

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2004 AT 7:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

QUORUM

At 7:00pm, a quorum being present, Mayor Gitz called the meeting to order.

RECORD

Present were Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman Bender.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Varner for approval of the agenda. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There was a public hearing on the Inducement/Reimbursement Resolution of the City of Freeport, Illinois in connection with Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for a Senior Housing Project.

Economic Development Director, Bob Skurla and Blair Minton from Minton & Associates explained the process and answered all questions. There being no additional comments, Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp to close the public hearing. The motion carried.

There was also a public hearing on Ordinance #2004-69: An Ordinance repealing and replacing Section 440.05 (Toy Vehicles on Roadways) and Section 440.06 (Riding Skateboards on Sidewalks) of Chapter 440, Obstructions and Special Uses of Public Ways, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois.

The Clerk read a letter from Rev. Diane Jochum stating her concern with the impact this ordinance would have upon the physically challenged. All questions from the council were answered. There being no additional comments, the hearing was closed.

HONORARY RESOLUTION #R-2004-82

RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT J. LAMM AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE STUDS TERKEL HUMANITIES SERVICE AWARD

Robert J. Lamm was presented an honorary resolution for receiving the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 18, 2004 as amended was presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wright for approval. The motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on November 1, 2004 were also presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp for approval. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
 - 1. Fire Department Monthly Activities for October 2004
 - 2. Police Department Monthly Activities for October 2004
 - 3. Schedule of Tax Receipts for the period ending October 31, 2004
 - 4. Planning Commission Report, Special Use Permit, 221 W Spring St
 - 5. Planning Commission Report, Special Use Permit, 1406 Winter Dr
 - 6. Planning Commission Report, N Brewster Ave
 - 7. Correspondence, Withdrawal of N Brewster Ave position
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for November 2004 - \$29,447.41
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for November - \$667,503.77
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending October 30, 2004 - \$345,725.73

Aldermoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Varner for approval of the consent agenda. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The motion carried.

2ND READING

ORDINANCE #2004-63

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEIGINNING MAY 1, 2004 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2004 FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of November 1, 2004, when it was moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Wright for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. Aldermen Bender and Varner voted nay. There were five yeas and two nays. The ordinance was approved.

2ND READING

ORDINANCE #2004-64

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEIGINNING MAY 1, 2004 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2004 FOR THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of November 1, 2004, when it was moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Wright for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. Aldermen Bender and Varner voted nay. There were five yeas and two nays. The ordinance was approved.

2ND READING

ORDINANCE #2004-65

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR LAMM ROAD TIF FUND

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of November 1, 2004, when it was moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Dawson for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

2ND READING

ORDINANCE #2004-66

ORDINANCE FOR CHANGE IN EFFECTIVE DATGE FOR LONGEVITY INCREASES FOR NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of November 1, 2004, when it was moved by Alderman Clark, seconded by Alderman Wright for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2004-67

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT SCHEDULE OF AMBULANCE RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 242.46 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman O'Neill for approval. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2004-56

AN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 290 (COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS) REGARDING CODE/NUISANCE INSPECTOR OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Director, stated that the committee held a meeting on November 8, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderman Bender. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2004-69

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 440.05 (TOY VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS) AND SECTION 440.06 (RIDING SKATEBOARDS ON SIDEWALKS) OF CHAPTER 440, OBSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIAL USES OF PUBLIC WAYS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Alderman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Varner for approval. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION #R-2004-81

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION FOR CITY OF FREEPORT STREET PROGRAM

Alderman Boldt, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on November 15, 2004. There was leave granted to hear from Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron, who explained how the additional expenses were incurred.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp to go into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) in order to discuss personnel. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The motion carried.

The council then convened in the mayor's office. After reconvening in Council Chambers, Alderman Wright moved, seconded by Alderman Boldt to come out of executive session. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The motion carried.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to consider all three reappointments in one motion. The motion carried.

Effective immediately, Mayor Gitz hereby reappoints Phillip Copus, Sally Spudich, and Mark Winter to the Planning Commission. These reappointments shall be effective until October 31, 2008.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to accept these appointments. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Boldt, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on November 15, 2004. The committee received one bid from Freeport Sheet Metal in the amount of \$1,500 for the removal of the City Light's air conditioner. The air conditioner needs to be removed for safety reasons. The committee voted unanimously to accept this bid and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderman Clark. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Bender, Varner, Clark, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, and Gaulrapp voted yea. The motion carried.

Alderman Boldt announced that on November 19, 2004, at 6:00pm, in City Council Chambers, there would be an informational session regarding the cell tower located on Burchard Avenue.

FINANCE

Alderman Clark, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be November 22, 2004, at 5:30pm, in City Council Chambers.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief, Jim Blackburn, stated that the Fire Department would be hosting a two-day training session on November 15 & 16, 2004 on the use and care of respirators. This training session is funded by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.

City Accountant, Duane Price, reported that the payment for the 5-yard and 10-yard dump trucks would be made prior to the next council meeting.

Community Development Director, Ray Miller, introduced himself to the council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor then discussed the following items:

- 5th ward vacancy
- TIF funds
- Cell towers-US Cellular
- Preliminary Plat for Countryside Estates
- CMC Heartland Phase I – Environment Analysis
- Acquisition and annexation of CMC Heartland
- Two incidents of violence & expressions of involvement from community

NEW BUSINESS

Alderwoman Bender stated that the Executive Committee would meet November 18, 2004 at 5:00pm, in City Council Chambers.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CMC