

**CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS**  
**TUESDAY EVENING**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 AT 7:00PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**QUORUM**

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

**RECORD**

Present were Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, and Toepfer. Absent was Alderman Varner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Alderswoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman reported that four firefighters were dispatched to New Orleans to assist in relief efforts. The firefighters will be gone for approximately two weeks and FEMA will reimburse the city for all the overtime.

Finance Director, Craig Joesten reported a potential unavailability of fuel. He stated that the city has purchased an additional 4,000 gallons of unleaded fuel and 4,000 gallons on diesel fuel. This supply should last for another 4-6 weeks. The city had to stop selling fuel to non-profit agencies.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Journal of the Minutes of the special meeting held on August 15, 2005 was presented for approval. Alderswoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
  - 1. Community Development Building Permits for August 2005
  - 2. Community Development Cash Receipts for August 2005
  - 3. Library
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for August 2005 - \$340,646.17
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for August 2005 -\$289,978.80
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending August 20, 2005 - \$325,038.31

Alderswoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Klemm for approval of the consent agenda. The motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCE #2005-43**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 871 (ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESSES) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of August 15, 2005, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. Alderman Wright explained the ordinance. He stated that this ordinance is to protect the churches, schools, and neighborhoods. Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to amend the ordinance, changing the fee for an Adult Oriented Business License to \$1,000. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, and Toepfer voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

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

**ORDINANCE #2005-44**

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

This ordinance was ordinance was laid over from the meeting of August 15, 2005, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer. Alderman Wright moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to amend the hours of sale on Sundays from 12:00 noon to 9:30 p.m. On the roll call of yeas Alderman Endress voted yea, O'Neill, and Wright voted yea. Aldermen Klemm, Bender, and Toepfer voted nay. Alderman Boldt abstained. There were three yeas, three nays, and one abstention. The chair voted nay. The motion failed.

There was leave granted to hear from Deputy Police Chief Bob Smith, who was asked if the extended hours would have an affect on crime. Deputy Smith responded that he does not believe that the proposed hours would not increase or reduce crime.

After much discussion, Alderman Wright moved to table this ordinance. The motion failed for lack of second.

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Wright that this ordinance be laid over. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Wright, Klemm, and Bender voted yea. Aldermen Boldt, O'Neill, Toepfer voted nay. There were four yeas and three nays. The chair voted nay. The motion failed.

Alderman Boldt moved, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer that this ordinance be referred back to the Community Development Committee. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, and Toepfer voted yea. The motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCE #2005-45**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 210 (ANNEXATION) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT**

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of August 15, 2005, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman Toepfer. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, klemm, Bender, and Toepfer voted yea. The ordinance was approved.

**APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, Mayor Gaulrapp hereby appoints Cora Threadgill as an Alderman for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward for the City of Freeport. Ms. Threadgill will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Varner.

Alderman Wright moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to accept this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, and Toepfer voted yea. The motion carried.

**SWEARING IN**

Cora Threadgill was sworn in by City Clerk Latacia Ishmon. She then took her seat.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, Mayor Gaulrapp hereby appoints Cora Threadgill to the Community Development (Vice-Chair) and Public Works Committees.

Alderwoman O'Neill moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to accept these appointments. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Bodlt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, Mayor Gaulrapp hereby appoints Debra Devine to the Zoning Board of Appeals. This appointment shall expire on April 30, 2008

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill for approval of this reappointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Bodlt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, Mayor Gaulrapp hereby appoints Amy Frazier to the Planning Commission. This appointment shall be effective until October 31, 2009.

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Wright for approval of this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Bodlt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT**

Effective immediately, Mayor Gaulrapp hereby appoints Ronald Jeffrey to the Planning Commission. This appointment shall be effective until October 31, 2009

A resume was not provided to the council. Therefore it was laid over to the next regular meeting of the city council.

