

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS, INSTRUCTING CITY STAFF TO EXPLORE THE PROCESS AND OPTIONS FOR THE SALE OF 230 W. STEPHENSON STREET, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS, AND TO SOLICIT ESTIMATES FOR THE COST OF DEMOLITION

RESOLUTION R-2017-32

WHEREAS, the building at 230 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois, was built in 1899 and served as the City of Freeport’s City Hall Building until 2011; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City of Freeport moved its City Hall operations to 524 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in August 2015, the City of Freeport committed to renovating the Carnegie Library at 314 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois, with the intent to move its City Hall operations into that building upon completion of renovations; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of Freeport, upon completion of the renovations, moved its City Hall operations into 314 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, multiple estimates, by a variety of professionals, have estimated the costs of mere stabilization of the building at 230 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois, to be in excess of \$600,000.00, and the most recent estimates of costs of full renovation of the building to be well in excess of \$4,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, despite the aforementioned costs and the City of Freeport’s commitment to 314 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois, for its current and future City Hall operations, the City of Freeport recognizes the significance that 230 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois, has played in the City of Freeport’s history, and desires to explore all feasible options for the building; and

WHEREAS, offering the building for sale may provide additional options for the future of the building, and obtaining the costs of demolition will help set financial parameters for potential incentive packages for the property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that exploring the process and options to have 230 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois sold and to solicit estimates for the costs of demolition is in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Section 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated in this Section 1 as if said recitals were fully set forth.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to explore the process and options to have 230 W. Stephenson St., Freeport, Illinois placed for sale. The City Manager shall report back to the City Council a detailed plan for sale of 230 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois, and request any additional authorizations as needed.

Section 3. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to solicit estimates for the costs of demolition of 230 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois.

Section 4. The City Manager shall report back to the City Council regarding Sections 2 and 3 within sixty days of passage and approval of this Resolution in the manner provided by law.

Section 5. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, said invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Section 7. This Resolution is being passed pursuant to the Home Rule Authority of the City of Freeport as given by Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, as amended.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Dovie L. Anderson, City Clerk

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Jodi Miller, Mayor