



City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 524 West Stephenson Street, 3rd Floor ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

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 Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Gitz and council members Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Jodi Miller, Patrick Busker, Mike Koester, Sally Brashaw and Andrew Chesney (8).

Representing the City of Freeport as special counsel was Michael Phillips, Esq.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Brashaw.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderperson Koester moved for approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderperson Ross. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting on February 1, 2016 were presented for approval. Alderperson McClanathan moved for approval, seconded by Alderperson Brashaw. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Carroll, 811 S. Oak Avenue, Freeport Illinois, spoke in regard to the ordinance amending the chapter for taxicabs. He stated at the last Committee of the Whole he asked Mayor Gitz if there will be a conflict of interest with Nick Jupin as the Grant Coordinator to run a cab service in the City. Mr. Carroll explained he was assured by Mayor Gitz there would be no conflict of interest. Mr. Carroll provided his concern about whether Mr. Jupin will run the business out of his office.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda in the council packet and Mayor Gitz read the listed items into the record. [Consent Agenda PDF](#)

A. Approval to receive and place on file:

- 1) City Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report through January 31, 2016
- 2) City Treasurer's Report on Cash and Fund Balances through January 31, 2016
- 3) Police Department Report on Activities for 2015
- 4) Police Department Report on Activities for January 2016
- 5) Building Permit Report for January 2016

B. Approval of Motor Fuel Tax Fund Bills Payable (Register #079) -- \$33,855.50

C. Approval of Water & Sewer Bills Payable (Registers #483,493) --- \$276,041.33

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- D. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending February 6, 2016 --- \$405,449.07
- E. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #484-492) -- \$428,669.05

Aldersperson Koester moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Aldersperson Busker. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

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

Nays: none

PRESENTATION ON CITY OF FREEPORT HEALTH CARE PLAN

A presentation on City of Freeport Health Care Plan was given by Stephen Lafferty, Dimond Bros. Insurance. He provided a document to council members which gave current census of members as: 78 Single, 58 Single plus one, and 78 families covered for a total of 214 participants under the Freeport Health Care Plan. The Group Health Plan Year is May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Mr. Lafferty provided the plan year costs as follows:

| PLAN YEAR COSTS | | | Annualized Costs |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Partially Self Insured Model | Max Costs | Expected Costs | 05/01/15 – 01/31/16 (9 Months) |
| Fixed Costs | \$ 550,258 | \$ 550,258 | \$ 550,258 |
| Claims | \$3,647,729 | \$2,918,183 | \$2,140,471 |
| Total Costs | \$4,197,987 | \$3,468,441 | \$2,690,729 |

Mr. Lafferty reported that Ted Odendahl of Dimond Bros. Insurance is reviewing the renewal market on self-insured and fully insured models. They explained to council the following:

Self-Insured Model

- TPA (Third Party Administrator) – NIHP
- Reinsurance / Stop Loss Carrier – American Insurance A++
- Network PPO (Preferred Provider Organization) – ECOH2
- Utilization / Case Management – NIHP
- Pharmacy Benefit Manager – National Pharmaceutical Services (NPS)
- Dialysis Management – SCM Dialysis Services

Fully Insured Model

- Local Government Health Plan (LGHP)
(CMS – Central Management Services)
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Aetna
- Coventry
- Humana
- United Health Care

Mr. Lafferty stated that for the renewal timeline he would expect this will be brought back to the council for the March 21 or April 4, 2016 city council meeting for the final recommendation. At that time, council approval will be in form of a resolution. He stated he is available to meet with Council members to review the process.

The council members were provided an opportunity to ask questions regarding the renewal process and whether there would be a probability of a move to a fully insured health plan.

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Aldersperson Koester asked to see a comparison of coverages. Aldersperson Koester asked to be on the health care committee.

Aldersperson McClanathan provided information on the Stephenson County Health plan for employees and their move to the Local Government Health Plan (LGHP). Mr. Lafferty explained that because of the recent good claims years then there may be better bids as a reward.