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

**ORDINANCE #2005-47**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADJUST THE 2005-2006 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Alderman Boldt, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on August 22, 2005. A supplemental ordinance was needed to allocate the funds that were received from a recent donation. The library received a 480,000 grant, of which 50% will be dedicated to the foundation and 50% will used this year for technology improvements totaling \$241,000. The committee voted unanimously to approve this ordinance and Alderman

Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. This ordinance was automatically laid over to the next regular meeting.

**RESOLUTION #R-205-51**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISED PURCHASING POLICY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2003-71, this City Council enacted a Purchasing Policy to provide guidance for procurement of goods and services within the City of Freeport; and

WHEREAS, a periodic review of the Purchasing Policy is encouraged to ensure the most comprehensive provisions and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Finance Committee has reviewed and approved certain proposed amendments to the City's Purchasing Policy; and

WHEREAS, this City Council finds that its approval of this amended Purchasing Policy is in the best interests of all citizens in this community to ensure that goods and services are procured as efficiently as possible and at the best competitive price.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that the document attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A, captioned the "City of Freeport, Purchasing Policy – 2005", is hereby adopted and approved; and the Mayor, the Purchasing Agent, and any other City employee or official as may be deemed appropriate, are hereby authorized to implement this Purchasing Policy and any other documents as may be necessary or appropriate so as to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed insofar as they conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is passed under the Home Rule Authority of the City of Freeport as provided in Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Alderman Boldt, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on August 22, 2005. A resolution to amend the Purchasing Policy to no longer require, but makes it optional that a Council Member to be present at bid openings was discussed. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderman Klemm. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea.

**RESOLUTION #R-2005-52**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH PEORIA DISPOSAL COMPANY FOR DISPOSAL OF CONTAMINATED SOIL**

WHEREAS, Peoria Disposal Company is in the business of transporting, treating and disposing of special and/or hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport has a contaminated soil stockpile located at its facility at 1001 Island Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has approved a course of action which includes Peoria Disposal Company transporting, treating and disposing of such soil.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that the Mayor of the City of Freeport is hereby authorize to execute an agreement with Peoria Disposal Company at a pricing arrangement in accordance with Exhibit A attached hereto.

Alderwoman O'Neill, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting September 6, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderwoman O'Neill so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and

nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2005-53**

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IN RELATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE EASTSIDE AREA**

**WHEREAS**, in January or 2004, a staff review committee of the Finance Director, Corporation Counsel, and the Community Development Director reviewed responses to Requests for Qualifications for Tax Increment Financing consultants; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff review committee forwarded its recommendation to an ad hoc committee consisting of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Mayor, and the Executive Director of the Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation to make a formal recommendation to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of such recommendation the firm of Kane McKenna & Associates was selected as the City's Tax Incrementing Financing consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is in need of consulting services in relation to redevelopment proposals and agreements relating to the Lamm Road Tax Increment Financing district; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of each of these analyses is reimbursable through the tax increment of the Tax Increment Financing District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated in this Section 1 as if said recitals were fully set forth.

**Section 2.** The Corporate Authorities authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Kane, McKenna and Associated, Inc. in substantially the same form as shown in Attachment A.

Alderwoman O'Neill, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting September 6, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderwoman O'Neill so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2005-54**

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IN RELATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE EASTSIDE AREA**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to promote the redevelopment of abandoned and/or underutilized lands within the City of Freeport; and

**WHEREAS**, a Phase I environmental assessment was done covering a large area of the eastside of the City of Freeport; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Freeport believes the properties located at 303 N. Henderson, 641 E. Stephenson, 737-740 E. Stephenson, 806 E. Stephenson and at the intersection of S. Hancock and Album within the City of Freeport (the "Properties") to be of particular concern due to the results of the Phase I environmental assessment and the fact that they are currently in an underutilized state; and

**WHEREAS**, the redevelopment options for the Properties located within the City of Freeport cannot be fully identified until the environmental conditions of the Properties have been established; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency can assist the City of Freeport in identifying environmental conditions on the above mentioned Properties; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to ensure that any environmental conditions which may pose a threat to health or the environment are properly addressed; and

WHEREAS, the identification of environmental conditions on the above mentioned Properties is critical to the future redevelopment of the Properties as a potential "Brownfield" area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that the City of Freeport does hereby request the assistance and participation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and resolves to assist them in any manner that will provide for the timely and comprehensive environmental investigation of the properties in order to seek Brownfield assistance for the redevelopment of the Properties.

