

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 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 Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Veer, Boldt, Urban, and Dawson. Absent was Alderwoman Jones.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HONORARY RESOLUTION #R-2002-47

HONORARY RESOLUTION TO HONORING POLICE CHIEF DAVID KENTNER AS AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT

Whereas, Police Chief David Kentner announced his retirement effective Monday, August 19, 2002; and

Whereas, David Kentner has been a member of the Freeport Police Department for twenty (20) years; and

Whereas, the City of Freeport is pleased to recognize David Kentner's dedication and commitment as a Patrol Officer, Narcotics Agent, Detective, Sergeant, Shift Commander, and Chief of the Freeport Police Department; and

Whereas, Chief Kentner has emphasized strong drug enforcement, Community Oriented Policing, and improved outreach to our community and our young people; and

Whereas, Chief Kentner was instrumental in the creation of a Citizen's Police Academy, the Teen Court Program, and Community Police Relations Panel, all of which have contributed to the improved safety of our community and a better understanding of the City's public safety initiatives,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that on behalf of the citizens of Freeport, we hereby honor David Kentner for his outstanding service, and extend our best wishes to David Kentner and his family for a job well done.

Alderman Bush moved, seconded by Steele for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Veer, Boldt, Urban, and Dawson.

PRESENTATION

Lona Kniskern, from the Stephenson County Senior Center, presented Chief Kentner with a plaque for his service to the Senior Center M-Team that reviews elder abuse cases.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on July 15, 2002, were presented for approval. Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender 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 for July 2002
 - 2. Department of Community Development Building Permits for July 2002
 - 3. Police Department Activities for July 2002
 - 4. Department of Community Development Report
 - 5. Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for period ending June 30, 2002
 - 6. Treasurer's Report for period ending June 2002
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for August 2002 - \$388,957.77
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for July and August 2002
- D. Approval of Payroll for Pay Period July 14, 2002 to July 27, 2002 - \$312,806.55

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

Alderman Jenkins moved, seconded by Alderman Urban for the approval of consent agenda item C. Alderman Boldt questioned the bills paid for land acquisition. It was explained that these were paid by federal and state funds. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Veer, Boldt, Urban, and Dawson voted yea.

2nd READING

ORDINANCE #2002-45

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 480 (PARKING GENERALLY) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

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

APPOINTMENT

Effective immediately, Mayor James L. Gitz, hereby appoints Jerry Whitmore as Chief of Police of the Freeport Police Department. This appointment shall be effective immediately.

Alderman Rinehart moved, seconded by Alderwoman Steele for approval of this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this appointment, Aldermen Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Veer, Boldt, Urban, and Dawson voted yea. The appointment was approved.

SWEARING IN

City Clerk, Latacia Ishmon, swore in Police Chief Jerry Whitmore and Mayor Gitz presented him with his badge. Chief Whitmore then took his seat.

RESOLUTION #R-2002-48

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR OKTOBERFEST WITH FREEPORT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Freeport Downtown Development Foundation has applied for a special event permit for its annual Octoberfest; and

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

WHEREAS, Octoberfest is scheduled for Saturday September 21, 2002, and will be located on the City Lights and City Municipal parking lots; and

WHEREAS, Octoberfest has been a successful fundraiser which assists the Freeport Downtown Development Foundation in its efforts to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that co-sponsoring Octoberfest will be of significant benefit to the Freeport community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that the City of Freeport hereby agrees to co-sponsor this year's downtown Octoberfest event.

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

PRESENTATION

Darrell Janssen and Paul Whitaker gave the council an update on the improvements to Albertus Airport.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Gitz introduced Reggie Taylor, who was hired as the Hearing/Grants Administrator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Alderman Bush, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be August 13, 2002 at 5:00pm, in City Council Chambers.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alderman Dawson, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be August 14, 2002 at 6:00 pm, in City Council Chambers. The Fire Department Task Force committee would also meet at 5:00pm.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Jenkins, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be August 12, 2002 at 7:00pm.

