

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**  
**MONDAY EVENING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 15, 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 Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At this time, Alderman Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 1, 2002 presented for approval. Alderman Goley moved, seconded by Alderwoman Jones the approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
  - 1. Fire Department Monthly Activities, March 2002
  - 2. Police Department Monthly Activities, March 2002
  - 3. Department of Community Development Report
  - 4. Department of Community Development 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for April 2002 - \$585,763.97
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for April 2002
- D. Approval of Payroll for Pay Period March 24, 2002 – April 6, 2002

Alderwoman Bender requested that item C is removed from the consent agenda. Alderwoman Leitzen Fye moved, seconded by Alderman Goley to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of item C. Alderwoman Bender questioned the fees paid to United Water. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The motion carried.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2002-20**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADJUST THE 2001-2002 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting on April 15, 2002. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded by Alderman Jenkins. Alderman Bush moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to suspend the rules to vote on this ordinance at this meeting. On the roll call of yeas and nays to suspend the rules, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The motion carried. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye,

Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2002-21**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 15, 2002. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Leitzen Fye. Alderman Bush moved, seconded by Alderman Goley to suspend the rules to vote on this ordinance at this meeting. On the roll call of yeas and nays to suspend the rules, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The motion carried. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea.

**REPORT**

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a meeting on April 5, 2002, in the City Hall Building. At 4:00 pm, a public hearing was held on a petition by Geneva Jacobs, 1251 West Staver Street, Freeport, requesting a 15-foot rear yard variance in order to construct a deck. Ms. Jacobs was present for the hearing, and the request meets all requirements of the City of Freeport Codified Ordinances. There were no objectors present.

The Zoning Board unanimously recommends the petition be granted.

Alderwoman Steele moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender that this report be received and placed on file. The motion carried.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2002-22**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Variance, 1251 Staver Street)**

Alderwoman Steele, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 11, 2002. A 15-foot rear yard variance was presented in order to construct a deck with ramp for handicap accessibility. The committee voted unanimously to concur with the Zoning Board of appeals and Alderwoman Steele so moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson. Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2002-23**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 608 (ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

Alderswoman Steele, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 11, 2002. This ordinance was referred back to the committee for review and amendment of the language regarding intoxication. The wording was changed to include "serving or selling" of alcoholic beverages, and such person may not be "visibly impaired or intoxicated" while on duty. Deputy Chief, Bob Smith, spoke to this problem and stated that this has been an issue for a number of years. The techniques used to determine impairment or intoxication would be the same that is used for drunk driving guidelines. Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin stated that these guidelines would stand up in court the same as they would for drunk driving violations. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderswoman Steele so moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2002-24**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 678 (SAFETY, SANITATION AND HEALTH) AND CHAPTER 1060 (GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL) OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

Alderswoman Steele, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 11, 2002. An ordinance to prevent "stagnant water" which would become a breeding ground for mosquitoes that could possibly bear the West Nile Virus was presented. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderswoman Steele so moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, Mayor James L. Gitz, hereby appoints Kendall Witte to the Zoning Board of Appeals. This appointment is to fill a vacancy.

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

**REAPPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, Mayor James L. Gitz, hereby reappoints William Wagner Jr. to the Housing Authority Board. This appointment shall be effective until October 3, 2006.

Alderman Bush moved, seconded by Alderswoman Moore-Howard. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-19**

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STREETS FOR ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**WHEREAS**, on May 27, 2002, the Allied Veterans Council is sponsoring its Annual Memorial Day Parade, which event constitutes an authorized special event; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed route of this parade will require the temporary closure of the following streets: Walnut from Jackson to Stephenson; Stephenson from Walnut to State; State from Stephenson to Main; and Main from State to Walnut; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5/4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code (605 ILCS 5/4-408) authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 1030 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, the special events permit application submitted by the Allied Veterans Council has been reviewed and approved, subject to the required permit being issued by the Department of Transportation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**, that permission be requested of the Department of Transportation to close off South Galena (Route 20) from East Main to West Stephenson Street. This closure shall be for the public purpose of holding a parade under the following conditions:

1. The approximate time period of all street closures shall be between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Monday, May 27, 2002;
2. The traffic from the closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all-weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway;
3. The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic;
4. The City assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulations of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect;
5. Police officers or authorized flaggers shall be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour;
6. Emergency vehicles shall be permitted in emergency situations to pass through the closed area as is safe for all concerned;
7. The closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices;
8. All debris shall be removed by the City of Freeport prior to reopening the State Highway;
9. Such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be provided by the City of Freeport as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation;
10. An occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above;
11. The Allied Veterans Council shall provide proof of a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$100,000 per person and \$500,000 aggregate, under which the City of Freeport and the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees and agents shall be insured and protected from all claims arising from the requested highway closing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution and proof of liability insurance provided by the Allied Veterans Council shall be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2 Operations Office, 819 Depot Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021-3500, to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this Resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

