



**City Council**  
**City Council Chambers ♦ 314 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032**

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**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order in Council chambers by Mayor Jodi Miller with a quorum being present at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

**ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call: Mayor Jodi Miller and Council Members Alderpersons Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Patrick Busker, Sally Brashaw, Mike Koester and Andrew Chesney (7). Alderperson Bob Smith was absent.

Staff members present: City Manager Lowell Crow, Finance Director Randy Bukas, Director of Public Works Dennis Carr, Director of Street Tom Dole, Fire Chief Todd Allen, Chief of Police Todd Barkalow, Director of Utility Operations Tom Kopanski, Director of Information Technology Curt Suttman, and City Clerk Dovie Anderson.

Others Present: City Legal Counsel Aaron Szeto, Esq.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Busker.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Miller stated that Item #14 on the agenda will be removed and laid over to a special meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018. Alderperson Koester moved and Alderperson Busker seconded to approve the agenda as amended; motion carried unanimously by voice vote without dissent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderperson Brashaw moved and Alderperson Busker seconded to approve minutes from the [April 2, 2018](#), Council Meeting. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda. [View Consent Agenda](#)*

- A. Approval to receive and place on file:
- 1) Building Permits – March, 2018
  - 2) City of Freeport Fire Department Incidents and Loss Report – March 2018
  - 3) City Treasurer's Reports – March, 2018

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- 4) Financial Reports: General Fund, Library Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Storm Sewer Fund, March 31, 2018
- B. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #950, 953, 954, 955, 956, and 957 and Invoices to be approved for registers dated March 30, 2018 through April 11, 2018) --- \$861,207.79
- C. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending April 6, 2018 --- \$444,222.97 with fringe benefit payments in the amount of \$33,171.42 for a total of \$477,394.39

Aldersperson Koester moved and Aldersperson Busker seconded that the consent agenda be approved. Motion prevailed by omnibus vote of:

Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (7)

Nays: None

The Consent Agenda was approved.

**ITEM #5 – Honorary Resolution Recognizing the Highland Cougars Men’s Bowling Team in the City of Freeport.**

Mayor Miller stated that the Men’s Bowling Team for Highland Community College placed first in the 2018 National Junior College Championship. She listed many other accomplishments of this collegiate team throughout this academic year. Members include Bryce Lawson (All American), Gary Ramey, Jared Johnson, Larry Tripamer III, Baily Luy, Bryce Rives, Evan Jaros and Trace Ermeiy; coaches include Kris Beach and Thomas Endress, and Director of Bowling is Jeff Johnson.

**ITEM #6 – Proclamation regarding Stephanie Felds, April 28, 2018, “Superhero Cleanup Saturday”.**

Mayor Miller proclaimed that April 28, 2018, will be “Superhero Cleanup Saturday”. Volunteers may report to the Read Park ball diamonds at 11:00 a.m. in superhero attire (optional) for their cleanup assignments.

**ITEM #7 – Presentation regarding TIF-Based Bond for Downtown Redevelopment**

Manager Crow stated that approval of the bond will be laid over to the Special Meeting on April 23, 2018. The Northwest Illinois Community Development Council (CDC) has been working with us for over six months to secure funding for downtown redevelopment. The current Downtown TIF does not generate enough revenue to promote economic development. It will, however, generate enough to cover the bond. Previously Northern Illinois Development Alliance (NIDA) was involved and eventually NewCo will be involved in this endeavor. This bond will provide \$1.1 million for downtown revitalization. A portion of the revenue will be used to cover expenses. There is also \$2.5 million pledged from local banks for a net total of \$3.5 to be distributed. The reason this is a General Obligation (GO) bond, is that one of the requirements of the local bankers is that the matching money be backed by the full faith of the City as a GO. Small loans of \$100,000 will be available to businesses wishing to start up in downtown. CDC will review the business prospectuses and NewCo will draft the Redevelopment Agreements (RDAs), which will then be presented to City Council. CDC will also have the authority to issue micro-loans of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to existing downtown businesses. These micro-loans will have one- to three-year terms for various purposes such as changing lines, new equipment, or new demands of businesses.

