

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 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 Bender, Varner, Clark, Griswold, Boldt, Wright, and Gaulrapp. Absent (excused) was Alderwoman O'Neill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderwoman Griswold to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the special meeting held on March 7, 2005 was presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender 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. Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for period ending February 28, 2005
 - 2. Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2005
 - 3. Planning Commission Report
 - 4. Building Commission Minutes for March 8, 2005
 - 5. Police Department Activities for February 2005
 - 6. Fire Department Activities for February 2005
 - 7. Animal Control Report for February 2005
 - 8. The Illinois Funds Financial Audit for years ending June 30, 2003 and 2004
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for March 2005 - \$217,733.30
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for March 2005-\$387,590.76
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending February 28, 2005 - \$313,665.85

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

1st READING

ORDINANCE #2005-08

SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (AMENDMENT OF ZONING, STEPHENSON COUNTY HIGHWAY BUILDING)

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 14, 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.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2005-09

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ASSIGNING A ZONING CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNING AN ELECTION WARD TO THE PROPERTY (TRI COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL)

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1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2005-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 806 (ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR SALES) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 14, 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.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2005-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE JOINT CITY OF FREEPORT-COUNTY OF STEPHENSON CERTIFIED ENTERPRISE ZONE

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 14, 2005. The Committee voted unanimously to concur with the Zoning Board and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2005-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 480 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT

Alderman Boldt, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 21, 2005. The ordinance changes parking signs adjacent to Stephenson for loading zones and for customers for Stephen's Meat Market. Mr. Fontana presented letters signed by downtown businesses in favor of the proposal. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance, and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderman Varner. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION #R-2005-08

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development, stated that the committee held a meeting on March 14, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Gaulrapp so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded

by Alderwoman Bender to lay this resolution so that it could be consider with the Enterprise Zone Ordinance. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Boldt, Chair, stated that the committee received bids for a used mini van for Animal Control. The bids were a follows:

- Sawicki - 1998 Dodge Caravan with 126,000 miles for \$5,698
- Barkau- 1998 Dodge Caravan with 56,000 miles for \$6,075

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Alderman Gaulrapp, Chair, stated the committee would be having a joint meeting with the Planning Commission regarding the Land Use Plan on April 7, 2005, at 5:30pm, in City Council Chambers.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor then discussed the following items:

- Special Council Meeting for Eastgate report
- Eastgate Informational Meeting - March 31, 2005, Monroe Center
- Transportation funds

NEW BUSINESS

Alderwoman Bender referred traffic on Laurel and Park and a Tree City USA proposal to the Community Development Committee.

Mayor Gitz acknowledged Kyle Clark, from Boyscout Troop 4.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CMC