



City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 524 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Monday, June 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order in council chambers by Mayor James L. Gitz with a quorum being present at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Gitz and council members Tom Klemm, Ronnie Bush, Jennie DeVine, Dennis Endress, Sally Brashaw, and Andrew Crutchfield (6). Alderperson Shawn Boldt and Michael Koester were absent (*see notation at 6:18 pm for Alderperson Koester to enter meeting*). Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Prior to a motion on the agenda, Mayor Gitz requested to have item number 7 removed from the agenda which was the first reading of Ordinance #2013-19 for accounts payable clerk position. He then asked to have a report from the Library Director moved forward following the public comments. Alderperson Endress moved for approval of the agenda as amended, seconded by Alderperson Klemm. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

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Alderperson Brashaw moved for approval of the minutes from the meeting held on May 20, 2013, seconded by Alderperson Crutchfield. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

There was no one signed on the sheet for public comments on agenda items.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - LIBRARY

Public Library Director Carole Dickerson provided an overview of the summer reading program and passed out a newsletter. The summer reading program will have a kick-off on June 8, 2013 and there are many events planned for this year to encourage reading. Director Dickerson also encouraged participation in the adult reading program which will have books available for participants who sign up.

PRESENTATION TO FREEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE STEPHENSON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Walmart store manager, Mr. Mark McDonnell provided an overview of the fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network the store participates in and he encouraged support of this cause that assists children

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with health issues. Mr. McDonnell presented statues representing police officers to Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore and Stephenson County Sherriff Dave Snyder in recognition of area emergency responders. He stated he had provided statues to the Fire Department last year and has been searching for a police officer ever since so he was pleased to provide these garden figures.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda in the council packet;

- A. Approval to receive and place on file:
 - 1) Water and Sewer Report on Activities by Utility Project Manager
 - 2) Water and Sewer Report on Activities by GIS Specialist
- B. Approval of Water and Sewer Bills Payable (Register #928 and 931) --- \$1,268,843.26
- C. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending May 18, 2013 --- \$429,428.36
- D. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #925, 926, 927, 929, 930, 932, 933) --- \$1,810,599.41

Alderperson Klemm made a motion to move forward for approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Alderperson Endress. The motion prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, and Crutchfield (6)

Nays: None

The consent agenda items were approved.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2013-22:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND THROUGHOUT STEPHENSON COUNTY

Mayor Gitz stated this ordinance was presented at the council meeting held on May 20, 2013 to allow the City of Freeport to provide transportation within the City and throughout Stephenson County and become eligible for grants from the State of Illinois or any unit of government or agency. A motion to move forward the ordinance for approval was given by Alderperson Klemm, seconded by Alderperson Koester and the ordinance was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.

Upon the second reading, Community Development Director Shelly Griswold explained that the Transit Coordinator, Kevin Cooley, has received information from the Illinois Department of Transportation that they will need additional processing time with the application to extend the program into Stephenson County. First their application needs to be thoroughly vetted in Chicago before being sent to Springfield. The motion for passage of the ordinance prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, and Crutchfield (6)

Nays: None

Ordinance #2013-22 passed.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Note: ORDINANCE #2013-19: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 290 (Compensation) Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport – Accounting Clerk, Payroll A/P Clerk. This ordinance was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

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1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2013-25:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 220 (COUNCIL), 226 (MAYOR), 228 (CITY CLERK) AND 230 (CITY TREASURER) TO FIX THE INAUGURATION DATE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin presented the ordinance which she stated was necessary last fall to allow for additional time for the City Manager referendum to have results known before setting the salary for the next term for elected officials. She stated this ordinance provides for the inauguration date to return to the way it's been done in the past to follow election laws of the state. Typically this date would be the first meeting following when election results are received. She stated the transition period by waiting was a very long time period and this ordinance puts it back to the way it was written by leaving it with the State Statute. Alderperson Bush moved to place the ordinance on the floor for approval, seconded by Alderperson DeVine. Discussion was held whether council should suspend the rules for passage this evening.

At 6:18 pm, Alderperson Koester entered council chambers.

