



## *City Council*

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

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### **MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING Monday, November 2, 2015**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The special 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 5:30 p.m. on November 2, 2015.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call: Mayor Gitz and council members Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Jodi Miller, Patrick Busker, Sally Brashaw, Michael Koester and Andrew Chesney (8). Representing the City of Freeport as Corporation Counsel was Michael Phillips, Attorney At Law.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Brashaw.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS**

Signed on the sheet for public comments was Steve Carroll who stated he had a non-agenda item.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION) PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2**

The following passage was read aloud by Mayor Gitz:

A closed session is called pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

At 5:32 p.m., Alderperson Klemm made a motion to enter closed session, seconded by Alderperson Ross. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, Brashaw, Koester and Chesney (8)

Nays: none

At 6:40 p.m., Alderperson Brashaw made a motion to return from executive session, seconded by Alderperson Koester. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, Brashaw, Koester and Chesney (8)

Nays: none

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Gitz stated it needs to be on the item on the agenda. Mr. Carroll stated it can be on an agenda or non-agenda item.

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Steve Carroll, 811 S. Oak, Freeport Illinois, Freeport Illinois, stated he recently read an article about Cynthia Haggard and the information she gave to the paper. He stated he thought her to be courageous and she has credibility. He asked why we have not heard from Debra Milliman because according to Cynthia, she was in the information loop since August of last year. He stated that is unfortunate because we need answers. Mr. Carroll provided his opinion that Sarah needs to be fired and Mayor Gitz needs to step down immediately. He stated he has 300,000 reasons for saying that. He stated he believes Mr. Gitz has tried to bury this issue. He stated that if Mr. Gitz wants to stay in office and fight this he can assure you there are people in this room that will indulge you. He stated he is going to be one of them because he likes a good fight. He spoke about an Irish born union general named Thomas Francis Meagher and quoted him about Irish courage and then spoke about the courage it took for Ms. Haggard.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor Gitz stated there will be a two minute break before beginning the regular meeting of the City Council.

*s/ Meg Zuravel*

Meg Zuravel  
City Clerk