

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**  
**MONDAY EVENING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 6, 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 Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, and Moore-Howard.

Absent were Alderwoman Leitzen Fye, due to an illness and Alderman Urban, who was attending a conference in Collinsville.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**DO THE RIGHT THING PRESENTATION**

Fire Chief, Jim Blackburn announced the winners of the Do The Right Thing Program for the month of April 2002.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There was a public hearing for a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs through the Community Development Assistance Program. Leslie Mastrionni explained that the grant funds would be used for the rehabilitation of residential dwellings along the Galena Avenue corridor and answered all questions.

**PRESENTATION**

Paul Ranney from Insight Communications presented the new cable system improvements and answered all questions.

**HONORARY RESOLUTION #R-2002-27**

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERS CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**, Kids and Police Serving (KAPS) began in September 1999 with 6 members and 2 police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, during the past 2 ½ years this program has grown to 44 members, 4 police officers, and 2 parent advisors; and

**WHEREAS**, KAPS has hosted an open house for the Community Police Substation, hosted a family fun day, worked on an area clean up, delivered lead information flyers and Well Women information for the Stephenson County Health Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Kids and Police Serving works with the Health Department and Police Department on tobacco compliance checks and has attended 3 National Youth Crime Prevention Conferences and with ideas from these conferences, they wrote grants and received funding for their own theatre prevention group called Rebels of the Revolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebels of the Revolution has performed skits for the Illinois Department of Human Services staff, Carl Sandburg Middle School Families and Schools Together Program, the Welcome Back to School Celebration, Future Generation of Leaders lock-in, and the Tribute to Freeport held at the Masonic Temple and the Stephenson County Teen Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the KAPS and Rebels members recently attended an International Youth Leaders Crime Prevention Conference in Kissimmee, Florida, where they hosted a workshop for over 120 youth and adults on creative ways to spread prevention measures and how to start programs like KAPS & Rebels in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, KAPS and Rebels have submitted an application to conduct a workshop and perform at the International Collaborative Teen Conference in Detroit, Michigan in July, and have been invited to Brazil to work with police from two different communities to help them start a youth and policing program in their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**, that we congratulate the Kids and Police Serving (KAPS) and Rebels of the Revolution participants for their hard work and dedication in making these programs a success. We further extend our appreciation to the policemen and staff who help guide this program to such widespread success.

Alderman Goley moved, seconded by Alderman Rinehart to adopt this resolution. The motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 15, 2002 presented for approval. Alderman Goley moved, seconded by Alderman Rinehart the approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
  - 1. Department of Community Development Cash Receipts, April 2002
  - 2. Department of Community Development Building Permits, April 2002
  - 3. Police Department Activities, April 2002
  - 4. Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report, March 2002
  - 5. Department of Community Development Report
  - 6. Treasurer's Tax Receipts, April 2002
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for May 2002 - \$155,169.16
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for April 2002
- D. Approval of Payroll for Pay Period April 7, 2002 – April 20, 2002

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

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> READING ORDINANCE #2002-23**

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

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of April 15, 2002, when it was moved by Alderman Steele, seconded by Alderman Dawson for approval. Alderman Bender

moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp that this ordinance be laid over to the next regular meeting in order to contact liquor license holders regarding the ordinance change. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, and Moore-Howard voted yea. The motion carried.

**2<sup>nd</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**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of April 15, 2002, when it was moved by Alderwoman Steele, seconded by Alderman Dawson for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, and Moore-Howard voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2002-27**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 288 (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES GENERALLY) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**

Alderman Bush, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting on April 29, 2002. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Bush so moved, seconded by Alderman Goley. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

Leave was granted to vote on the following resolutions in one motion:

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-28**

**RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR INDIAN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION PLAT 1**

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, presently has posted with the City of Freeport a performance bond in the amount of \$84,412.09 relating to the development of Indian Springs Subdivision Plat 1; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, has requested a reduction in the amount of said performance bond posted with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has reviewed and recommends approval of this request, as set forth in the report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

**Section 1:** The City of Freeport hereby releases to Lynn Meyer, owner, the amount of \$32,588.09 and hereby retains \$54,824.00 of the performance bond presently posted with the City of Freeport. The retained amount shall constitute a performance bond in the amount of \$54,824.00 for completion of sidewalks to ensure proper construction in compliance with Section 1224.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois.

**Section 2:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council and its approval by the Mayor, and it shall remain in full force and effect until its amendment or revocation, in whole or in part, by a subsequent ordinance or resolution of this City Council.