Alderperson Bush made a motion to suspend the rules for passage this evening, seconded by Alderperson Endress. Mayor Gitz stated that a motion to suspend the rules is non-debatable. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

The motion for passage of the ordinance prevailed by a roll call of;
Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)
Nays: None
Ordinance #2013-25 passed.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2013-26:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1024 (EXCAVATIONS) AND BY THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 1025 (CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITY FACILITIES IN THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY) IN ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES ON THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

City Engineer Shaun Gallagher presented the ordinance by reviewing his written memorandum provided with the ordinance. He stated the administration has drafted this ordinance to model the Illinois Municipal League model ordinance and an update to our right-of-way processes needs to be implemented. A recent review of the Excavation Ordinance showed that it is antiquated and does not adequately address all concerns within the right-of-way as it only applies to streets and alleys. This updated ordinance clearly identifies the permit process and the responsibilities of the parties involved and will provide the City with leverage in the case of conflict or damage of City streets, sidewalks, utilities, and parkways. City Engineer Gallagher stated we will be working over the summer to fully integrate this ordinance with the City's current ordinances, so that City streets and the right of ways can be handled in the same manner. Alderperson Brashaw moved to place the ordinance on the floor for approval, seconded by Alderperson Koester.

City Engineer requested that because there is an interested party waiting to start work on a project that the ordinance be passed as soon as possible in order to prevent further delay. He stated that moving the responsibility of the utility review from the Public Works Director to the City Engineer will likely be made in the future ordinance this summer as the GIS mapping is completed for water mains, storm sewers

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and sanitary sewer lines. Alderperson Brashaw made a motion to suspend the rules for passage this evening, seconded by Alderperson Klemm. Mayor Gitz stated that a motion to suspend the rules is non-debatable. Motion passed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)

Nays: None

The motion for passage of the ordinance prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)

Nays: None

Ordinance #2013-26 passed.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #R-2013-10:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN – LAMM ROAD BUSINESS PARK

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated this resolution was laid over from the council meeting held on March 18, 2013. She stated that she and Mayor Gitz have reviewed the spending plans before the council and it is their recommendation for passage. Director Griswold stated that in the Lamm Road TIF Spending plan of the \$658,583.13 we have to allocate, \$330,200 is committed to redevelopment agreements with Lakeview Holdings, Walmart/Menards, and Tri-Star Metals; \$80,000 is committed to landfill infrastructure expenses; \$88,383.13 is committed to construction at the Pearl City/Kiwanis Drive intersection; and \$140,000 is committed by ordinance to be redistributed as surplus to the other taxing bodies. The remaining \$20,000 is committed to professional services. Last year the City allocated \$35,000 to NIDA from this spending plan. With fewer dollars available for professional services in this TIF for 2013, we will need to re-evaluate this. Director Griswold stated that it is important to note that the reassessment of the Walmart and Menard properties has significantly impacted our revenue in this TIF. Last year, the City received \$690,369.60 in TIF revenue and we anticipate receiving approximately \$557,680.00 this year. Alderperson Klemm made a motion for approval of the resolution and spending plan for the Lamm Road Business Park, seconded by Alderperson Crutchfield.

Discussion was held on the spending plan running from January 1 through December 31, 2013.

Discussion was held on the committed amount of \$42,200 as part of the Tri-Star Metals redevelopment agreement and Director Griswold stated that any subsequent would be dependent on their development of tax increment. Discussion was held on the intersection improvement dollars and City Engineer Gallagher expects the majority of the costs to be billed in 2014 for the construction phase of the project. He stated that most of the federal dollars from this project will not be closed out until next year and the funds will need to be allocated then. Mayor Gitz stated that spending plans may be modified during the year and, if that is necessary, the administration will come back to council.

The motion for passage prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2013-10 passed.

RESOLUTION #R-2013-11:

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN – WEST AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated this resolution was laid over from the council meeting held on March 18, 2013. She stated that she and Mayor Gitz have reviewed the spending plans before the council and it is their recommendation for passage. Director Griswold summarized her written memorandum by stating that of the \$33,093.19 we have to allocate, \$6,250 is committed by ordinance to be redistributed as surplus to other taxing bodies. The remaining \$26,843.19 is allocated to professional services. Last year, the City committed \$5,000 to NIDA from this spending plan. Given the fact that we will necessarily be allocating less from the Lamm Road TIF to NIDA due to decreasing TIF revenues, we may need to consider a larger allocation to NIDA from this TIF, depending on the City's level of funding to NIDA and the amount available to invest from the general fund. She stated that other potential uses for the funds allocated to professional services include legal fees and other professional fees that may help to facilitate investment within the TIF. In addition, we may have an opportunity to work with the current owners of the property that includes the now-closed Eagle's supermarket at South Street and West Avenue on redevelopment of that property. Alderperson Klemm moved to approval of the resolution and spending plan for the West Avenue Redevelopment Project Area, seconded by Alderperson Endress. The motion for passage prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2013-11 was passed.