Mayor Gitz explained that they budgeted for the worse-case scenario and what they expected claims could likely have for numbers. Mr. Odendahl explained that typically if a plan under the Local Government Health Plan has a good year, then you would put that excess in a reserve for the next year. This reserve amount would be available in case the next year has a bad year. For a government entity that would be a decision that will need to be made as to whether you want to keep the reserve and how much.

ORDINANCES -- SECOND READING

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2016-11

An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 868 (Taxicabs) Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport

The first reading was held on February 1, 2016. A motion to adopt was given by Aldersperson Koester, seconded by Aldersperson Brashaw and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. An amended version of this ordinance was recommended by the Committee of the Whole on February 8, 2016 and it was provided in the council packet.

Upon the second reading, Mayor Gitz explained this ordinance as recommended by the Committee of the Whole incorporates the requirement for fingerprinting, the forcible felony disqualification, and the rehabilitation wording as recommended and as shown on page 11 of 14 of the ordinance as follows;

"The Compliance Officer shall not declare as rehabilitated and eligible for a Taxicab License and/or a Taxi Driver's License any applicant as defined above who has at any time a prior criminal felony conviction for any sexual crime in this State of Illinois or in any other State or nation. Additionally, the Compliance Officer shall not declare as rehabilitated and eligible for a Taxicab License and/or a Taxi Driver's License any applicant as defined above who has at any time a prior criminal felony conviction for any controlled substance or marijuana criminal offense other than for mere possession without any intent to deliver in this State of Illinois or in any other State or nation."

Aldersperson Chesney asked Chief Barkalow if this addresses the concerns. Chief Barkalow explained that the ordinance as written gives careful thought for the safety of citizens using a taxi for transportation. The Police Department will ask applicant drivers to provide fingerprints so they can check the background of each person. This scan will not only go to the State of Illinois but nationally. Chief Barkalow stated that this ordinance be a good tool to help keep people safe.

Aldersperson Brashaw asked if the definition of forcible felony was included. Chief Barkalow stated it was included. Mayor Gitz referred the council to the top of page 9, subsection d) which provides the following wording to disqualify an applicant of a taxicab license:

"(d) Any offense as described in the definition of "Forcible Felony" in Section 2-8 of the Illinois Criminal Code of 2012 [codified as 720 ILCS 5/2-8], as amended, or any other offense involving

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violence against another person or threatened violence against another person under the Illinois Criminal Code 720 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq., or any like offense of another state or country, within the past ten (10) years”

Aldersperson McClanathan asked Mayor Gitz to comment on the public comments. Mayor Gitz explained that the ordinance for taxis was already in the Codified Ordinances and these amendments have been put forth to modernize but they certainly were not made to give someone an advantage. Mayor Gitz explained the grants used for the public transportation program are the 5311 Federal Grants and the Downstate Operating Assistance Grants and he knows of no other grant that the Grant Administrator would be searching for. The intent is to have the PCOM position supervise the grants for the public transportation program. Mayor Gitz explained that there have been other inquiries for taxi cab service to open in Freeport and that was from a cab company in Belvidere. He stated there are no public funds intended to be spent on taxi cabs that would be in conflict with the duties and responsibilities of Mr. Jupin as the Grant Administrator.

Aldersperson Koester asked about the definition of livery and whether it included a company who drove to airports. Special Counsel Phillips explained that kind of services is not included in the definition. The ordinance as presented provides the following definition of livery:

“Livery” means a privately owned first division vehicle which is intended to be used for the transportation of persons when the payment is not based on a meter charge but is prearranged for a designated destination. Except as provided expressly to the contrary herein, Livery vehicles shall meet all of the same requirements as imposed upon Taxicabs in this Chapter. A “Livery” vehicle shall not include “Medical Carrier” vehicle as that term is defined below. Livery shall not include any first division vehicle used for the transportation of persons based on a prearranged charge for a designated destination if fifty-one per cent (51%) of the passenger-determined destinations which commence within the City of Freeport and terminate at a point outside of the corporate limits of the City of Freeport...

