May 15, 2013, stating that he is reappointing all Department Heads to their current positions on a 90 day interim basis. This will allow time for several things including 1) to reorganize departments where efficiency dictates 2) to get to know each other's professional styles and goals; and 3) for those Department Heads who will ultimately not be retained, it will allow for a smooth transition for both the City and the individual. Mayor Gitz closed by stating that it will vary by department as to whether the initial 90 days will suffice, but he intends to keep this Council and the individual appointees updated as we move forward.

Pursuant to Section 288.04 (b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Mayor Gitz hereby makes the following interim appointments for up to 90 days;

- Appointment of Shelly Griswold as Interim Community Development Director
- Appointment of Jerry Whitmore as Interim Chief of Police
- Appointment of Kevin Countryman as Interim Fire Chief
- Appointment of Tom Dole as Interim Public Works Director
- Appointment of Sarah Griffin as Interim Corporation Counsel

Aldersperson Bush moved to accept the above stated appointments, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. The motion prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda in the council packet;

A. Approval to receive and place on file:

- 1) City Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for period ended April 30, 2013
- 2) City Treasurer's Report of Cash and Investment Funds for period ended April 30, 2013
- 3) Workers' Compensation Report for April 2013
- 4) Fire Department Report of Activities for April 2013
- 5) Building Permits/Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing and Sign Permits Report for April 2013

B. Approval of Motor Fuel Tax Fund Bills Payable (Register #0028) --- \$2,683.25

C. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (Register #919 and 922) --- \$62,984.86

D. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending May 4, 2013 --- \$473,266.48

E. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #918, 920, 921, 923, 924) --- \$289,676.38

Aldersperson Klemm made a motion to move forward for approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. The motion prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: None

The consent agenda items were approved.

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2013-20:**

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**SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT ILLINOIS - *Type of Relief: Amendment of zoning classification from R7 (Multi-family Residence) to B2-1 (Limited Service Business); Owner or Applicant: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Trust #1004000772; Address or Description of properties: 306 West Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois (PIN 18-14-30-384-011, CLARK'S ADD LTS 8, 9, 13 & 14 BLK 1 (EX PT TAKEN FOR RD – 1999)); 536 North Walnut Avenue, Freeport, Illinois (PIN 18-14-30-384-010, CLARKS ADD LT 5 BLK 1); and 542 North Walnut Avenue, Freeport, Illinois (PIN 18-14-30-384-009, CLARKS ADD LT 4 BLK 1***

Mayor Gitz stated these items were discussed at the Planning Commission on May 9, 2013 and the vote of the Planning Commission was unanimous and there were no written objections filed on the petition.

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance by stating that this property is known as Burke Tubbs Funeral Home. She stated Mr. John Burke was present at the hearing and presented the testimony for the petition. Director Griswold stated that the petition was requested in order to take care of a housekeeping issue. Currently Burke-Tubbs operates as a legal non-conforming use, but in the event of a future sale or mortgage, a change in zoning would be required so the owners are taking care of the matter at this time to amend the zoning classification. Alderperson Klemm asked for clarification purposes that if it was recommended unanimously from the Planning Commission and if the council passes it then the ordinance would not come back for a second reading. Director Griswold stated that per council rules that would be correct because there were no written objections filed and it had a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission, so it only takes one reading on the council floor. Alderperson Klemm made a motion to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Alderperson Brashaw. The motion prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: None

Ordinance #2013-20 passed.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2013-21:**

**ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT ILLINOIS - *Type of Relief: Variance Yard Area to allow 19' front yard (ordinance calls for 25') in a R4 One Family Residence District; Owner or Applicant: Kirk S. and Lois K Deininger Trust; Address or Description of property: 1247 West American Street, Freeport Illinois***

Mayor Gitz stated petition was presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals on May 9, 2013 and their vote was unanimous and there were no written objections filed on the petition. Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance by stating that the owners of the property did sign a letter of authorization authorizing Neva Barthel to provide testimony at the hearing. Ms. Neva Barthel and Mr. Gene Barthel were present at the hearing and provided testimony. Director Griswold stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals did make findings of fact that evening that meet the requirements of our Planning and Zoning Code. Alderperson Klemm made a motion to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Alderperson Endress.

Alderperson Brashaw asked for the reason for shortening the front yard. Director Griswold stated they intend to put a front porch on the house because currently there is only a front stoop so they will be taking that off and putting on a porch. The motion prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: None

Ordinance #2013-20 passed.