The reason for the blanks in the bond in this Council packet and in the Council packet for April 23, 2018, is that we will not receive the interest rate and payment amounts until Monday morning. Updated documents will be made available on the website and hardcopies handed to Council at Monday’s meeting. At the April 23, 2018, meeting, we will request to suspend the rules to lock in the interest rate that is good for only 48 hours.

Speer Financial estimates the annual interest payment will be between \$95,000 and \$105,000 which will be covered by the Downtown TIF. Interest payments for the first two years will require that some funds be taken out of the \$100,000 reserve in the Downtown TIF as we continue making payments for stabilizing the wall at Joe’s

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Pizza. Once that is paid off, the entire interest payment will be covered through the Downtown TIF. One of Speer's requirements was that we do not go beyond what can be paid from the Downtown TIF.

Speers Financial will be presenting the bond to the Council and Baird will be selling the bond.

Aldersperson Klemm addressed speculation that this bond has happened overnight. Over the years, the Downtown TIF was mainly used for façade improvements, maintenance, replacing lights, etc. This bond will assist downtown business owners with more substantial improvements such as technology enhancements. In order for businesses to get a \$100,000 loan, they will need to present a plan justifying the proposed improvements. With the help of local banks, this will provide a great opportunity for downtown businesses to accomplish substantial work. Aldersperson McClanathan added that this process has been ongoing for almost three years. The bonds have been in process for nearly six months.

The initial process began with City Centre and the downtown analysis of the conditions of buildings to identify (1) which buildings were eligible for potential redevelopment, (2) which buildings were in really bad shape, and (3) which buildings were somewhere in between. The infrastructure and utility analysis were part of this whole process. During that time, part of the discussion revolved around what tools could be utilized to spur development and this bond covers the latter portion of that process. Another critical point is that we are leveraging the resources of the Downtown TIF which can produce only limited revenue. Combining this revenue with the substantial investment from the private sector banks maximizes its potential. The life of the Downtown TIF compared to the increment generated is limited. This bond, coupled with investments from local banks, is about the best option available to getting a return on investment and revitalizing downtown.

Manager Crow stated that when a \$100,000 loan is awarded, the first \$25,000 is covered by the City's bond and the next \$75,000 is covered by the five banks. As businesses make payments, the funds will be replenished. This jump-starts the Revolving Loan process. Aldersperson McClanathan asked if the \$100,000 and micro-loans will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Manager Crow confirmed this and added that several recent new businesses, such as 312 Beef and Sausage, have expressed that they would have been interested in these loans when they started up. Payments will be made exclusively from the Downtown TIF Fund.

Aldersperson Brashaw expressed her support of this plan that will allow businesses to develop RDAs and take advantage of low-interest improvement loans. She asked and Manager Crow confirmed that businesses can submit RDAs and obtain loans from the CDC up to \$60,000 currently. However, after closing on the bond, the City will hold the funds for 90 days in a short-term Certificate of Deposit (CD). This will allow time for the CDC to comele their funds with the City bond funds and establish accounts for controlling the monies.

Aldersperson Brashaw asked if repayment of loans would go back into the TIF. Manager Crow stated that the Revolving Loan Fund will continue to develop in that manner. The TIF Fund will be used as the initial investment. Loan payments will go into it. CDC will become the loan agent under the new economic development council (NewCo).

Aldersperson Chesney asked for clarification of fees. Manager Crow stated that to get our bond rating with S&P cost \$9,800. To get a better interest rate, we bought bond insurance to take our A rating to AA. There were attorney's fees from Chapman and Cutler to draft the document and fees for Baird to sell the bond. He will know the exact figure Monday.