The definition of taxicab is as follows:

(h) (f) "Taxicab" means any vehicle used or offered to be used to carry six or fewer passengers at any one time for hire to a passenger-designated destination, any a privately owned first division vehicle which is intended to be used for the transportation of persons when the payment is not based on a meter charge but is prearranged for a designated destination, or any privately owned first or second division motor vehicle which is intended to be used for, and is maintained or operated for, the non-emergency transportation of persons, excluding but this term shall not include any Livery vehicle or any Medical Carrier vehicle as defined above nor any motor vehicles regulated by the Illinois Commerce Commission."

Aldersperson Koester moved to adopt the ordinance as recommended by the Committee of the Whole with the changes included for the forcible felony, fingerprinting and the rehabilitation requirements on page eleven. This motion was seconded by Aldersperson Miller. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

Upon no further discussion, Mayor Gitz requested a roll call vote to approve Ordinance #2016-11 as amended. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

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

Nays: none

Ordinance #2016-11 as amended and recommended by the Committee of the Whole was passed.

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2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2016-12:

An Ordinance Amending The Boundaries of the Joint City of Freeport – County of Stephenson Certified Enterprise Zone (*expansion of Berner Food & Beverage, LLC*)

The first reading was held on February 1, 2016. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Koester, seconded by Alderperson Miller and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. The second reading was held and there was no discussion or debate. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

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

Nays: none

Ordinance #2016-12 was passed.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2016-13:

An Ordinance Amending The Boundaries of the Joint City of Freeport – County of Stephenson Certified Enterprise Zone (*realign boundaries of property and consolidate PIN for JJ Ventures*)

The first reading was held on February 1, 2016. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Busker, seconded by Alderperson Klemm and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting. The second reading was held and there was no discussion or debate. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

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

Nays: none

Ordinance #2016-13 was passed.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2016-14:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 290 (Compensation and Benefits) Section 290.01 (Classification Plan) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport Regarding Transit Program Compliance Oversight Monitor (PCOM) and Transit Coordinator

The first reading was held on February 1, 2016. A motion to adopt was given by Alderperson Koester, seconded by Alderperson Klemm and it was automatically laid over to tonight's meeting.

Upon the second reading, discussion was held on the information provided in the packet to supplement the presentation from the last meeting. Mayor Gitz explained Community Development Director Alex Mills provided an explanation on the grade differential for his department and a job description for the new position.

The memorandum from Alex Mills included work conditions relevant to a class 18 pay grade:

- The PCOM will have regular, in-depth communications with IDOT officials, as well as other local, regional and state agency officials. There is a need for the PCOM to build a wide array of contacts and relationships with these officials for the success and growth of the city's transportation program.
- The PCOM will have to attend regular meetings of IDOT seminars, trainings and agency board meetings. Not all events where attendance is required will be held in Freeport or the nearby area, and extended travel may be required.
- The PCOM will have to travel regularly between City Hall and the transportation and dispatch service provider's location in order to effectively provide oversight and monitoring duties. While the PCOM will be based at City Hall for the majority of their working hours, they will be performing duties at the provider's location as well any given week.
- Transportation experience, along with a specific skillset going beyond clerical ability, is a strong precursor for success in this position. This salary will be grant funded and the position will not be eligible for the Illinois Municipal Retiree's Fund or health care benefits. The PCOM would be reimbursed for costs

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incurred while attending mandatory job-related events.

Aldersperson Klemm stated the questions he had regarding the difference between a labor grade 17 and an 18 have been addressed in the memo and in the job description. He stated there is a difference of a salary of a \$1.00 and he does not see it as a big deal and his question has been answered.

Upon no further discussion, Mayor Gitz requested a roll call vote for approval of the ordinance. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

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

Nays: none

Ordinance #2016-14 was passed.

