

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**  
**MONDAY EVENING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 7, 2002, 7:00 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**QUORUM**

At 7:00 p.m., a quorum being present, Mayor James L. Gitz called the meeting to order.

**RECORD**

Present were Aldermen Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Rinehart, Bender, Bush, Leitzen Fye, Veer, and Jones.

Alderwoman Steele entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and Alderman Gaulrapp entered the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**HONORARY RESOLUTION #R-2002-01**

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE FREEPORT PRETZEL FOOTBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Freeport Pretzels football team won the NIC-9 conference championship with a regular season record of 9-0; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pretzels have, for the first time in three decades, ended a conference season undefeated, achieving the most wins in a season, since the Pretzel National Champion teams of 1924- and 1925; and

**WHEREAS**, Pretzel players Adam Schlamp, Jermone Halll, Kyle Colborn, Jeff Kidd, Seth Spangler, Todd Kirk, and Evan Talbert, were selected as All-Conference players, with Kyle Colborn having been selected as the NIC-9 Offensive Player of the Year, and Seth Spangler having been selected as the NIC-9 Defensive Player of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Freeport are proud of the Freeport Pretzels' accomplishments, their sense of teamwork and their commitment to excellence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**, that we commend the Freeport Pretzel Football Team for their outstanding season and honor them for their accomplishments as exemplary members of the Freeport community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that special recognition be given to Coaches Cal Cummins, Terry Wertnz, Dave Steenrod, and Kevin Taulman for having instilled the teamwork and commitment in their players to achieve excellence.

Alderman Bush moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson to adopt this resolution. The Resolution was adopted.

**HONORARY RESOLUTION #R-2002-02**

**HONORARY RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE RICHARD ECKERT FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF FREEPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation funded by members, creating a public/private partnership to maintain,

expand and diversify the economic base of the Freeport/Stephenson County and Northwest Illinois area; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard “Dick” Eckert has been an FAEDF Board member for over two decades, having served as President and Secretary, and he has now announced his retirement from that Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick Eckert was instrumental in the establishment of the FAEDF and has been one of its cornerstones, not only dedicating countless hours of his professional time free of charge, but also working for the economic growth of this community in an effort to better the quality of life for all residents of Freeport and Stephenson County; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick Eckert exemplifies the term servant leadership through his years of active participation in this community and his visionary insight into what our community can become.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**, that on behalf of the citizens of Freeport, we hereby extend our sincere appreciation to Richard “Dick” Eckert, for his dedication and service to this community. We further extend our heartfelt thanks and wish him continued success.

Alderman Bush moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to adopt this Resolution. The Resolution was adopted.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 17, 2001 and special meeting held on December 20, 2001 were presented for approval. Alderman Jenkins moved, seconded by Alderman Rinehart for the approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
  - 1. Treasurer’s Report for period ending December 31, 2001
  - 2. Department of Community Development Report.
  - 3. Department of Community Development Cash Receipts, December 2001
  - 4. Department of Community Development Building Permits, December 2001
  - 5. Department of Community Development Building Permits Summary for 2001
  - 6. Department of Community Development Report
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for December 2001 - \$313,393.21
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for December 2001
- D. Approval of Payroll for Pay Period December 16 – December 29, 2001 - \$296,183.01

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Bush to approve the consent agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, and Jones voted yea. The motion carried.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2001-61**

#### **SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

This Ordinance was laid over from the meeting of December 17, 2001, when it was moved by Alderwoman Bush, seconded by Alderman Dawson for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Steele,

Bush, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, and Jones voted yea. Alderwoman Bender voted nay. There were eleven yeas and one nay. The Ordinance was approved.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2001-62**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 846 (MOBILE HOME PARKS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

This Ordinance was laid over from the meeting of December 17, 2001, when it was moved by Alderman Bush, seconded by Alderman Jenkins for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Steele, Bush, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, and Jones voted yea. The Ordinance was approved.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2001-63**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1060 (GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

This Ordinance was laid over from the meeting of December 17, 2001, when it was moved by Alderwoman Steele, seconded by Alderman Boldt for approval. Alderwoman Steele moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to amend the Ordinance, adding the "debris" to Chapter 1060.05. On the roll call of yeas and nays to accept the amendment, Aldermen Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, and Jones voted yea. The motion carried. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve the Ordinance as amended, Aldermen Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, and Jones voted yea. The Ordinance was approved.

**APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, James L. Gitz, hereby appoints Gwendolyn Robison, as resident commissioner, on the Housing Authority Board to fill a vacancy created by Donita Shepherd who has resigned from the Board. This appointment shall be effective until October 31, 2005, or until she ceases to be a resident of the Freeport Housing Authority, whichever shall come first.

Alderwoman Steele moved, seconded by Alderman Rinehart to accept this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, and Jones voted yea. The motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, James L. Gitz, hereby appoints Audrey V. Moore-Howard as an Alderman for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward for the City of Freeport. Ms. Howard will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Larry Trask. Alderman Rinehart moved, seconded by Alderman Jenkins to accept this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, and Jones voted yea. The motion carried.

**SWEARING IN OF CITY OFFICIAL**

City Clerk, Latacia Ishmon, swore in newly appointed Alderwoman Audrey Moore-Howard. The newly sworn in Alderwoman then took her seat.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Aldерwoman Steele, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be January 17, 2002 at 5:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers.

### **FINANCE**

Alderman Bush, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be January 15, 2002, at 5:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Alderman Jenkins, Vice-Chair, stated that next meeting would be January 14, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Alderman Dawson, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be January 16, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

Alderman Gaulrapp, Chair, announced that the next meeting would be February 6, 2002, at 6:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers.

### **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

Alderman Jenkins welcomed Alderwoman Moore-Howard to the Council.

Alderman Rinehart asked if there were any problems in changing State Street to a two-way. (Public Works, Craig LeBaron, stated that there were not any reported problems.) He also congratulated the Freeport Pretzels Football Team on a fine season.

Alderwoman Bender welcomed Alderwoman Moore-Howard to the Council. She also thanked Alderwoman Steele for all the work she did in helping Representative Manzullo pass the Gulf War Bill.

Alderwoman Steele welcomed Alderwoman Moore-Howard. She also thanked Representative Manzullo and his administration for all the work done for Gulf War Veterans. She stated that Rep. Manzullo could be an icon to anyone in public office.

Alderman Bush congratulated Alderwoman Moore-Howard on her appointment. He asked when would the budget process start. He stated that he would like to see it started this month. He also stated that he had received many calls on the old St. Martin Church on State Street, it is falling in. He referred this issue to Community Development.

Alderwoman Howard-Moore thanked Mayor Gitz and Administration for the opportunity to be a part of the Council.

Alderwoman Leitzen Fye welcomed Alderwoman Moore-Howard and stated that she looks forward to working with her.

Alderman Goley welcomed Alderwoman Moore-Howard and stated that he looks forward to working with her.

Alderwoman Veer welcomed Alderwoman Moore-Howard to the Council.

Alderwoman Jones welcomed Alderwoman Moore-Howard to the Council. She sent her heartfelt prayers to Minsook Parks, who was in a car accident.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gitz stated that he is pursuing additional nominees to fill the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman vacancy. He also stated that in regards to the budget, the internal work has begun. He stated that he was happy to honor the Freeport Pretzel Football Team and that an invitation was also extended to the Aquin Football Team, but they were not available.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Tykes thanked Mayor Gitz for coming to St. Vincent's for dinner. He also stated that we need a new library in Freeport.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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**LATACIA M. ISHMON  
CITY CLERK**