RESOLUTION #R-2013-13:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN – DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold stated this resolution was laid over from the council meeting held on March 18, 2013. She stated that she and Mayor Gitz have reviewed the spending plan and made changes and it is their recommendation for passage. Director Griswold stated that of the \$576,369.46 we have to allocate there will be \$67,600 committed to debt service; \$7,500 committed to Hampton Inn redevelopment agreement; \$15,790 committed to grants that were awarded to downtown properties and business owners in 2013 but had not yet been paid out as of December 31, 2012; \$25,000 committed to the remaining balance of the City's 2012 agreements with Freeport Downtown Development Foundation which had not been paid out as of December 31, 2012; \$225,600 is committed to matching four USEPA brownfields grants and one HUD grant; \$13,913.22 is committed to reimbursing the City's general fund for the remaining expenses relating to Tutty's Crossing boat launch; and \$67,600 is committed to meet debt service and other obligations that will come due in 2014 prior to the City's receipt of 2013 property tax revenue. Director Griswold stated that this leave \$153,366.24 in discretionary funds and of that, \$70,000 remains in the professional services line item. Last year, the City committed \$50,000 to FDDF in this line item and \$10,000 to NIDA. Neither of those agreements has been negotiated for 2013. Director Griswold stated these should be on our list to negotiate later this month. If the City made those same commitments for 2013, that leave \$10,000. Having the extra \$10,000 allocated in this line item is important to cover things such as unforeseen legal fees, title search, and other filing fees, and unforeseen IEPA fees relating to closing out brownfield sites. Director Griswold stated there remains \$5,000 for marketing and it is not allocated to a specific task or project at this time but could be used for signage at Tutty's Crossing. She stated that \$5,000 will be allocated for the Tutty's Crossing trailhead improvements and this item was added after a meeting with the representatives of the train

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foundation. These funds are intended to make some near-term improvements to the site for things such as picnic tables, portable restrooms, and fishing piers. It is the intent to leverage these dollars heavily with other funds with potential sources from local fundraising by volunteer groups, local foundation grants, State of Illinois program grant funds. The intent is to have amenities in place when the Jane Addams Trail construction is complete in 2014. Director Griswold explained the \$50,000 set aside for building improvement grants and the importance of investing not only in building facades but also in the stability and restoration of other exterior elements of downtown buildings, including roofs and non-street facing facades. There is also \$11,366.24 in riverfront area cleanup and redevelopment expenses to prepare for a possible \$8,000 in costs for asbestos clearance testing for private ownership. Director Griswold reviewed the \$12,000 reserved for aesthetic infrastructure improvements which City Engineer Gallagher has requested to use to make up a short-fall in funds for some roadway improvements on Stephenson Street downtown.

Brian Borger of the Freeport Downtown Development Foundation was asked for comments. Mr. Borger stated they agreed with the Downtown TIF spending plan and look at it as a way to preserve and enhance the downtown buildings. With the use of these funds and some creative plans it can make a viable financial mechanism to improve the area and FDDF is in support of the plan.

Alderson Bush moved to approval of the resolution and spending plan for the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area, seconded by Alderson Klemm.

The motion for passage prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2013-13 passed.

RESOLUTION #R-2013-34:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROVIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND PRETZEL CITY TRANSIT COMPANY, LLC AND A CENTRAL DISPATCH CENTER PROVIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND NATIONWIDE INBOUND, INC.

Director Griswold presented the resolution by stating that because we are still awaiting IDOT's review and approval of our Requests for Proposal, we need to extend our provider agreement, our dispatch agreement, and our vehicle leases for Pretzel City Transit. She stated our intent is to extend them for a period of six months or until new agreements are negotiated, whichever comes first. The documents to be presented to the council extend the agreements with the same terms as the previous year's agreements.

Alderson Klemm moved to approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderson Endress.

The motion for passage prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2013-34 passed.

RESOLUTION #R-2013-35:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND PRETZEL CITY TRANSIT COMPANY, LLC

Alderson Klemm moved to approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Alderson Brashaw.

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Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)
Nays: None
Resolution #R-2013-35 was passed.