ORDINANCES -- FIRST READING

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2016-15:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 290 (Compensation And Benefits) Section 290.01 (Classification Plan) Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport (Positions Not Covered) Addition Of City Engineer

The ordinance was presented by Special Counsel Michael Phillips, who explained this is a housekeeping matter following the passage of the resolution and memorandum of understanding from the last meeting for the City Engineer Shaun Gallagher. Provided in the ordinance was an amendment to Sections 290.01 (e) entitled "Positions Not Covered" of Chapter 290 – COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois as follows:

290.01 CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

(e) Positions Not Covered. The wage provisions of this chapter shall not apply to elected officials and members of boards and commissions, nor to:

- (1) The Corporation Counsel;
- (2) Employees of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners;
- (3) Employees of the Library;
- (4) The Finance Director;
- (5) City Accountant;~~and~~
- (6) Community Development Director;~~and~~
- (7) City Engineer.

Aldersperson Koester moved for approval of the ordinance as presented, seconded by Aldersperson Busker. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2016-16:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 806 – Alcoholic Liquor Sales Section 806.01 (Definitions) - Restaurants And Section 806.03 (Classification Of Licenses) - A-R Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport

This ordinance was recommended to council by the Liquor Commission in their meeting held on February 11, 2016. The Liquor Commission has requested suspension of the rules for passage this evening. The ordinance as presented amends Chapter 806 entitled "Alcoholic Liquor Sales", Subsection 806.01 (DEFINITIONS) and Subsection 806.03 (Classification of Licenses) as follows:

806.01 DEFINITIONS.

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“(n) "Restaurant" means any public place kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public as a place where meals are served, and where meals are actually and regularly served, without sleeping accommodations, and with adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment and capacity, and having employed therein a sufficient number and kind of employees to prepare, cook and serve food for its guests. Any applicant operating a restaurant shall present proof of compliance with State and County sanitation and public health rules and regulations at the time of filing an initial application, or within such timeframe as granted by the liquor commission after approval, and any subsequent license renewal application.”

806.03 CLASSIFICATION OF LICENSES.

“(b) Class A-R Licenses. Any restaurant holding a Class A License may also apply for a further classification known as R classification. If such application is granted, the license holder shall then be deemed to hold a Class A-R license. An A-R license may be utilized for a one-time opening event, prior to compliance with the strict definition of “restaurant” above, if so deemed appropriate by the Liquor Commission. A Class A-R License may be changed to a Class A or a Class W License through application to and approval by the Liquor Commission, upon payment of a fifty dollar (\$50.00) administrative fee.”

Mayor Gitz explained this ordinance was recommended to council by the Liquor Commission to allow a local business to open with a restaurant and have a one-time grand opening event prior to compliance with the restrictions of the definition of restaurant. This will allow them time to build out a certified kitchen to comply with State and County sanitation rules and regulations. Alderperson Klemm explained that he was in attendance at the Liquor Commission meeting and this will help them to move forward.

Alderperson Klemm moved for approval of the ordinance as presented, seconded by Alderperson Miller.

Mayor Gitz noted the Liquor Commission recommended suspension of rules so the party can move forward with licensing prior to an event in March.

Alderperson Brashaw moved for suspension of rules for passage this evening, seconded by Alderperson Busker. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

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

Nays: none

Mayor Gitz stated the ordinance is properly on the floor for passage this evening and asked for a roll call vote to approve the ordinance. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

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

Nays: none

Ordinance #2016-16 was passed.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-2016-10:

Resolution In Support Of Funding The a5 Branding And Digital Marketing Campaign

This resolution was recommended by the Committee of the Whole in their meeting on February 8, 2016. It was noted that there was an amended version of the resolution placed on the council desks for this meeting. Alderperson McClanathan made a motion to refer this item to the next council meeting. This motion was seconded by Alderperson Miller. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