Alderwoman Steele moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender that this resolution be adopted. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-20**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A FEASIBILITY STUDY CONCERNING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois (the "City") is a duly organized and existing home rule municipality created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is authorized to take certain actions pertaining to development and redevelopment activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council (the "Corporate Authorities") found that it was in the best interest of the City that certain property generally described in Exhibit "A" (the "site") attached hereto and made a part hereof be redeveloped; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to redevelop the Site, it may be necessary to undertake certain public improvements and to pay certain site preparation and related costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Site has not been subject to growth and development through investment by private enterprise and it is not reasonably anticipated to be developed without certain public assistance by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is desirous of having the Site developed, and the City believes that it is not economically feasible to do so without public intervention, given the impediments to development which characterize the Site; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois law provides for creation of a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District to provide such assistance, intervention, redevelopment planning and overview of TIF as described in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities have reviewed the conditions of the Site and have reason to believe that the cost of the necessary public improvements, site preparation costs, and certain other costs to be incurred may qualify for Tax Increment Financing pursuant to State of Illinois statute (the "Program"), provided the Corporate Authorities, within their sole discretion, approve a formal agreement which provides for such Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities reasonably believe that private entities will show their interest in investing private capital in the Site if, and only if, a Program is adopted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** as follows:

**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 Corporate Authorities will consider the use of Tax Increment Financing pursuant to State of Illinois statutes for the Site and may take such actions as

they deem appropriate and necessary to induce quality development of the Site and, within their sole discretion, adopt a Program to implement the same.

**Section 3.** All undertakings of the City set forth herein are specifically contingent upon the ability of the City to determine, within its discretion, that the development/redevelopment project includes costs that would qualify for Tax Increment Financing.

**Section 4.** An interested Party's Registry shall be established, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4.2, which shall be governed as follows:

1. Registration shall be maintained by the City Clerk.
2. Parties interested in registering pursuant to this section shall completely fill out said form and file same with the City Clerk.
3. Each registration will be effective for three years from the date of issue; notice of renewal shall be mailed by the City Clerk to the name of organization or individual and address listed on said completed registration form not more than 90 days nor less than 30 days prior to the registration expiration. All registrations will be given an expiration date corresponding to the next end of quarter according to the City's fiscal year.

**Section 5.** The Mayor is hereby appointed as the municipal officer who can be contacted for additional information about the proposed redevelopment of the area to be studied. In this instance, the project individual is Robert Skurla, Executive Director of the Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation, telephone number: 815/233-1350, 26 South Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032.

**Section 6.** There is no anticipated City purpose that would result in the displacement of residents from 10 or more inhabited residential units, and there are not more than 75 residential units located at the Site.

**Section 7.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provisions of the Resolution shall be held invalid, said invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

**Section 8.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law. The City Clerk is directed to publish this Resolution in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 15, 2002. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender and Steele voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-21**  
**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Freeport in conjunction with Freeport Downtown Development has designed a program to provide owners of properties financial incentives to preserve, restore, and rehabilitate the exterior features of buildings located within the downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment (TIF) Area; and

**WHEREAS**, this program is consistent with the City's approved Tax Increment Financing District Fund Expenditure Plan, wherein the City committed \$50,000 for a Façade/Capital Improvement program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council's Community Development Committee has reviewed and recommended the attached "Façade Improvement Program", establishing guidelines and procedures.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** that it does hereby approve the proposed Façade Improvement Program guidelines and procedures attached hereto and incorporated by reference as it fully set forth therein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this Resolution is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule authority of the City of Freeport under Section 6(a) of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** all Resolutions or motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** if any section, clause or provision of this Resolution be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Resolution as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, and this City Council expressly declares that it would have enacted this Resolution even with the invalid portion deleted.

Alderman Steele, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 11, 2002. The Façade Improvement program will assist downtown businesses by making money available to improve the front or "façade" of existing buildings. Freeport Downtown Development Committee recommends this resolution to make \$50,0000 available for this project. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderwoman Steele so moved, seconded by Alderman Rinehart. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-22**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE OPTION TO RENEW AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS BETWEEN UNITED WATER SERVICES, INC AND THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND APROVING AMENDMENTS THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, on April 22,1997 the City of Freeport entered into a contract for professional management services of the water and wastewater systems of the City with JMM Operational Services, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, United Water, Inc. is the successor in interest to that contract and has been managing the system since June 1, 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Freeport Water and Sewer Commission and the Public Works Committee of this City Council have recommended adoption and approval of the attached "Option to Renew Agreement for the Professional Management of the Water and Wastewater Systems City of Freeport, Illinois" and "First Amendment to Agreement for the Professional Management of the Water and Wastewater Systems City of Freeport, Illinois".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** that the Mayor is authorized to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the attached agreements with United Water, Inc., to renew and amend the professional management services of the Water and Wastewater systems.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule authority of the City of Freeport under Section 6(a) of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any section, clause or provision of this Resolution be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Resolution as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, and this City Council expressly declares that it would have enacted this Resolution even with the invalid portion deleted.