**ITEM #8 – Appointments**

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Aldersperson Brashaw moved and Aldersperson Busker seconded to approve the nomination of Gwen Crow to the Library Board (to replace the vacated position of Barb Green) effective immediately through May 31, 2019; Sue Bukas to the Library Board (to replace the vacated position of Elizabeth Gridley) effective immediately through May 31, 2019; and Gail Clore to the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees effective immediately through April 30, 2020.

Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (7)  
Nays: None

Aldersperson Busker moved and Aldersperson Klemm seconded to approve the following corrections to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners: Correction of Brian Borger's term which expired on April 30, 2017; his reappointment shall have an expiration date of April 30, 2020. Correction of Elliott Cooper's reappointment shall have an expiration date of April 30, 2019. Correction of Mark Gridley's reappointment shall have an expiration date of April 30, 2021. Correction of Denise McIlwain's reappointment shall have an expiration date of April 30, 2019. Correction of Billy Shroyer's seat which had expired on April 30, 2017; his reappointment shall have an expiration date of April 30, 2020. These corrections will bring the Commission into compliance with having only two terms expire in any given year.

Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (7)  
Nays: None

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

**ITEM #9 – [2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2018-19](#)**

**An Ordinance Amending Title Six Administration Adding Chapter 224 to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois to Provide for the Position of Deputy City Manager of Finance, Community Development and Human Resources**

*At the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting a motion to move forward for approval was made by Aldersperson Klemm; seconded by Aldersperson Busker; and the matter was laid over to tonight's meeting*

Manager Crow stated that this Ordinance modified the Code to create the position of Deputy City Manager which will oversee the departments of Finance, Community Development, and Human Resources. The Deputy City Manager will also serve as Finance Director with no additional compensation. The position will be appointed by the City Manager. The Deputy City Manager must reside within the corporate limits of Freeport within six months of appointment. Aldersperson Klemm clarified that this will not add personnel nor increase salaries but reassigns existing personnel. One important thing is that it provides for putting someone in charge in case Manager Crow is out of town or otherwise incapacitated.

Mayor Miller called for a roll call vote for final passage of Ordinance #2018-19:

Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (7)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Ordinance #2018-19 passed.

**ITEM #10 – [2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2018-20](#)**

**An Ordinance Amending Title Ten, Employment Provisions, Chapter 290, Compensation and Benefits, Section 290.01 (d) and (e) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois Regarding Classification Plan**

*At the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting a motion to move forward for approval was made by Aldersperson Chesney; seconded by Aldersperson Smith; and the matter was laid over to tonight's meeting.*

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Manager Crow stated that this Ordinance provides for a title change of Fire Captain to District Chief, removes Neighborhood Services Manager, and adds Deputy City Manager and Deputy Finance Director. The pay rate will not change for any of these positions. The reason the Ordinance does not reflect a change from Battalion Chief to District Chief is that it did not previously contain the title of Battalion Chief.

Aldersperson Koester stated that he will be voting against this Ordinance as he does not support removal of a full-time fire inspector.

Manager Crow and Chief Allen stated that under the new organization, there will be two Deputy Chiefs. One will be the second in command and be responsible for daily operations, overseeing Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and training. The other one will be the administrative deputy who will be responsible for grants, fire inspections, and administrative duties. This frees up some time for the Fire Chief. Chief Allen stated that the duties of the fire inspector will not be eliminated but shifted to a District Chief position. The people going into the District Chief positions are very capable. The primary duties of the administrative deputy will be code enforcement and related fire protection duties, such as overseeing fire investigators, fire inspections, public education, administration policies and procedures of the department. Aldersperson McClanathan asked if this structure is followed in other communities. Manager Crow stated that Monmouth, Collinsville, Edwardsville, and Carbondale use this structure. Chief Allen stated that six of the seven districts, including the Rock Island Arsenal, in the Quad Cities use this structure. Both Chief Allen and Manager Crow agreed that if they could build a Fire Department from the ground up, it would be in this manner.

Outside agencies will be subcontracted for fire inspections until the new personnel are fully trained.

Aldersperson Koester stated that he felt Freeport had tried this format before without success and he will not be supporting this Ordinance.

