

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 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 Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, and O'Neill. Absent was Alderman Varner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rev. David Whitehead, Richard Kort, Marianne Garvens, and Min. Steven Harrell made comments regarding the Taylor Park Task Force. Ronda Scott made comments regarding the proposed Stephenson Hotel redevelopment agreement.

PRESENTATION

There were presentations from Fred Lane, Family Readiness Group Liaison.

Joel Zirkle from Fehr-Graham and Associates gave an update on CMC Heartland.

Alderman Wright presented a report from the Taylor Park Environmental Task Force. He would like to refer further issues to the Community Development Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 21, 2004 was presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Dawson for approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
 - 1. Planning Commission Reports
 - a. Community Development Building Permits, June 2004
 - b. Community Development Cash Receipts, June 2004
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for June 2004 - \$426,644.71
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for June 2004 - \$510,645.33
- D. Approval of Payroll of Period ending June 26, 2004 - \$299,631.05

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

2nd READING

ORDINANCE #2004-36

SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Amendment of Zoning, 301-303 S Adams)

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of June 21, 2004, when it was moved by Alderman Varner, seconded by Alderwoman Bender for approval. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2004-37

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1468 (SIGNS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Alderman Gaulrapp, Community Development Chair, stated that the committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance. Alderman Gaulrapp moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2004-38

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Alderman Wright, Finance Vice Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on June 29, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Wright so moved, seconded by Alderman Gaulrapp. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2004-39

AN ORDINANCE TO ASCERTAIN THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN, AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Alderman Clark, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting on July 6, 2004. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman Clark so moved, seconded by Alderman Wright. Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Wright to suspend the rules in order to consider this ordinance at this meeting. On the roll call of yeas and nays to suspend the rules, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. On the roll call of yeas and nays to approve this ordinance, Aldermen Wright, Bender, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. Alderman Gaulrapp voted nay. There were six yeas and one nay. The motion carried.

1ST READING

ORDINANCE #2004-40

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN BEIDER HOTEL MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENTS, LLC AND THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Alderman Wright, Finance Vice Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on June 2, 2004 and Alderman Clark, Finance Chair reported on the special meeting held on July 6, 2004. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION #R-2004-50

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LOAN TO FREEPORT AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2000, the Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation ("FAEDF") entered into an agreement for deed with Paul Bamberg for the purchase of property in association with the Newell expansion and the accompanying industrial park; and

WHEREAS, as part of that agreement for deed the FAEDF agreed to pay Mr. Bamberg \$120,000.00 by November 1, 2001 for certain property in connection with that project; and

WHEREAS, the FAEDF did not have such funds readily available and was in need of a loan for such amount; and

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport granted a loan to the FAEDF until November 1, 2002 for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport subsequently extended the term of that loan until April 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the FAEDF is not in a position to repay the loan at this time and has requested further extension, with the understanding that they will meet with the City during this extension to discuss a plan for repayment as properties within the parcel are sold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that James L. Gitz, Mayor of the City of Freeport is hereby authorized to sign all loan forms and documents to extend the loan in the amount of \$120,000.00 to the FAEDF until April 30, 2006, such loan not to bear interest through that date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule authority of the City of Freeport under Section 6(a) of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and all Resolutions or motions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

Alderman Wright, Finance Vice Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on June 29, 2004. The committee voted to adopt this resolution and Alderman Wright so moved, seconded by Alderman Clark. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Boldt, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on June 21, 2004. The committee referred the dump truck and sweeper bids to the Finance Committee for financing options. Alderman Wright, Finance Vice Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on June 29, 2004. The 5-yard dump truck will be purchased outright and the 10-yard dump truck and sweeper will be financed. Alderman Wright moved, seconded by Alderman Boldt to accept the bids with the above terms. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alderman Bender, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on July 6, 2004. Bids were received for an unmarked squad car from Bocker in the amount of \$19,153.80 and from Terry's Ford Lincoln in the amount of \$21,262.00. The committee voted unanimously to accept the low bid from Bocker and Alderman Bender so moved, seconded by Alderman Clark. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried.

On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried.

The committee also received bids for a heart monitor from Zoll Medical, in the amount of \$30,130.55 and Medtronics, in the amount of \$25,722.00. The committee received written reviews from the paramedics. Each paramedic used the equipment on a trial basis and based on their input, the committee voted to accept the high bid from Zoll Medical, subject to negotiation and pending approval from Corporation Counsel and Alderman Bender so moved, seconded by Alderman Clark. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Gaulrapp, Bender, Clark, Dawson, Boldt, and O'Neill voted yea. The motion carried.

FINANCE

Alderman Clark, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on July 6, 2004. The committee reviewed health insurance premiums for retirees. In the past, the city has charged the retirees 75% of the COBRA rate. Because of the large increase in the COBRA rate, the committee voted to approve charging 70% of the COBRA rate for retirees. This means that the monthly premiums for single coverage will be \$313, for single plus one, \$622, for family coverage, \$844, single prescription coverage will be \$35, and family prescription coverage will be \$85. By charging 70% instead of 75%, the net cost to the city will be \$7,000 per year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Alderman Gaulrapp, Chair, stated that the regularly scheduled meeting on July 12, 2004, will be rescheduled to July 15, 2004 at 5:30pm, in City Council Chambers due to lack of quorum.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor discussed the following items:

- Thanked all sponsors of the 4th of July celebration
- Follow up on Task Force recommendations
- CMC Heartland- next phase, acquisition, clean up, Pecatonica Prairie Path
- Hotel Redevelopment agreement
- Encouraged support in welcoming military soldiers

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marianne Garvens asked questions regarding the CMC Heartland application.

Ronda Scott responded to comments made regarding TIF areas and incentives.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CITY CLERK