



City Council

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

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order in Council chambers by Mayor Jodi Miller with a quorum being present at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Jodi Miller and Council Members Alderpersons Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Bob Smith, Patrick Busker, Sally Brashaw, Mike Koester and Andrew Chesney (5). Alderperson Art Ross was absent.

Staff members present: City Manager Lowell Crow, Finance Director Randy Bukas, Director of Community & Economic Development Nancy McDonald, Director of Public Works Dennis Carr, 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 Aaron Szeto, Esq.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Brashaw.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderperson Koester moved and Alderperson Busker seconded to approve the agenda; motion carried unanimously by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda. [View Consent Agenda](#)

- A. Approval of Finance Bills Payable --- (Registers #958 and 960 and Invoices to be approved for registers dated April 11, 2018 through April 13, 2018) --- \$251,715.67
- B. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending April 20, 2018 --- \$449,763.30 with fringe benefit payments in the amount of \$32,633.11 for a total of \$482,396.41

Alderperson Busker moved and Alderperson Brashaw seconded that the consent agenda be approved. Motion prevailed by omnibus vote of:

Yeas: Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Smith, Busker (7)

Nays: None

The Consent Agenda was approved.

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ITEM #4 - [2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2018-18](#)

Appropriation Ordinance, Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the City of Freeport, Illinois [View Appropriation](#) [View Budget](#)

At the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting a motion to move forward for approval was made by Alderperson Cheney; seconded by Alderperson Smith; and the matter was laid over to tonight's special meeting.

Finance Director Bukas stated that there were no changes in the Appropriation Ordinance since first reading and there were no public comments at the Public Hearing held at 5:45 p.m. prior to this special meeting. Alderperson Chesney asked if there had been any comments from constituents. Manager Crow stated that there had been one public comment regarding economic development at the Committee of the Whole when the Appropriation Ordinance was first discussed. There have not been any other verbal or written comments. The Appropriation Ordinance was on numerous agendas and has been posted since April 3, 2018.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Miller called for a roll call vote for final passage of Ordinance #2018-18:

Yeas: Brashaw, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Smith, Busker (6)

Nays: Koester (1)

Abstain: None

Ordinance #2018-18 passed.

ITEM #5 - [2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2018-26](#)

A Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017, and Ending April 30, 2018

At the April 17, 2018 Council Meeting a motion to move forward for approval was made by Alderperson Klemm; seconded by Alderperson McClanathan; and the matter was laid over to tonight's special meeting.

Finance Director Bukas stated that a couple of adjustments had been made on the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance based upon a couple of bills that came in the last couple weeks. There was nothing major, but the amendments were made.

Alderperson Klemm stated that this is normal annual procedure for putting some items in their proper places.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Miller called for a roll call vote for final passage of Ordinance #2018-26:

Yeas: Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Smith, Busker (7)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Ordinance #2018-26 passed.

ITEM #6 – [1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2018-25](#)

An Ordinance providing for the issuance of approximately \$1,100,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018, of the City, for the purpose of financing capital municipal improvements, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated, Naperville, Illinois, in connection with the sale of the bonds [view memo](#)

The following Aldermen were allowed by a majority of the members of the City Council in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the City Council to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: None attended by video or audio conference.

No Alderman was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

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The following Aldermen were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Art Ross (1)

The Mayor announced that a proposal had been received from Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated, Naperville, Illinois, for the purchase of \$1,045,000 general obligation bonds to be issued by the City pursuant to its home rule powers for the purpose of financing downtown redevelopment improvements, and that the City Council would consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereon. The Mayor also summarized the pertinent terms of said proposal and said bonds, including the length of maturity, rates of interest, purchase price and tax levy for said bonds.

WHEREUPON, the City Clerk made available to the Aldermen and interested members of the public, complete copies of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE providing for the issuance of \$1,045,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018, of the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, for the purpose of financing downtown redevelopment improvements, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated, Naperville, Illinois, in connection with the sale of said bonds.

(the "Bond Ordinance").

Alderman Koester then moved and Alderman McClanathan seconded the motion that the Bond Ordinance as presented be adopted.

Alderman Koester then moved and Alderman Klemm seconded that the requirement of a second reading be waived with respect to this Bond Ordinance.

The Mayor directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to waive second reading.

Upon the roll being called, the following Aldermen voted Aye: Klemm, McClanathan, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester (6)

The following Aldermen abstained: None

The following Aldermen voted Nay: Chesney (1)

After a full discussion thereof, the Mayor directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the Bond Ordinance.

Upon the roll being called, the following Aldermen voted Aye: Klemm, McClanathan, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester (6)

The following Aldermen abstained: Chesney (1)

The following Aldermen voted Nay: None

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the motion carried, the requirement of a second reading waived and the Bond Ordinance adopted, and henceforth did approve and sign the same in open meeting, and did direct the City Clerk to record the same in full in the records of the City Council of the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

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Upon motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Dovie L. Anderson
City Clerk