Mayor Miller called for a roll call vote for final passage of Ordinance #2018-20:

Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (6)

Nays: Koester (1)

Abstain: None

Ordinance #2018-20 passed.

**ITEM #11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2018-21**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 288 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois Regarding Medical and Life insurance**

*At the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting a motion to move forward for approval was made by Aldersperson Smith; seconded by Aldersperson Busker; and the matter was laid over to tonight's meeting.*

Manager Crow stated that this modifies our current Ordinance which reads "COBRA". The industry standard is "premium". COBRA is 2% above premium. Going forward, we will adopt the word "premium". Members will still pay their portion. This will not impact the way the City is handling this, but it will align our Code with actual practice.

Aldersperson Koester asked if it would be a conflict of interest for him to vote since he is insured through the City. Attorney Szeto stated that abstaining would be acceptable.

Mayor Miller called for a roll call vote for final passage of Ordinance #2018-21:

Yeas: Busker, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (5)

Nays: None

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Abstain: Brashaw, Koester (2)  
Ordinance #2018-21 passed.

**ITEM #12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2018-22**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 242 Entitled “Fire Department”, Section 242.53 (Fire Department Capital Fund) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport**

*At the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting a motion to move forward for approval was made by Alderperson Chesney; seconded by Alderperson Smith; and the matter was laid over to tonight’s meeting.*

Manager Crow stated that this realigns the distribution of funds from the Fire Capital Fund from 40 percent to Fire and 60 percent to the City. The City has done this the last couple of years to help ensure that the General Fund budget is balanced. This realignment was recommended to be done again this year by Fire Chief Allen.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Miller called for a roll call vote for final passage of Ordinance #2018-22:  
Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (6)  
Nays: Koester (1)  
Abstain: None  
Ordinance #2018-22 passed.

**ITEM #13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2018-24**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 242 Entitled “Fire Department” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois**

*At the April 2, 2018 Council Meeting a motion to move forward for approval was made by Alderperson Smith; seconded by Alderperson Ross; and the matter was laid over to tonight’s meeting.*

Fire Chief Allen stated that this follows up on Ordinance #2018-20 regarding Compensation and Benefits above. This takes a Captain and makes them a District Chief with management over the shifts to realign the organization.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Miller called for a roll call vote for final passage of Ordinance #2018-24:  
Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (7)  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Ordinance #2018-24 passed.

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**ITEM #14 – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2018-25**

**An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018, of the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, for the purpose of financing capital municipal improvements, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated, Naperville, Illinois, in connection with the sale of said bonds.**

*[Clerk’s Note: This item was removed from the Agenda (See above.)]*

**ITEM #15 – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2018-26**

**A Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017, and Ending April 30, 2018**

Finance Director Bukas stated that this is an annual clean up of the budget. The Appropriation Ordinance is shown with the original line items and what was actually expended. It is close to what was originally appropriated, there

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are monies moved on some line items. Manager Crow added that we are at 84 percent of the budgeted amount. We are lagging in revenue from the State.

Aldersperson Klemm made a motion to move Ordinance #2018-26 forward for approval; seconded by Aldersperson McClanathan. The matter was automatically laid over to the next Council meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**ITEM #16 – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R-2018-19**

**A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrowed Funds Held as Performance Bonds for Completion of Infrastructure in Indian Springs Subdivision, Sections 1, 2 and 3**

*At the April 2, 2018, Council Meeting a motion was made by Aldersperson Chesney and seconded by Aldersperson Busker to lay over this matter to tonight's meeting*

Manager Crow stated that at the last Council meeting, he was asked to do additional research on this matter. He, Attorney Steve Cox, and Director of Streets Tom Dole reviewed the file and believe that all of the requirements as set forth in the performance bond were met. There were three ordinances for three plats approved by Council in 2009 that were not required to have sidewalks. The total amount of the performance bond for the three plats was nearly \$16,000.