OTHER

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

City Engineer

2016 Material Bid Rejection

City Engineer Shaun Gallagher stated that on February 3rd, the City of Freeport held a bid opening for this year's Materials Proposal for road stone, hot-mix and cold patch. The two (2) bids submitted were by Fischer Excavating and Rock Road Companies. In prior years, the City of Freeport has received multiple bids for road stone, hot-mix, and cold patch, however this year only one bid was received for hot-mix, one bid was received for road stone, and no bids were received for cold patch. It shall also be noted that neither Conmat nor Martin & Company Excavating submitted bids, which have typically supplied the bulk of our materials in the past. A bid from Conmat was received well after the completion of the bid opening, however it remains unopened and will be returned to the bidder. Based on the singular bids received for hot-mix and road stone and zero bids received for cold patch, it is my recommendation to reject all bids and rebid the Materials Proposal as soon as possible. It is understood that due to the number of additional materials bid openings in the area, our bid opening may have been overlooked, however we do send materials proposals to area contractors and they are also posted in the State's weekly Contractor's Bulletin. Alderperson Brashaw moved to accept the recommendation to reject of all bids received at the February 3, 2016 bid letting for materials. This motion was seconded by Alderperson Chesney. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

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

Nays: none

Public Works

Public Works Director Tom Dole stated he has received a request to place a yield sign on Valleyview at Westwood. He and Chief Barkalow reviewed the site and determined that the location would be acceptable for a yield sign. They also reviewed the accident records and there has been five accidents in 15 years. The recommendation will be to bring an ordinance forth to the next council meeting to amend the chapter in the code for yield signs at this intersection. Alderperson Chesney stated he was approached by a resident who runs a day care about a couple of intersections in the area. Director Dole explained they were able to look at each of the intersections and a couple of them were "t" intersections but the one at Valleyview and Westwood they recommended a yield sign.

Community Development

Community Development Director Alex Mills presented the request for approval to accept low bidder as submitted on February 10, 2016 for demolition of 906 S. Galena, 915 S. Chicago, 1135 S. Galena, 1141 S. Galena under Bid # CD-001-16. He stated on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, a bid opening was held for solicited demolition services for the above properties, commonly known as the Oky Doky (former Short Stop) convenience mart and the Endzone Bar (former Bookie's Tap), and the associated garage and houses that are present on each of the properties. He provided bid tabulation in the council packet showing G & G Construction and Excavating of Winnebago, Illinois was the low bidder for the package bid for demolition of all properties at \$19,300. The company is registered as a contractor with the City of Freeport, meaning they have also provided their certificate of insurance. Director Mills explained he contacted G & G to ensure that they clearly and correctly understood all specifications for the work they had bid on, and that there was no misunderstanding of any of the provisions. They indicated that their bid was made with full awareness of the scope and extent of the work to be carried out. Director Mills recommended the City proceed with awarding the bid for demolition services to G & G Construction and Excavating in the amount of \$19,300.

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Community Development Director Alex Mills provided an update on proposed demolitions under the Blight Reduction Program and the permitting of fast track demolitions to assist in speeding up the process.

Aldersperson Koester moved for acceptance of the bid for G & G Construction for \$19,300, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. Aldersperson Ross asked about the asbestos abatement. Director Mills explained that the asbestos abatement was bid separately and has already been performed by another company. Aldersperson Busker asked about the timing of the demolition. Director Mills stated there was a specified timeline for the contractor to begin within 10 days of the award which would be February 26, 2016 and the demolitions need to be completed no later than 30 days from the date of the award.

Aldersperson Klemm asked about property in the building. Director Mills explained that based on the inspection of the property it had been pretty much stripped.

Mayor Gitz explained that the City is working with local non-profits on deconstruction of future projects and recycling of architectural products.

