

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 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 Clark, Griswold, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, and Varner. Absent was Alderwoman Bender.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 6, 2004 was presented for approval. Alderwoman O'Neill moved, seconded by Alderman Varner 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 November 2004
 - 2. Monthly Investment Report for period ending November 30, 2004
 - 3. Treasurer's Report for period ending November 30, 2004
 - 4. Police Department Monthly Activities for November 2004
 - 5. Planning Commission Report
 - a. Petition for Annexation
 - b. Preliminary Plat for Countryside estates
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for December 2004 - \$227,906.18
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for November 2004 - \$486,116.79
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending December 11, 2004 - \$315,300.95

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

RESOLUTION #R-2004-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,100,000 OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS (LINCOLN TOWERS PROJECT) SERIES 2004; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE TRUST INDENTURE, LOAN AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING PROPER OFFICERS TO DO ALL OTHER THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Varner to adopt this resolution. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Clark, Griswold, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, and Varner voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #R-2004-88

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES

Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to lay this resolution over to the next regular meeting. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

Effective immediately, Mayor Gitz, hereby appoints Shelly Griswold to the Public Safety Committee of the City Council and the Community Development Committee of the City Council to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of James Dawson as 5th Ward Alderman.

Alderwoman O'Neill moved, seconded by Alderman Clark to accept this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Clark, Griswold, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, and Varner voted yea. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

Effective immediately, Mayor Gitz, hereby appoints Shelly Griswold as a representative of the City of Freeport to the Neighborhood Housing Services to fill a vacancy.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Varner to accept this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Clark, Griswold, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, and Varner voted yea. The motion carried.

REAPPOINTMENT

Effective immediately, Mayor Gitz hereby reappoints James Duffrin to the Zoning Board of Appeals Committee. This appointment shall be effective until April 30, 2006.

Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to accept this reappointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Clark, Griswold, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, and Varner voted yea. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Section 220.11 (c) & (d) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Mayor Gitz hereby appoints Shelly Griswold as Vice-Chair of the Public Safety Committee of the Freeport City Council.

Alderman Varner moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to accept this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Clark, Griswold, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, and Varner voted yea. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Boldt, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on December 20, 2004. The committee received three bids for repairs on the City Lights building:

Harns Construction	\$9,100
Winter Construction	\$8,850
GRC Construction	\$5,250

The committee voted unanimously to accept the low bid from GRC and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Clark, Griswold, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, and Varner voted yea. The motion carried.

The committee also received three bids to repair safety hazards on the Rawleigh building:

Harns Construction	\$17,950
Winter Construction	\$27,535
GRC Construction	\$14,870

There was leave granted to hear from Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron, who explained that these funds would come from the TIF Fund. He also explained that if there is going to be a delay in starting that he would get fencing for the areas that need repair.

The committee voted unanimously to accept the low bid from GRC and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Clark, Griswold, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, and Varner voted yea. The motion carried.

FINANCE

Alderman Clark, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be December 27, 2004, at 5:30pm, in City Council Chambers.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Alderman Gaulrapp, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be December 13, 2004, at 5:30pm, in City Council Chambers.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor then discussed the following items:

- Phase I Environmental for Taylor Park area
- Update on Stephenson Street Gas Station
- Possible economic development opportunity
- Christmas decoration nominations

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Danny expressed his concerns with the violence in the city and other issues.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CMC