

CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
MONDAY EVENING
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 2005 AT 7:00PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

QUORUM

At 7:0pm, a quorum being present, Mayor Gaulrapp called the meeting to order.

RECORD

Present were Aldermen O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, and Boldt.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorita Farrar, Merlyn Foat, Pastor Doug Bowden, Bob Hershberger, and Sally Schnell spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance to increase the hours of sale of liquor on Sundays. Pastor Doug Bowden gave the council a four-page petition in opposition to Ordinance #2005-49.

PRESENTATIONS

Tom Burt and Deb Elzinga, from Neighborhood Housing Services announced that NHS is expanding their services citywide. Also, the NHS homebuyer education program will also be offered to all residents in Stephenson County.

Bob Skurla, Economic Development Director gave an update of Tax Increment Financing Districts in the city of Freeport.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Journal of the Minutes of the special meeting held on September 19, 2005 was presented for approval. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderman Endress to approve the minutes. On the roll call off yeas and nays, Aldermen O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:
 - 1. Monthly Investment Report for period ending August 31, 2005
 - 2. Treasurer's Report for period ending August 31, 2005
 - 3. Library Report
- B. Approval of Water & Sewer Disbursements for September 2005 - \$295,643.51
- C. Approval of Bills Payable for September & October 2005 -\$732,960.00
- D. Approval of Payroll for period ending September 17, 2005 - \$348,934.32

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

2nd READING

ORDINANCE #2005-48

SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (Variance, 1027 W Lincoln Blvd)

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of September 19, 2005, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderwoman Bender to deny this ordinance. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, Toepfer, and Endress, voted yea. Alderman Boldt voted nay. There were seven yeas and one nay. The motion carried.

2nd READING

ORDINANCE #2005-49

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

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of September 19, 2005, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen Wright, Toepfer, and Endress voted yea. Aldermen O'Neill, Wright, Bender, and Threadgill voted nay. Alderman Boldt abstained. The motion failed.

2nd READING

ORDINANCE #2005-52

SPECIAL ORDINANCE FOR VARIATION, PERMIT OR AMENDMENT OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS (404 W Homer)

This ordinance was laid over from the meeting of September 19, 2005, when it was moved by Alderman Klemm, seconded by Alderman Endress to deny. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, and Boldt voted yea. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

Effective immediately, Mayor Gaulrapp hereby appoints James W. Phillips to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Phillips will replace Kelvin McIlwain who has resigned the position. This appointment shall be effective until June 30, 2006.

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

APPOINTMENT

Effective immediately, Mayor Gaulrapp hereby appoints Rory Beggin to the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Commission. Alderwoman Bender moved, seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to accept this appointment. On the roll call of yeas and nays, Aldermen O'Neill, Wright, Klemm, Bender, Threadgill, Toepfer, Endress, and Bolt voted yea. The motion carried.

1st READING

ORDINANCE #2005-55

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1048 (SEWER RATES AND REVENUES) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Alderman Boldt, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on September 26, 2005. The committee voted to approve this ordinance and Alderman Boldt so moved, seconded by Alderman Endress.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alderman Boldt, Finance Chair, stated that the committee held a meeting on September 26, 2005. The committee discussed the Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation contract, Fire Department reimbursements for overtime by FEMA, Primeco lawsuit, and partially funding a billboard with the Stephenson County Visitors Bureau.

Alderman Klemm, Community Development Chair, stated that the next meeting would be October 11, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers.

Alderwoman O'Neill, Public Works Chair, stated that the next meeting would be October 17, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Finance Director, Craig Joesten reported information regarding the proposed Water & Sewer rate increase.

Carol Dickersen reported that 200 Lost Freeport books have been preordered.

Kevin Countryman stated that the Fire Department received a \$54,618 grant to replace old self-contained breathing apparatus. He also stated that Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2005.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- o Meeting with United Water
- o Newly opened Driver License Facility
- o Sale of Lincoln Mall
- o IML Conference
- o Upcoming city-wide clean up
- o Transfer station update
- o TIPS Program
- o Customer service training

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Boldt asked about the \$50,000 that was set aside for a park in the Van Buren area.

As there was no other business to be transacted by the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

LATACIA M. ISHMON, CMC