Upon no further discussion the motion to accept the bid prevailed by a roll call vote of;
Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, Brashaw, Koester and Chesney (8)
Nays: none

Police

Chief of Police Todd Barkalow provided information to update the council on the body worn cameras and stated all the equipment is now received. They are working with Aero to install the docking stations and working on training of the equipment. Chief Barkalow has been working on a campaign for the "Do the Right Thing" program. The Police Department is working on a new mentoring program called "Bigs in Blues" where the Police Department representatives will mentor grade school age children and that should start next month

Aldersperson Klemm spoke about calls he has received about walking in the street. Chief Barkalow encouraged people to call the Police Department. He explained that the patrol officers will issue a warning as a courtesy reminder because some of the sidewalks have not been cleared because of the snow and ice.

Chief Barkalow introduced a "Courtesy Card" which will help to remind citizens to not leave valuables in open sight in their vehicles, not leave windows down in their vehicles, or to renew license plate stickers.

Aldersperson Klemm stated the Illinois Secretary of State is no longer sending reminders for license plate sticker renewals but there is a place on their website where you can request an email reminder.

Public Works

Public Works Director Tom Dole provided an activity report to council.

Fire

Fire Chief Scott Miller had no report this evening.

Water & Sewer

Director Glendenning stated the Commission is working on a dispute policy and review of the rate structure. He will provide a report at the April Committee of the Whole for issues facing the Water & Sewer Commission.

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Library

Library Director Carole Dickerson provided an overview on the 2016 American History Lecture series presented by the Freeport Public Library and noted there will be one on February 18th on the development of the American Political parties and on February 24th on the United States Exhibition to Mexico.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gitz provided information on the "Conversations Over Pizza and thanked Alderperson McClanathan for his attendance. This is a program put on by the Police Department and the Housing Authority to help to build trust in the community. Mayor Gitz noted there will be rough draft of the April 30, 2015 audit this week by the auditing firm. Once this audit is finalized, they will start the budget process.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

Alderperson Chesney stated he will work with Director Mills on a dumpster policy in order to capture all the concerns and to require enclosures so they are not visible or out of sight of corridors of the City. There will also be a requirement as to their location on a property. They will hopefully have this ready next month. It was suggested at the same time to work on a policy for the miscellaneous clothes boxes that pop up in parking lot locations.

Alderperson Ross thanked Chief Barkalow for the presentation on the "courtesy cards" and stated he suggested them as a way to be helpful to vehicles parked in the downtown area.

Alderperson Miller stated she is looking for ways to bring more awareness to the Neighborhood Watch meetings and asked the program coordinator for Crime Stoppers to add a tab to their website. She also asked for links to be added to utilize Facebook pages.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lee Butler, 1550 Woodside Drive, Freeport, Illinois suggested that the City pay the \$64,600 for the Floating Boat Dock since the funds have not been released from the Illinois State budget. He stated they have waited since March of 2014 and it is the City's responsibility to purchase and install the floating boat dock with canoe/kayak launch in the early summer of 2016.

Tom Teich, Freeport Illinois spoke about his photo which was printed in the Journal Standard. He stated he will miss the Journal Standard reporter who is leaving.

Executive Session (Closed Session)

Mayor Gitz read aloud the following exceptions to call a closed session: "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 and pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees."

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At 7:40 p.m., Alderperson Klemm made a motion to enter closed session per the above stated exceptions, seconded by Alderperson Chesney. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

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

Nays: none

Mayor Gitz noted the council members leave council chambers for a short period of time and then anticipate an action item upon their return.

At 7:55 p.m., Alderperson Busker made a motion to return from closed session, seconded by Alderperson Klemm. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

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

Nays: none

The following item was listed on the agenda:

RATIFICATION OF "AGREEMENT AND RELEASE" BETWEEN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS AND COUNCIL 31 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR AND ON BEHALF OF AFSCME LOCAL 3367

Alderperson Koester moved to approve the contents of agreement and release between the City of Freeport and AFSCME local 3367. This motion was 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

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

s/ Meg Zuravel

Meg Zuravel
City Clerk