TECHNOLOGY

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Alderwoman Steele, Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting on August 5, 2002. Demolition bids were presented to the committee from Alber and Brokhausen. They were as follows:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Alber</u>	<u>Brokhausen</u>
440 S Float Ave	\$1,395	\$2,040
1041 S Stephenson St	2,775	4,496
504 E Winneshiek St		432*
534 E Madison St	1,895	1,776
472 S Miami Ave	1,395	1,200
809 S Liberty Ave	2,775	2,257
1112 E Stephenson St	1,749	1,208
409 W Pleasant St	<u>2,499</u>	<u>3,250</u>
TOTAL	14,483	16,227

*Not in total; was torn down by owner

The bids were “cherry picked for the lowest bid. The committee voted unanimously to award Alber three demolitions totaling \$6,669 and Brokhausen four demolitions totaling \$6,441.00; for a total of \$13,110 and Alderwoman Steele so moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Jenkins, Gaulrapp, Rinehart, Bender, Steele, Bush, Moore-Howard, Goley, Veer, Boldt, Urban, and Dawson voted yeas. The bids were accepted.

Alderwoman Steele also stated that the committee voted unanimously to increase hangar rent at the airport by \$10. This would increase the rent collected by \$6,000. She stated that the next meeting would be August 15, 2002, in City Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Jenkins stated that he received a letter from a concerned citizen with a phony name. He stated that he appreciates it when citizens have serious concerns, but he requested that they sign their real name. He stated that the Street Department has been doing an outstanding job paving the streets. He said that he has never seen this many streets done in one year.

Alderman Gaulrapp welcomed Reggie Taylor and the new police chief to the City Hall. He also stated that he would like to see the order of the agenda in the New Business section changed. He will discuss this with the appropriate committee.

Alderman Rinehart wished Police Chief Kentner well in his retirement and stated that he looks forward to working with the new chief. He also thanked the sponsors of Cruise Night.

Alderwoman Bender thanked Police Chief Kentner for his years of service and welcomed Reggie Taylor and Jerry Whitmore. She also announced that there would be a fundraiser for Cameron Davis on September 7, 2002, from 1:00pm to 7:00pm, at the Farm Bureau.

Alderwoman Steele thanked Police Chief Kentner for all his efforts and the programs that he started. She stated that the Civilian Academy is a wonderful program and that he would be greatly missed. She stated that she looks forward to working with the new chief, Jerry Whitmore. She stated that she received information from two Gulf War Veterans, who are receiving medical and monthly benefits. She stated that the new legislation is working and she thanked everyone that supported Congressman Manzullo. She stated that there would be a fundraiser for the All Veteran’s Memorial Park. Tickets for the

drawing will be sold at the Stephenson County Fair and the drawing will be on November 11, 2002. She also welcomed Reggie Taylor.

Alderman Bush welcomed the new police chief. He announced that there would be a Back to School Celebration on August 17, 2002. He stated that the Freeport Health Network would be kicking off the event with a healthy 1K walk.

Alderman Moore-Howard wished Police Chief Kentner good luck and encouraged the new chief. She also congratulated Fire Chief Blackburn on the funding the Fire Department received.

Alderman Goley welcomed Reggie and Jerry Whitmore. He also wished Police Chief Kentner well.

Alderwoman Veer welcomed Reggie and Jerry Whitmore. She also wished Police Chief Kenter good luck. She stated that she felt Cruise Night was a great success.

Alderman Boldt challenged the mystery writer to quit hiding behind a false name.

Alderman Urban wished Police Kentner the best of luck during his retirement. He also welcomed Reggie Taylor and Jerry Whitmore.

Alderman Dawson stated that as Public Safety Chair, it has been a pleasure working with Police Chief Kentner. He welcomed Reggie Taylor and Jerry Whitmore to the city. He stated that he enjoyed attending Cruise Night; it was a well, put together event.

Fire Chief, Jim Blackburn, welcomed Reggie Taylor. He wished Chief Kentner well and stated that he looks forward to working with the new Police Chief Jerry Whitmore. He also stated that there was a press conference at Fire Station #1 with Congressman Manzullo. The Fire Department was awarded a \$58,000 grant. The money will be used to purchase new airpaks, replacing the old airpaks, which are 15 years old.

Mayor Gitz stated that Police Chief Kentner is held in great regard. He stated that Police Chief Kentner is technically still the police chief until August 19, 2002. The new chief was appointed in order to allow a smooth transitioning process. He stated that his next appointments would be to the Historic Preservation Committee and that he also hopes to have an appointment for the 4th ward by the next council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Warrick Stevenson, a candidate for State Representative introduced himself to the public and council.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CITY CLERK