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**1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2013-22:**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND THROUGHOUT STEPHENSON COUNTY**

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the ordinance stating that this ordinance is the one that the Illinois Department of Transportation requires to be passed in order to make us eligible for funding for the next fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2013. Director Griswold stated that in this ordinance it pledges that we will provide transportation services in the City of Freeport and throughout Stephenson County when the expansion is done and it authorizes the Mayor to sign the grant agreement and the grant applications for that program. Alderperson Koester asked about the transportation program throughout Stephenson County if it is not in place yet whether there would be a time limit that would need to have it in place or would we be in default of the grant. Director Griswold stated there is not a time limit and we have done everything on our end and we are waiting for the Illinois Department of Transportation to do their part before we can move on to the next step. She stated the Illinois Department of Transportation is working with them step by step through the process and they understand that we are not providing services throughout the entire county. Alderperson Klemm made a motion to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Alderperson Koester. Upon no further discussion, the ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

**1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2013-23:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2013B, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND BONDS FOR A LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS (AMENDED DRAFT DATED MAY 17, 2013)**

Mayor Gitz stated that he had provided a cover memorandum to this ordinance and asked for consideration this evening to either have the ordinance laid over or send the item to the Committee of the Whole. Accountant Price stated this ordinance has been amended since the presentation at the Committee of the Whole so that nothing would happen unless the savings was at least 5.00% and previously that amount was 3.25%. Accountant Price stated since the Committee of the Whole meeting he has been in contact with John McKenna of Spear Financial who has done financial consulting for the City. Accountant Price explained the difference in savings between taxable and tax exempt. He stated interest rates had gone so the potential savings is down around \$60,000. He stated it is not time sensitive so he and Mayor Gitz recommended pulling this off the agenda so it is the recommendation of the administration to send this to the Committee of the Whole. Alderperson Crutchfield made a motion to move the item to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration, seconded by Alderperson Brashaw. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2013-24:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 288 (EMPLOYEES GENERALLY), SECTION 288.11 "OFFICE HOURS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS" AND CHAPTER 290 COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS), SECTIONS 290.01 "CLASSIFICATION PLAN" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT (HOURS OF WORK)**

Mayor Gitz stated he provided a letter attached to the ordinance which would change the office hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. He stated in the investigation of the pay-scale we pay for 40 hours per week but it is not always required. He recommended referral to the Committee of the Whole. Alderperson Bush

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made a motion to move the ordinance to the Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion, seconded by Alderperson Endress. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #R-2013-31:**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COBRA RATES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2013**

This resolution was referred to council by the Committee of the Whole in the meeting held on May 13, 2013. Accountant Duane Price presented the resolution which recommended to council by the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 13, 2013. He stated this is the annual exercise to reset the COBRA monthly premium for the City's healthcare continuation coverage for participating former City employees to be effective as of August 1, 2013. He stated the premiums for single plus one-family coverage went up by 3.6% and the single prescription and family prescription went up by 6.4%. Accountant Price stated the increase in costs is due to the increase in healthcare costs to the City. Alderperson Klemm moved to approval of the resolution, seconded by Alderperson DeVine. The motion prevailed by a roll call of; Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, and Crutchfield (6)

Nays: None

Abstain: Alderperson Koester and Alderperson Brashaw (2)

Corporation Griffin stated the abstentions go to the majority.

Resolution #R-2013-31 was approved.

**RESOLUTION #R-2013-32:**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SPECIAL WARRANTY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the resolution stating that this is a renewal of a resolution passed in previous years having to do with the public transportation program grants. She stated that it provides for fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interest of any employees that are employed to provide public transportation services. She stated the City of Freeport does not employ employees for the provision of public transportation services. Director Griswold stated we currently have one administrative employee who is the Transit Coordinator. She stated all the employees are employed by the provider which is Pretzel City Transit so we don't directly make this warranty but we guarantee that we will require our sub-grantees as the providers to do so and she has added the information in the provider agreements that says they must follow this warranty. Alderperson Klemm moved for approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderperson Boldt. The motion prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Boldt, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (8)

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2013-31 was approved.

**RESOLUTION #R-2013-33:**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT FOR ASBESTOS AND LEAD BASED PAINT INSPECTION OF FORMER FREEPORT CITY HALL BUILDING (230 W. STEPHENSON STREET) BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND FEHR-GRAHAM AND ASSOCIATES**

Mayor Gitz stated this resolution is an out-growth of some of the issues that have been raised by this council at prior council meetings and the Committee of the Whole meetings. City Engineer Gallagher presented the resolution to enter into agreement with Fehr-Graham and Associates to perform asbestos

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and lead based paint inspection of the former Freeport City Hall located at 230 W. Stephenson Street. With leave of the council he has also prepared the proposal for the Carnegie Library as well.

Aldersperson Koester made a motion to move forward the resolution, seconded by Aldersperson Brashaw.