Alderswoman O'Neill, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting September 6, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderswoman O'Neill so moved, seconded by Alderman Wright. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2005-55**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AWARD OF GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE LIVSCAN EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM OF THE ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, Freeport Police Department currently manually inks clientele and mails in criminal fingerprint cards to the State of Illinois due to funding constraints; and

WHEREAS, there is a major lapse in time from the time the fingerprints are sent in to the State of Illinois and the response back from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority ("ICJIA"); and

WHEREAS, the Livescan Equipment Purchase Program is a grant of \$14,125 from ICJIA, with a local match of \$4,708 to purchase the equipment, supplies and telecommunication needs for the development of electronic capture and submission of arrest information, including fingerprints, so that fingerprints can be sent electronically to the Illinois State Police Bureau of Identification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and the City of Freeport to accept Livescan Equipment grant funding in the amount of \$14,125 and to enter into any agreement pursuant thereto, including the commitment of matching funds in the amount of \$4,708 and authorizes the Mayor to execute any other documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the purpose of said Agreement.

Alderman Endress, Public Works Vice Chair, stated that committee held a special meeting on September 6, 2005. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this resolution and Alderman Endress so moved, seconded by Alderswoman Bender. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #R-2005-56**

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STREETS FOR AQUIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE**

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2005, Aquin Catholic High School and is sponsoring a Homecoming Parade, which event constitutes an authorized special event; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route of this parade will require the temporary closure of the following streets: South on Walnut to Empire Street, East on Empire across Galena Ave to Bauscher St; and

WHEREAS, Section 5/4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code (605 ILCS 5/4-408) authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such public purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 1030 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, the special events permit application submitted by Aquin Catholic High School has been reviewed and approved, subject to the required permit being issued by the Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS, that permission be requested of the Department of Transportation to close off Galena Avenue (Route 26) at West Empire Street. This closure shall be for the public purpose of holding a parade under the following conditions:

1. The approximate time period of all street closures shall be between 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 13, 2005;
2. The traffic from the closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all-weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State Highway;
3. The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic;
4. The City assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulations of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect;
5. Police officers or authorized flaggers shall be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour;
6. Emergency vehicles shall be permitted in emergency situations to pass through the closed area as is safe for all concerned;
7. The closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices;
8. All debris shall be removed by the City of Freeport prior to reopening the State Highway;
9. Such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be provided by the City of Freeport as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation;
10. An occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above;
11. Aquin Catholic High School shall provide proof of a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$100,000 per person and \$500,000 aggregate, under which the City of Freeport and the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees and agents shall be insured and protected from all claims arising from the requested highway closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and proof of liability insurance provided by the Aquin Catholic High shall be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2 Operations Office, 819 Depot Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021-3500, to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this Resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill for approval of this resolution. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/29(c) (2), Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Klemm to go in to executive session in order to discuss collective bargaining agreement. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The motion carried.

Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Klemm to go into executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The council then convened in the Mayor's Office. After returning to council chambers, Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to come out of executive session. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #R-2005-57**

**RESOLUTION TO RATIFY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH COUNCIL 31 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) LOCAL 3367 AFL-CIO**

**WHEREAS**, the City's bargaining team has in good faith negotiated a three-year collective bargaining agreement with COUNCIL 31 of the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME), LOCAL 3367 AFL-CIO, a copy of which agreement is available for public review in the City Clerk's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Union membership ratified the tentative Agreement on August 25, 2005, and the City's bargaining team recommends ratification of the collective bargaining agreement by this City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS** that this City Council formally ratifies the negotiated three-year collective bargaining agreement between the City of Freeport and COUNCIL 31 of the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME), LOCAL 3367 AFL-CIO.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the City of Freeport and the City Clerk and any other City official or employee as may be necessary or helpful, are authorized to execute said collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the City of Freeport, and to execute any other documents necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of said agreement and this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Todd Marsh, President of AFSCME Local 3367.