Aldersperson McClanathan made a motion to adopt Resolution #R-2018-19, Aldersperson Busker seconded.

Discussion ensued regarding the size of the file from Community Development and it was determined that a sizable number of documents were reviewed. To the best of the abilities of Manager Crow, Attorney Cox, and Director Dole, it is believed that the file was complete.

Mayor Miller called for a roll call vote and the motion prevailed by:

Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (7)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Resolution #R-2018-19 was adopted.

**ITEM #17 – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R-2018-21**

**Resolution of the City of Freeport, Illinois, Authorizing and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Shannon, Illinois, for Street Sweeping Assistance**

Director of Streets Dole stated that the City has contracted out the street sweeper for several years. The Village of Shannon has requested its use. The Village pays the labor and hourly charge for the equipment from the minute it leaves City yards until it returns. Manager Crow stated that, going forward, he will require Intergovernmental Agreements with other municipalities when we contract out equipment and labor. This covers them and us if something goes wrong. The equipment rate is a State standard and the hourly rate is the actual pay rate of the operator. The Village is responsible for disposal of the debris.

Aldersperson Klemm made a motion to approve Resolution #R-2018-21, seconded by Aldersperson Koester, and the motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (7)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Resolution #R-2018-21 was adopted.

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**ITEM #18 – [ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R-2018-22](#)**

**Resolution of the City of Freeport, Illinois Authorizing Submittal of the Application Dated April 16, 2018, for a Public Transportation Capital Assistance Grant under the Illinois Department of Transportation’s General Authority to Make Such Grants for Dispatch Software for Pretzel City Transit**

Finance Director Bukas stated that the Capital Assistance Grant is for dispatch software for Pretzel City Transit. Vehicles will be outfitted with tablets for improved communication. There will be an app for passengers to use. This will also allow credit card payments. Alderperson Koester stated that the current system is done manually and has room for improvement. Manager Crow stated that reports can be generated showing calls. Other communities using this software have reported that it has improved their services.

Alderperson Koester made a motion to adopt Resolution #R-2018-22, Alderperson Klemm seconded, and the motion prevailed by roll call vote of:

Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (7)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Resolution #R-2018-22 was adopted.

**ITEM #19 – [ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R-2018-23](#)**

**Resolution of the City of Freeport, Illinois Authorizing and Approving a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Stephenson County Senior Center d/b/a Senior Resource Center**

Manager Crow stated that Attorney Szeto has reviewed the Service Agreement with minor adjustments. This Agreement needs to be approved this evening or employees of Pretzel City Transit will need to be laid off. Attorney Szeto stated that the substance and terms of the agreement are essentially the same as before. The matching requirement is also unchanged. Attorney Szeto also reviewed the document with Transportation Coordinator Forrest Senn regarding fares, schedules, and shifts. Finance Director Bukas stated that it has been increased from a one- to three-year agreement with the right of first refusal. The maximum amount of the grant will be \$1,285,000.

Jim Ferrar with the Senior Resource Center stated that there had been a question of change in hours with their “Food Contract”. Some of the food manufacturing plants end at midnight but the buses stop running at 11:00 p.m. There have been discussions on how to better meet their needs. He stated that the software is programmed to be more efficient than manual tracking and new buses will accommodate more riders. The Senior Resource Center has contacted townships whose residents are serviced for them to provide additional funding. They have also had conversations with Jo Daviess County where a high number of senior citizens are in need of transportation, especially to doctor’s appointments.

Attorney Szeto stated that the fare for children ages 7 to 11, who must be accompanied by an adult, went from \$1.00 to \$2.00. The Easter holiday was added as a date without service. Hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 am and Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Beginning time used to be 5:00 a.m. Coordinator Senn is agreeable to their suggestions.