RESOLUTION #R-2013-36:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION “INVESTING IN MANUFACTURING COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP” GRANT

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold presented the resolution stating that this resolution authorizes the City to apply for and accept funding through the Economic Development Administration’s (EDA) Investing in Manufacturing Communities” grant program. Receipt of this grant program could be a game-changer for our economic development efforts. EDA is awarding approximately 25 grants in 2013 that propose strategies to accelerate the resurgence of manufacturing and create well-paying manufacturing jobs in regions throughout the country. Director Griswold explained that in 2014, EDA will select approximately 14 of the 2013 grantees for implementation grants of up to \$25 million each. Director Griswold stated we will be applying for \$100,000 in funding, which requires a \$100,000 match in local funding. She would anticipate the match being a combination of cash and in-kind services. Since the grant’s focus is on manufacturing, the Lamm Road TIF is a source of match funding. The match would need to be made in calendar years 2013 and 2014. The in-kind time would also include NIDA and other local agencies committing to this grant. Mayor Gitz recommended that we go for this grant and find a way to make it happen if we are selected. Director Griswold needs to turn in the application by the middle of June and should hear results by fall.

Aldersperson Koester moved to approval of the resolution as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Endress. The motion for passage prevailed by a roll call of;
Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)
Nays: None
Resolution #R-2013-36 passed.

RESOLUTION #R-2013-37:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT FOR GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION OF 230 W. STEPHENSON STREET BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND TESTING SERVICE CORPORATION

City Engineer Gallagher presented the resolution for additional boring exploration in the former City Hall building in and around the building. He thought that they would probability need to do 2-3 interior explorations on the slab and 2-3 borings on the outside near the vaults. Depending on the outcome he will bring the results back to council and notify them if there are any red flags from the results of the borings and geotechnical exploration. Aldersperson Klemm made a motion to move forward the resolution for approval, seconded by Aldersperson Bush. The motion for passage prevailed by a roll call of;
Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)
Nays: None
Resolution #R-2013-37 passed.

RESOLUTION #R-2013-38:

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT FOR ASBESTOS AND LEAD BASED PAINT INSPECTION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 230 WEST STEPHENSON STREET BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND ANDERSON ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

City Engineer Gallagher stated that his recommendation would be consideration both of the bids from Fehr Graham and Anderson Environmental Engineering and to review them further as to what the outcome will be as the project moves forward. Discussion was held on the differences between the asbestos and lead inspections from the two different firms. A representative from Fehr Graham was available to answer questions by the council members. Discussion was held on having additional time to review this item so they can be referred to a special meeting which could be held on Monday, June 10, 2013. Alderperson Klemm made a motion to layover this resolution to a special council meeting of the council to be held on Monday, June 10, 2013. This motion was seconded by Alderperson Endress. Alderperson Klemm asked if the Fehr Graham resolutions that were sent to the Committee of the Whole could be place on the agenda as well and Mayor Gitz stated they could be placed on the agenda for Monday's special meeting. Alderperson Koester asked if there could be written referrals provided by the companies and have that presented on Monday. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

RESOLUTION #R-2013-39:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT FOR ASBESTOS AND LEAD BASED PAINT INSPECTION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 314 WEST STEPHENSON STREET BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT AND ANDERSON ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Alderperson Klemm moved to have this resolution presented at a special meeting held on June 10, 2013, seconded by Alderperson Koester. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

OTHER

Discussion of preliminary draft of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget as requested by council

Note on council agenda: Although discussion of the budget is encouraged, Mayor Gitz respectfully requests until the second meeting in June to present the administration's budget documents.

There was no discussion on this item.

Discussion on properties owned by the City of Freeport, Illinois as requested by council

This item is on council agenda per instructions from the May 13, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting. Alderperson Klemm asked that when we discuss building such as the Carnegie Building if discussion can include the old Harlem School building being used by the Art Museum. Mayor Gitz stated that when the budget talks are opened we will be looking at the longer term and capital expenditures for all the buildings to be on the table for discussion. It is a top priority to review buildings, individual parcels owned by the City and develop an inventory of all properties. Alderperson Bush requested to have a list developed of what buildings are owned by the City and what is their projected cost of improvements. Alderperson Koester asked to have a plan for the buildings and also written procedures drawn up as to the City official in charge of each of the buildings.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Community Development

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Community Development Director Griswold recommended the council to reject bid for Rawleigh Complex Walkway Bridge Masonry Repairs and have the item re-bid since it exceeded the estimates. Alderperson Klemm moved to reject the bid by Renaissance Restoration, Inc. in the amount of \$57,995.00, seconded by Alderperson Bush. The motion acceptance to reject the bid prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)

Nays: None

Finance Department

Accountant Duane Price had no further report.

