

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**  
**MONDAY EVENING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 18, 2005 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 Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, and Griswold.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman O'Neill.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

There was a presentation to the Christmas Decoration Award winners.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 3, 2005 was presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderwoman Griswold for approval. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
  - 1. Police Department Activities for December 2004
  - 2. Fire Department Activities for December 2004
  - 3. Monthly Investment Report for period ending November 30, 2004
  - 4. Treasurer's Report for period ending December 31, 2004
  - 5. Planning Commission Minutes from the meeting of January 6, 2005
  - 6. Treasurer's Tax Receipts for period ending December 31, 2004
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for January 2005 - \$165,739.59
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for January 2005 - \$208,958.19
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending January 8, 2005 - \$427,323.08

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2004-71**

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY INTO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND ASSIGNING A ZONING CLASSIFICATION AND ELECTION WARD TO THE PROPERTY**

Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender that this ordinance be laid over until the next regular meeting so that notices can be sent. The motion carried.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2005-01**

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

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting on January 18, 2005. This ordinance extends the hours that liquor can be served on Superbowl Sunday each year to 11:30pm. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender.

Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, and Griswold voted yea. The motion carried.

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2005-02**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT, OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Special Use Permit, 1 W Stephenson)**

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on January 10, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**ORDINANCE #2005-03**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT, OR AMENDMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Amendment of Zoning, R-2 to R-3, west of Meadows Dr and south of Lawn Place and Hillcrest Drive)**

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on January 10, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Griswold. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**RESOLUTION #R-2004-88**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES**

This resolution was laid over from the meeting of December 20, 2004. Alderman Clark requested that the mayor explain what changes were made to the plat. On the roll call of yeas and nays to adopt this resolution, Aldermen Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, and Griswold voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2005-01**

**RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE**

Alderman Boldt, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on January 18, 2005. Alderman Boldt explained that this resolution is for the appropriation for the Street Program. The actual plan will be presented in the spring. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. Alderman Clark asked if the amount is consistent with what is in the budget. There was leave

granted to hear from Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron, who stated that the amount is budgeted within the Motor Fuel Tax budget.

**RESOLUTION #2005-02**

**RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE**

Alderman Boldt, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on January 18, 2005. The resolution is for the appropriation of \$40,0000 in engineering costs for three projects. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Varner, Clark, and Griswold voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The mayor then discussed the following items:

- Debt service savings on bonds
- Working on budget with Finance Director
- State of City Address will be presented at next meeting
- Open House on February 12, 2005
- Tutty's Crossing

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Clark asked if the expenses for last year's open house were paid. Mayor Gitz responded that the bill with M45 was being negotiated. Alderman Clark also referred the Ethics Ordinance to the Executive Committee for further review.

Alderwoman Bender announced that there would be an Executive Committee meeting on January 27, 2005, at 5:00pm, in City Council Chambers.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chester Burton read a letter from John Zajicek.

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

**LATACIA M. ISHMON, CMC**