Discussion was held on the cost of \$100 per sample and there would be 200 samples taken but if we did the Carnegie Library, that figure would drop. Aldersperson Klemm voiced his concern over the prematurity of this item before determination whether it is solid overall and you are going to accept moving forward with the rebuilding. Discussion was held that asbestos would need to be taken out of the building if the building was taken down. City Engineer stated unless you know what has and what hasn't been sampled then you don't know what you have and the longer we wait we will compete with school districts doing their environmental work as well. Corporation Counsel Griffin stated that tonight City Engineer Gallagher laid an agreement on the desks for the council members and that document is the one that is on the floor as opposed to what was in the packet which was just for 230 W. Stephenson and the actual motion was for that plus the Carnegie which is the information on the desks. City Engineer Gallagher stated that he has been in contact with TSE in regard to the borings and they have not made contact but he estimates that cost to be around \$5,000 with the original investigation under the slab to see what's under it and they have yet to bring the proposal. The estimate from Fehr-Graham for both the buildings to do the asbestos and lead sampling would be \$28,750.00. Discussion was held why there was only one proposal from an environmental engineering firm and where the line item would come out of the budget. Accountant Price stated it would come out of other technical services and we would use last year's budget amount until the new one is passed and we have enough budgeted. City Engineer Gallagher stated this is the motion for an amount of \$28,750.00 for both buildings at the same time. Accountant Price stated in the new budget it would increase the deficit by \$28,750.00.

Aldersperson Klemm made a motion to move this discussion item to the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. Mayor Gitz stated this motion takes precedent and it is debatable. There was no further discussion. Motion passed by voice vote with one dissention from Aldersperson Crutchfield. Mayor Gitz stated the yeas have the majority.

**OTHER**

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Community Development**

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold had no further report.

**Finance Department**

Accountant Duane Price had no further report.

**Public Works**

Approval of Bids for 2013 Mowing Services for properties which are in violation of City of Freeport Codified Ordinance Chapter 694 – Weeds and Grass

Provided in the council packet was a letter and bid tabulation by Public Works Director Tom Dole dated May 15, 2013. There was one bid received from T & L Preservation Services. They quoted a price of

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\$1.00 per minute or \$20.00 per yard. Director Dole stated he placed a call to T&L Services to get clarification on \$20.00 per yard and was told that the price would be for an average yard. He stated that it does not state that on the proposal, so Director Dole then asked T&L Services if they read through the Notice to Bidders spec sheet and they said they had not. Director Dole recommended that this bid be determined to be non-responsive because they were asked to bid per person per hour.

Discussion was held regarding the timing and the grass is growing at a rapid pace. Director Dole stated he could republish and take to local contractors. Corporation Counsel Griffin stated that part of the purchasing policy for sole-source procurement allows the City to hire someone if they had to complete the job. Alderperson Crutchfield made a motion to rebid for mowing services, seconded by Alderperson Klemm. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**Library**

Public Library Director Carole Dickerson was present and had no report.

**Fire**

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman was present and had no report.

**Police**

Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore discussed the graffiti around town and stated that an arrest had been made over the weekend on a 27 year old male from Chicago. The Police Department is working with the Street Department on removing the graffiti.

**Water and Sewer**

Water and Sewer Director Tom Glendenning stated the work on the Burchard Tank is moving along at a rapid pace now that the base has been completed. Director Glendenning stated that the meter replacement project is now at a 95% completion level. The department is holding off doing the city-wide flushing because of the reduced water reserves. Alderperson Boldt complimented the department on their swift response to a water leak on Park Crest and stated it was expediently handled on a Sunday.

**City Engineer**

Consideration of Asbestos and Lead Based Paint Inspection of Former Carnegie Library Building (314 W. Stephenson Street) to Add to Professional Services Agreement (Resolution #R-2013-33) Between the City of Freeport and Fehr-Graham and Associates -- see resolution #R-2013-33.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gitz stated the the council at the Committee of the Whole meeting has directed the administration to deliver a budget by the second meeting in June and we will be working to deliver that. He will be meeting with Director Griswold to review the TIF spending plans and he would take any suggestions on that. Mayor Gitz recognized a friend of his family, David Kleverton and Michael Curran.

**NEW BUSINESS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Each council member was provided the opportunity to discuss items of interest with many stating welcome to Mayor Gitz.

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Aldersperson Koester asked about the patch machine and Director Dole stated that it was brought in today and they will lease it for three weeks. They will be training on the equipment tomorrow morning and any council members are welcomed to attend.

Aldersperson Klemm recognized the Freeport – Stephenson County Visitors Bureau Director, Connie Sorn and complimented her on the work to promote the Packer Clubs who visited Freeport recently.

Aldersperson Boldt requested to have the inauguration date ordinance amended to go back to the first meeting in May. Corporation Counsel Griffin stated that will be on the agenda the first meeting in June.

Aldersperson Bush spoke about the graffiti problem and thanked Chief Whitmore for the swift response and arrest.

Aldersperson Endress spoke about an event hosted by Freeport Lanes which brought in 420 students from around the State of Illinois.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Jon Stabin, 1070 Canyon Drive, spoke about the Young Eagle Rally which will be sponsored by the pilots association and will be held at Albertus Airport on June 8, 2013.

Tom Teich, 653 Jefferson Street, Freeport Illinois, welcomed Mayor Gitz.

Marianne Garvens, 537 W. Dewey, Freeport Illinois, welcomed Mayor Gitz and encouraged civic groups to help to clean up the City streets by picking up trash.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

*S/ Meg Zuravel*

Meg Zuravel, City Clerk