Public Works

Note to Council: This item was re-bid. Bids were due to Public Works Director on May 28, 2013 – bid tab included in the packet.

Approval of Bids for 2013 Mowing Services for properties which are in violation of City of Freeport Codified Ordinance Chapter 694 – Weeds and Grass

Public Works Director Tom Dole presented the bid tabulation for mowing services for properties which are in violation of City of Freeport Codified Ordinance Chapter 694 – Weeds and Grass by stating that five bids were received on May 28, 2013 and they all deemed responsive. The low bidder was Ryan Shirley in the amount of \$15.00 per hour and the second low bid was received from T & L Preservation Services at \$25.00 per hour. Director Dole stated that Ryan Shirley has a very small staff but appears to be able to handle a portion of the properties. The second low bidder has a substantial crew and will be capable of maintaining a bulk of this list. Director Dole stated that if for some reason the first two contractors are not able to keep an acceptable pace, he may seek additional help from the list.

Alderperson Crutchfield moved to accept the two lowest bids by Ryan Shirley in the amount of \$15.00 per man per hour and T & L Preservation in the amount of \$25.00 per man per hour. This motion was seconded by Alderperson Klemm. The motion for passage prevailed by a roll call of;

Yeas: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester and Crutchfield (7)

Nays: None

Fire

Fire Chief Kevin Countryman was present and had no further report.

Police

Chief of Police Jerry Whitmore provided a statement on the recent homicide and asked the public to come forward with any information that they may have.

Water and Sewer

Water and Sewer Director Tom Glendenning stated the work on the Burchard Tank is moving along at a rapid pace now that the base has been completed. Director Glendenning stated that the meter replacement project is now at a 98.5% completion level. The department is working on city-wide hydrant flushing over the next two weeks. Discussion was held on the water pressure and Director Glendenning stated he was not aware of any issues.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gitz stated he is fully committed to crime prevention measures. He stated he will deliver a budget by the second meeting in June. This budget will be crafted with a strong bond between community development and police in order to develop our neighborhoods and improve crime prevention in areas. He has a strong commitment to bring jobs to Freeport and by applying for the EDA grant it will put us in the right direction. The administration was presented a budget with a \$400,000 deficit and there will need to be cuts to meet the needs of the City. He is committed to a full crime prevention plan. Mayor Gitz welcomes the advice and input of the council.

Mayor Gitz stated that tonight Director Dole had placed bids for MFT material on the council desks and we will place that action item on the special meeting agenda for Monday.

NEW BUSINESS/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each council member was provided the opportunity to discuss items of interest.

Aldersperson Koester reminded citizens of motorcycle awareness especially during the summer months.

Aldersperson Crutchfield asked for an update on the Residential Property Task Force. Aldersperson Klemm provided a summary on the task force and asked that before another task force is started for the vacant building that they be allowed to come forward with their recommendations.

Aldersperson Bush noted on the 2012 Property Tax bills that were recently mailed to homeowners that less than 10% is received by the City of Freeport for all the services that it provides to the citizens. The school district's share was nearly 60% of the tax bill and he wondered if people complain to the school board members. Aldersperson Crutchfield stated they do and his wife receives many phone calls.

Aldersperson Brashaw provided information on a fundraiser for one of our firefighters who was diagnosed with a terminal illness. The fundraiser will be held at the Lena Fire Station on June 22 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Aldersperson Koester asked about the roadway patching machine that is being leased by the Public Works Department. Director Dole stated that work is progressing and it was a good investment to lease the equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jon Stabin, 1070 Canyon Drive, spoke about the Young Eagle Rally which will be sponsored by the pilots association and will be held at Albertus Airport on June 8, 2013.

Shaun Gallagher, trustee in German Valley provided information on German Valley Days to be held this weekend.

John Fritz provided information on the Friends of the Pecatonica River fundraiser with the funds raised to be used on river maintenance projects.

Tom Teich, 653 Jefferson Street, Freeport Illinois, was wished happy birthday from council and staff.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

S/ Meg Zuravel

Meg Zuravel, City Clerk