**Section 3:** 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.

**Section 4:** All Resolutions or motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

**Section 5:** 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.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-29**  
**RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR INDIAN SPRINGS**  
**SUBDIVISION PLAT 2**

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, presently has posted with the City of Freeport a performance bond in the amount of \$37,618.00 relating to the development of Indian Springs Subdivision Plat 2; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, has requested a reduction in the amount of said performance bond posted with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has reviewed and recommends approval of this request, as set forth in the report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

**Section 1:** The City of Freeport hereby releases to Lynn Meyer, owner, the amount of \$9,898.00 and hereby retains \$27,720.00 of the performance bond presently posted with the City of Freeport. The retained amount shall constitute a performance bond in the amount of \$27,720.00 for completion of sidewalks to ensure proper construction in compliance with Section 1224.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois.

**Section 2:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council and its approval by the Mayor, and it shall remain in full force and effect until its amendment or revocation, in whole or in part, by a subsequent ordinance or resolution of this City Council.

**Section 3:** 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.

**Section 4:** All Resolutions or motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

**Section 5:** 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.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-30**  
**RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CHEROKEE HILLS**  
**SUBDIVISION PLAT 3**

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, presently has posted with the City of Freeport a performance bond in the amount of \$39,539.00 relating to the development of Indian Springs Subdivision Plat 3; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, has requested a reduction in the amount of said performance bond posted with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has reviewed and recommends approval of this request, as set forth in the report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

**Section 1:** The City of Freeport hereby releases to Lynn Meyer, owner, the amount of \$24,385.40 and hereby retains \$15,153.60 of the performance bond presently posted with the City of Freeport. The retained amount shall constitute a performance bond in the amount of \$15,153.60 for completion of sidewalks to ensure proper construction in compliance with Section 1224.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois.

**Section 2:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council and its approval by the Mayor, and it shall remain in full force and effect until its amendment or revocation, in whole or in part, by a subsequent ordinance or resolution of this City Council.

**Section 3:** 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.

**Section 4:** All Resolutions or motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

**Section 5:** 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.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-31**  
**RESOLUTION TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CHEROKEE HILLS**  
**SUBDIVISION PLAT 8**

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

**Section 1:** Of the Performance Bond of \$2,613.60 presently remaining for the Cherokee Hills Subdivision Plat 8, the City of Freeport after an inspection by the Public Works Department, hereby releases the remaining \$2,613.60 for the work that has been satisfactorily completed according to the Director of Public Works, as set forth in the report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Section 2:** 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.

**Section 3:** All Resolutions or motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

**Section 4:** 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.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-32**

**RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CHEROKEE HILLS  
SUBDIVISION PLAT 9**

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, presently has posted with the City of Freeport a performance bond in the amount of \$27,242.00 relating to the development of Cherokee Hills Subdivision Plat 9; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, has requested a reduction in the amount of said performance bond posted with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has reviewed and recommends approval of this request, as set forth in the report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

**Section 1:** The City of Freeport hereby releases to Lynn Meyer, owner, the amount of \$9,898.00 and hereby retains \$27,720.00 of the performance bond presently posted with the City of Freeport. The retained amount shall constitute a performance bond in the amount of \$27,720.00 for completion of sidewalks to ensure proper construction in compliance with Section 1224.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois.

**Section 2:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council and its approval by the Mayor, and it shall remain in full force and effect until its amendment or revocation, in whole or in part, by a subsequent ordinance or resolution of this City Council.

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**RESOLUTION #R-2002-33**

**RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CHEROKEE HILLS  
SUBDIVISION PLAT 10**

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, presently has posted with the City of Freeport a performance bond in the amount of \$31,271.50 relating to the development of Cherokee Hills Subdivision Plat 10; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, has requested a reduction in the amount of said performance bond posted with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has reviewed and recommends approval of this request, as set forth in the report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

**Section 1:** The City of Freeport hereby releases to Lynn Meyer, owner, the amount of \$29,001.01 and hereby retains \$1,320.00 of the performance bond presently posted with the City of Freeport. The retained amount shall constitute a performance bond in the amount of \$1,320.00 for completion of sidewalks to ensure proper construction in compliance with Section 1224.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois.

**Section 2:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council and its approval by the Mayor, and it shall remain in full force and effect until its amendment or revocation, in whole or in part, by a subsequent ordinance or resolution of this City Council.

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**RESOLUTION #R-2002-34**  
**RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CHEROKEE HILLS**  
**SUBDIVISION PLAT 11**

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, presently has posted with the City of Freeport a performance bond in the amount of \$39,826.40 relating to the development of Cherokee Hills Subdivision Plat 11; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynn Meyer, owner, has requested a reduction in the amount of said performance bond posted with the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Public Works has reviewed and recommends approval of this request, as set forth in the report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

**Section 1:** The City of Freeport hereby releases to Lynn Meyer, owner, the amount of \$36,130.40 and hereby retains \$3,696.00 of the performance bond presently posted with the City of Freeport. The retained amount shall constitute a performance bond in the amount of \$3,696.00 for completion of sidewalks to ensure proper construction in compliance with Section 1224.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois.