Alderman Jenkins, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 18, 2002. The Water and Sewer contract, including the original "Option to renew" was presented to the committee. The commission had already unanimously approved the new contract, which is the same except for an amendment to increase the yearly managing fee by \$300,000. Larry Timms pointed out this is a 1.7% increase and is only minimal considering the added scope of the operations. Since the last contract, the sewer plant has additional needs such as, well #8 at the Carroll Street water tower has been added and there is now a land application process for sludge since the landfill is not going to be an option. Mark Winters commented on the great relationship between the commission and United Water and thought the increase was very reasonable. The Public Works committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Jenkins so moved, seconded by Alderman Urban. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Joes, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-23**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CDAP GRANT FOR STORM AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FOR TAYLOR PARK AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Freeport submitted and received an Illinois Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Public Facilities Application from DCCA; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDAP grant assistance is essential to allow the City of Freeport to undertake a project to resolve flooding and pollution in the Taylor Park Neighborhood area; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDAP grant requires the financial participation of the grantee for receipt of the CDAP funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Freeport has allocated funds for the above referenced project; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDAP grant will allow the City of Freeport to make improvements in the Taylor Park Neighborhood area storm sewer, reline specific sanitary sewer lines to prevent infiltration and provide other storm and sanitary sewer related improvements that will benefit the City's sanitary sewer system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Freeport hereby approves acceptance of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Grant, for the Taylor Park Neighborhood area storm water, sanitary sewer, and street improvements in the amount of \$574,640 and on behalf of the City of Freeport agrees to provide a local match to the CDAP funds in the amount of \$224,600.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule authority of the City of Freeport under Section 6(a) of Article VII of the



Illinois Constitution of 1970 and all Resolutions or motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

Alderman Jenkins, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 18, 2002. Water & Sewer Director, Alice Orthmann presented information for the grant to be used for sewer work on the east side. The grant is for \$574,640 and our local match is \$224,600. The area targeted is from Sheridan east on the south side of Stephenson. The work to be done is:

1. Connect all septic systems to sanitary sewers.
2. Install check valves or modify plumbing to stop flooding of basements from sanitary back up.
3. Eliminate all "dead end" lines such as homes, which have been removed.
4. Line all sanitary sewers.
5. Install new "flap gates" on the Storm Sewer pipes at the river.

Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron said the new types of back flow flaps for the storm sewer are much better than the ones we have now.

The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Jenkins so moved, seconded by Alderman Bush. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-24**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CDAP GRANT APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Freeport, is applying to the State of Illinois for a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that an application be made to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, criteria of CDAP are such that no financial participation by the grantee is required in conjunction with CDAP funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** as follows:

**Section 1.** The City apply for a grant under the terms and conditions of the State of Illinois and shall enter into and agree to the understandings and assurances contained in said application.

**Section 2.** The Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application, including hiring a grant consultant in an amount up to, but not to exceed \$6,000, in connection with this application.

**Section 3.** The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.

Alderwoman Steele, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 11, 2002. Mayor Gitz requested approval to hire a person to write an application for the DCCA (Dept. of Commerce and Community Affairs) grant. The request is for \$6,0000 to handle and write the grant and compile the application and survey. This grant is for \$500,000 biannually to assist rehab in Freeport. This money

(\$6,000) would come from the Health and Environment Fund. Alderwoman Leitzen Fye stated that she would like to see the city and NHS work together on this grant in lieu of arguing over it.

The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderwoman Steele so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Leitzen Fye. Alderwoman Leitzen Fye clarified that she stated that she would like to see NHS and NICA work together to develop the grant, as opposed to opposite ends. On the roll call of yeas and nays to adopt this resolution, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Alderwoman Steele, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 11, 2002. The sale of single cans was reviewed and it was determined that more information was needed in reference to "original packaging". This issue will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Corporation Counsel, Sarah Griffin, gave an update on the research for the information with regard to the liquor licenses issued to gas stations. She is still working on the information and hopes to have more compiled by the next meeting. Alderwoman Leitzen Fye recommended checking with Ancel & Glink Law firm to see if they have researched this topic previously.

