

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2002 at 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 Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Veer, and Boldt. Absent was Alderwoman Jones.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARING

There was a public hearing for the appropriation ordinance. Finance Director, Jim Leitzinger gave a summary of the budget and answered questions from the council. It was then opened to the public for questions. Being there were none, Alderman Jenkins moved, seconded by Alderman Urban to close the public hearing. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Alderman Urban, Jenkins, Rinehart, Steele, Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Veer, and Boldt voted yea. Alderman Dawson, Gaulrapp, and Bender voted nay. There were nine yeas and three nays. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 17, 2002, were presented for approval. Alderman Gaulrapp 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 for June 2002
 - 2. Department of Community Development Building Permits for June 2002
 - 3. Department of Community Development Report/Zoning Administrator
 - 4. Department of Community Development Report
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for July 2002 - \$154,55303
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for June 2002
- D. Approval of Payroll for Pay Period June 2, 2002 to June 15, 2002

Alderwoman Bender requested that Item C be removed from the consent agenda. Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderman Rinehart for approval of the consent agenda with the exception of Item C. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Veer, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried.

Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderman Rinehart moved approval of Consent Agenda Item C. Alderwoman Bender pointed out that the city pays a lot of money for outside legal services. She also questioned the property taxes on the Rawleigh building. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve Item C, Aldermen Urban,

Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Veer, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried.

2nd READING

ORINANCE #2002-41

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, FISCAL YEAR 2002-03, FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of June 17, 2002, when it was moved by Alderman Bush, seconded by Alderman Goley for approval. Alderman Goley stated that he would be abstaining because of his involvement with NHS and the conflict of interest regarding TIF. After much discussion, roll call was taken. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Urban, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Steele, Bush, Moore-Howard, and Veer voted yea. Aldermen Dawson, Bender, and Boldt voted nay. Alderman Goley abstained. There were eight yeas, three nays, and one abstention. The ordinance was approved.

2nd READING

ORDINANCE #2002-44

SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (SPECIAL USE PERMIT, 2002 BEDFORD ROAD)

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of June 17, 2002 when it was moved by Alderwoman Steele, seconded by Alderman Dawson for approval. Alderman Bush stated the he would be abstaining because he is a board member for Malcolm Eaton. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Urban, Dawson, Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Moore-Howard, Goley, Veer, and Boldt. Alderman Bush abstained. There were eleven yeas and one abstention. The ordinance was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TECHNOLOGY

Alderman Gaulrapp, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be July 9, 2002 at 6:00 pm, in City Council Chambers.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Alderwoman Steele, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be July 11, 2002 at 5:30 pm, in City Council Chambers.

FINANCE

Alderman Bush, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be July 9, 2002 at 5:30 pm, in City Council Chambers.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alderman Dawson, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be July 10, 2002 at 6:00 pm. Also, the Fire Department Study Committee would meet at 5:00 pm, in City Council Chambers.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Jenkins, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be July 8, 2002 at 7:00 pm, in City Council Chambers. He also thanked Vice-Chair, Sandy Veer for conducting the previous meeting in his absence.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Gaulrapp thanked the Finance Director, Jim Leitzinger and Accountant, Duane Price for their work on the Appropriation Ordinance.

Alderman Rinehart encouraged everyone to attend the 4th of July Fireworks at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds.

Alderman Steele thanked everyone in the audience for attending the meeting and encouraged them to stay involved in all city issues. She wished everyone a Happy and Safe 4th of July weekend.

Alderman Bush thanked Community Development Director, Jeff Mikkelsen for his fast action regarding the issue on North Sheridan.

Alderman Moore-Howard thanked everyone for his/her correspondence regarding Malcolm Eaton. She also wished her son Derek a Happy 16th Birthday.

Alderman Goley wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Alderman Veer thanked everyone for the postcards and letters regarding Malcolm Eaton.

Alderman Boldt suggested that he councilperson tour the facility on Bedford Drive when it is completed. He also stated that he received two phone calls in regards to the West Nile Virus. He asked Mayor Gitz how he should advise the constituents. Mayor Gitz responded that he would contact the Health Department to find out.

Mayor Gitz thanked the council for all the work put into the appropriation ordinance. He also explained that the Health and Environment fund would not be used to finance the new library building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sue Swanson expressed her deep appreciation to the council for the Special Use Permit. She stated that it shows that people with disabilities have a right to choose where they want to live. She also thanked everyone that supporters of this project.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CITY CLERK