**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 Klemm moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to accept this resolution. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Boldt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The resolution was adopted.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR LEAF COMPOSTING**

Alderwoman O'Neill, Public Works Chair, stated that the committee held a special meeting on September 6, 2005. Bids were received and opened on August 30, 2005 in the City Council Chambers. One proposal was received from Delmar Kampen with a cost per load being \$25.00 up to 850 loads and \$22.00 for each load over 850. The committee voted unanimously to accept this bid and Alderwoman O'Neill so moved, seconded by Alderman Wright. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Bodlt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The motion carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR TRACK HOE AND DURA PATCH MACHINES**

There was also a bid opening for the sale of the Track Hoe and Dura Patch machines. Bids were received and opened on August 18, 2005. Three bids were received:

#### **Track Hoe**

<b><u>Bidder</u></b>	<b><u>Bid</u></b>	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
Jeff Denekas	\$5,100.00	Did not have proper bid forms.
Brian Filer	\$10,151.00	Met bidders specs.
Bonnell Ind.	\$1,500.00	Met bidders specs.

#### **Dura Patch Equip.**

Bonnell Ind.	\$8,500.00	Met bidders specs.
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Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron reported that the Dura Patch and tank is valued at \$23,000 and the Track Hoe is valued at \$20,000. Director LeBaron recommended that these bids be rejected and rebid. The committee voted unanimously to concur with the recommendation of the Public Works Director and Alderwoman O'Neill so moved, seconded by Alderman Wright. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Bodlt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The motion carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR FIRE CHIEF VEHICLE**

Alderman Endress, Public Safety Vice Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on September 6, 2005. The committee received one bid for a 2005 Trailblazer from Bocker in the amount of \$23,920.00. The committee voted unanimously to accept this bid and Alderman Endress so moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Endress, Bodlt, O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, and Toepfer voted yea. The motion carried.

### **FINANCE**

Alderman Boldt, Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on September 22, 2005. City Clerk, Latacia Ishmon presented an ordinance that would allow the Clerk's Office to close occasionally over the lunch when coverage was not available. It was the consensus of the Committee that the clerks's office should work with the mayor's office to come up with coverage.

Duane Price presented the preliminary final results for fiscal year 2005. The total of the deficit should be around \$300,000. Final numbers will be available soon.

Duane Price gave notification to the committee that tow new bank accounts have been opened. On July 8, one was opened at Midwest Bank for the Office of the Justice Grant for new cameras for the Police Department. On August 17, a new investment account was opened with the Illinois Funds (IPTIP), for the debt service for the 2000/2004/2005 bonds.

Travel reimbursement vouchers were presented and reviewed.

#### **fDEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman acknowledged the local dealerships that donated the vehicles that the firemen drove to New Orleans. He also thanked the Fire Chiefs that arranged for all the firemen to travel to New Orleans.

Deputy Police Chief Bob Smith stated that a police officer was also sent to New Orleans to assist in the relief efforts. He also introduced new police hire, Eric Deemer.

Public Works Director, Craig LeBaron stated that the LAPP Program would be underway this week.

Library Director, Carol Dickerson reported that the Freeport Community Foundation and the Freeport Library Foundation have agreed to cover the cost for the publishing the Lost Freeport Photos. There will be 1,000 available and the cost will be \$50 each.

Corporation Counsel, Sarah Griffin thanked the council for the passage of the AFSCME Contract. She thanked all involved for their hard work.

Community Development Director, Shelly Griswold stated that the next Community Development meeting would be September 12, 2005. She also stated that the Planning and Zoning Commissions would be meeting on September 8, 2005.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- o Supported living facility
- o Attending Marketing Seminar in Jacksonville, IL
- o Visit Processing Plant in Beardstown
- o Library/City Lights Reuse Committee
- o City Golf outing

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**LATACIA M. ISHMON, CMC**