Howard Lee & Sons from Cherry Valley were the only respondents for the request for quote for a fuel pump for the airport. Their bid came in at \$11,625, which is well under the budgeted amount of \$15,000. This bid includes a used reel line link machine for \$1,000, which will save \$1,000 per year for testing by the EPA. The committee voted unanimously to accept this bid and Alderwoman Steele so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Veer. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The motion carried.

Alderwoman Steele announced that the next meeting would be May 16, 2002, at 5:30 pm, in City Council Chambers.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Alderman Jenkins, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 18, 2002. The committee reviewed the Public Works line items. There were many cuts, but no personnel except for the elimination of all summer help including seasonal help for the cemetery.

Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron, gave an update on the vacation, dedications, and easements for Grant Street. This action will be forthcoming on the Planning Commission's agenda.

Van Buren Bridge progress includes work on a construction agreement with Canadian National RR and permanent easement for the crossing.

The committee discussed vacating the south ½ block of State Street between Douglas and Clark for library construction. This is from Douglas north to the center of the block; the north ½ will stay open for access by those who use the alley from Adams to State.

Alderwoman Veer polled the residents on State Street from Galena to Winslow about changing this section to two-way traffic. The results are out of 48 affected addresses: 22 not at home, 7 vacant, 7 for the change, 5 against, and 3 did not care. The committee members will drive through the area to assess impact on parking and traffic.

Another State Street issue is the signal lights at Main and at Stephenson. Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron received a quote for the electric work from Morse Electric, but the committee requested two more bids.

The committee discussed replacing the curb on Stephenson at the same time it is paved with the federal LAPP funds. We have a bid for curb on the same stretch for about \$300,00. After discussion on funding the project from MFT funds, the committee feels strongly that we need to start replacing curbs somewhere. Also, the LAPP funds for this year will probably go to Adams Street and the committee believes this should get curb also. Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron will discuss funding and the committee will have a special meeting on April 15, 2002 for further discussion.

Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron has spoken with Sheriff Snyders about the need for parking in front of the old jail. Further discussion will be needed before changing the parking there.

Dwight Anderson spoke in support of the sidewalk program. He requested that the city look for State or Federal grants for the program.

Bids were received on April 11, 2002 for Street Department materials. Four bids were received from three bidders. All bidders met specifications. The bid on aggregate products was 2.69% under the estimate. The bid on Bituminous Mix Materials was 1.74% over the estimate. The bid on Bituminous Materials (seal coat) was 8.32% under the estimate. The only item that was over the estimate by more than the acceptable limits was Bituminous Materials (seal coat) winter delivery. This item was 50.88% over the estimate. Since the quantity for this seal coat item is small, only the summer bid price will be use per this bid. Ron Chamberlin from IDOT had no problems with the bids as read. IDOT will allow us to proceed with this award. Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron suggested that the bids be accepted. The committee voted unanimously to concur with the Public Works Director and Alderman Jenkins so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Veer. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bush, Moore-Howard, Leitzen Fye, Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, and Steele voted yea. The motion carried.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Alderman Dawson, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on April 10, 2002. The budget for the Fire and Police Department were reviewed. The Fire Department

Study Task Force met and welcomed new member, John Thingvold (Newell Rubbermaid). The next meeting for the Task Force is scheduled for April 23, 2002, at 5:00 pm, at Fire Station #3.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Alderman Bush, Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting on April 15, 2002. The committee decided to take review the health care information and have a special meeting on April 29, 2002, at 5 pm, in City Council Chambers.

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Alderman Gaulrapp, Chair, announced that the next meeting would be May 7, 2002, at 6:30 pm, in City Council Chambers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Goley reminded everyone the deadline to file income taxes is today.

Alderwoman Jones stated that she would not be able to attend the Technology Committee meeting.

Alderman Boldt suggested that the committees take a closer look at unopposed bids.

Alderman Urban stated he was impressed with the conscientious efforts of all the council members.

Alderman Gaulrapp congratulated that cast and directors of Showtime. He said that Freeport has some great talent.

Alderman Rinehart asked if there was a new program to replace Tutty Baker Days. (Mayor Gitz stated that there was nothing conclusive).

Alderwoman Bender suggested putting an ad in the newspaper regarding leaf pickup. She also stated that Community Development should look into issuing warnings and citing fines for huge signs during election season. Alderwoman Bender said that it is poor procedure for the checks to be mailed out before they are approved. She asked everyone to keep Rich Buss, City Treasurer's husband, in prayer, as he will be undergoing a serious surgery. She also questioned the library bills, in reference to the director spending \$5,000 for a trip to Cuba.

Mayor Gitz stated that under the Illinois State Statutes, the library board has exclusive control of their budget and private bequests and funds.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**LATACIA M. ISHMON, CITY CLERK**