**Section 2:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council and its approval by the Mayor, and it shall remain in full force and effect until its amendment or revocation, in whole or in part, by a subsequent ordinance or resolution of this City Council.

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Alderman Jenkins, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting on May 6, 2002. The committee voted unanimously to adopt these resolutions and Alderman Jenkins so moved, seconded by Alderman Rinehart. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, and Moore-Howard voted yea. The resolutions were adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2002-35**

**RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR FARMER'S MARKET WITH FREEPORT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Freeport Downtown Development Foundation has applied for a special event permit for its annual Farmer's Market; and

**WHEREAS**, the Freeport Downtown Development Foundation has requested that the City of Freeport co-sponsor this year's Farmer's Market; and

**WHEREAS**, the market is scheduled every Thursday and Saturday morning from June through October, 2002, on the City Lights property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Farmer's Market has been a successful attribute to Freeport and the surrounding area through allowing access to local produce benefiting both consumers and local farmers; and

**WHEREAS**, this City Council finds that co-sponsoring the Farmer's Market will be of benefit to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** that the City of Freeport endorses the Farmer's Market and agrees to co-sponsor this year's event.

Alderman Jenkins, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on May 6, 2002. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Jenkins so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Moore-Howard. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Goley, Veer, Jones, Boldt, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, and Moore-Howard voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, James L. Gitz, hereby appoints Alice Orthmann to the Library Board. Alice Orthmann shall replace Gloria Moeller whose term has expired. This is a three (3) year term.

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Deputy Police Chief, Bob Smith, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the honorary resolution presented to KAPS.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

Alderman Bush, Chair, announced that the next meeting would be May 14, 2002 at 5:00 pm, in City Council Chambers.



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

**TECHNOLOGY**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Alderman Jenkins, Chair, announced that the next meeting would be May 13, 2002 at 7:00 pm, in City Council Chambers.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Alderman Dawson, Chair, announced that the next meeting would be May 15, 2002 at 6:00 pm, in City Council Chambers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Goley requested that the mailing for the liquor ordinance be sent to all liquor license holders, not just the taverns. He clarified that this ordinance does not make it illegal for bartenders to consume alcohol while on duty, as it was stated in the Journal Standard.

Alderswoman Jones stated that two cars were vandalized on Center Street. The vandals are getting in the cars on the passenger side. She warned everyone to be cautious and to always lock the doors.

Alderman Boldt asked for an update on the work being done on Galena. Mayor Gitz responded IDOT had testing criteria that were not passed in certain areas; therefore the work was being redone.

Alderman Dawson commented on people cleaning up their yards and asked if there would be track pick up this year. Mayor Gitz responded that there would be during the summer season and it would be done as an add-on to the individual's water bill.

Alderman Jenkins also stated that it is nice to see the neighborhoods being cleaned up. He stated that 7<sup>th</sup> ward had a neighborhood watch meeting. Sergeant Quincy Carter and Patrolman Lamont Hail attended this meeting and produced minutes and agendas. There has been great follow-up from this meeting. He also stated that part of the LAPP Program funds include handicap accessibility at traffic lights. This work has begun on Stephenson Street.

Alderman Gaulrapp reminded everyone that waste cannot be burned within the city. He asked about the upkeep of the City Lights property.

Alderman Rinehart announced that Malcolm Eaton would be having a Pork Chop dinner from 11am – 3pm and Car Show from 9am – 4pm on May 19, 2002. The cost is \$7.50 per person.

Alderwoman Bender read a letter from the IEPA regarding sewer problems on Hunt and Homer Streets and how they would be addressed. She thanked the mayor for addressing this issue. She stated that she received a phone call in regards to the Rebels of Revolution a week before they were to take the trip to California and was told that four children that had practiced and two adults were not allowed to go because they did not have \$2,000. She said that they tried to raise the \$2,000, but because of time restraints they were not able to. She said that she hopes this never happens again.

Alderwoman Steele asked everyone to keep Alderwoman Bender in prayer as she undergoes surgery this week.

Mayor Gitz stated that to his knowledge, there would not be a reduction in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. He said that Fehr-Graham is currently surveying the streets and that street programming is near completion. He also stated that there is an emerging problem of grass clippings being mowed onto the streets. This becomes a major problem because the clippings and debris are then washed into the Storm Sewer System. He said that there would be a public information and education campaign asking people not to do this and also enforcement measures. He then encouraged everyone to attend the retirement dinner for Police Chief Kentner on May 10, 2002.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

In Alderwoman Leitzen Fye's absence, City Clerk, Latacia Ishmon announced that there would be a West Nile Press Conference on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 10:00 am, in City Council Chambers. The conference is a city/county collaboration.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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**LATACIA M. ISHMON, CITY CLERK**