Alderperson Brashaw made a motion to adopt Resolution #R-2018-23, Alderperson Koester seconded, and the motion prevailed by roll call vote of:

Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (7)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Resolution #R-2018-23 was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF BIDS**

**ITEM #20 – Approval of Bid: [Mowing of Properties with Tall Grass and Weeds](#) – CD-002-18: Bid Opening April 11, 2018**

Finance Director Bukas stated that one bid was received from T and L Preservation for \$15.00 per hour per person. Bid packets were sent to previous bidders. It was posted online as well as the newspaper. The \$15.00 rate is the same as what they charged last year. Alderperson Busker stated there has been issues in the past with grass clippings being left on sidewalks and streets. He asked and Director Bukas confirmed that this issue has been addressed in the specifications.

Alderperson McClanathan made a motion to approve the bid from “T and L Preservation”, Alderperson Chesney seconded, and the motion prevailed by roll call vote of:

Yeas: Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan, Ross (7)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Finance**

Director Bukas stated that the Finance staff met with auditors last week to go over questions and begin the auditing process. They will conduct the audit in late June/early July. The Finance Department is wrapping up year-end expenditures. Last week, 3,005 delinquent notices were sent to Municipal Collection Services Inc. (MCSI) for debt collection. These total \$692,000 and are from water and sewer accounts closed from 2011 through 2017. They are preparing another batch to be sent to MCSI for utility customers who had services turned off. Alderperson Chesney inquired and Manager Crow confirmed that customer feed back from the original round of outstanding bills that were sent to collections raised some concerns from constituents. A single point of contact has been established, Denise Sorn, who will assist customers through reviewing their account. Depending upon what is discovered, it will be reviewed by Director Kopanski and Manager Crow to resolve issues within the same day. He added that the good news is that many people are coming in and paying their bills. The properties for which liens were filed have produced nearly \$20,000 from the older accounts that were on the books.

**Public Works**

The appraiser has finished the appraisals on the Pec Path and they have been shifted to the review appraiser. We should hear from him in the next week or two. Then, they will be transferred to the negotiator and we can hopefully finalize purchase of the easements.

Alderperson Koester left Council Chambers at 7:32 p.m.

**Fire**

Fire Chief Allen shared that Firefighter Josh Wilken passed the State exam for paramedic certification.

**Police**

Police Chief Barkalow stated that Justin Holden graduated from the Police Academy on April 12, 2018. He was previously part of the Civilian Police Academy and auxiliary police force. On April 26, 2018, Ben White and Nick Rosenstein will graduate from the Police Training Institute in Champaign. The Civilian Police Academy will hold graduation on April 18, 2018, and Alderpersons, Mayor, and Manager Crow are invited to attend.

Alderperson Koester returned to Council Chambers at 7:35 p.m.

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**Water and Sewer**

Director Kopanski stated that the test well at the Burchard Hills site has been drilled and the equipment has been relocated to the Sierra Court site. Water quality and flow testing is occurring at the Burchard Hills site.

**IT**

Aldersperson Klemm asked and IT Director Curt Suttman answered that JCWifi will install cell towers on the water tower next week.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Manager Crow stated that the Public Hearing for the budget will be held at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018. There will be a short Council meeting at 6:00 following the Public Hearing. Final readings on the Budget and Supplemental Appropriations will be heard as well as the Downtown TIF Bond that was removed from tonight's agenda. Final figures for the bond should be received Monday morning, April 23, 2018, and he will have those posted on the website as soon as they are available. Hardcopies will be shared with Council at the meeting that evening.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Miller encouraged everyone to participate in the cleanup efforts around town on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS**

Aldersperson Busker had nothing additional to report.

Aldersperson Brashaw echoed Mayor Miller's remarks to help with the cleanup on Saturday. May 3, 2018, is the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Neighborhood Watch Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Schwarz Funeral Home.

Aldersperson Koester stated that the Neighborhood Watch Meeting for 7<sup>th</sup> Ward will be April 25, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Fire Station on South St. Mayor will be in attendance.

Aldersperson Chesney had nothing additional to report.

Aldersperson Klemm had nothing additional to report.

Aldersperson McClanathan had nothing additional to report.

Aldersperson Ross stated that Neighborhood Watch for 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward will be April 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the VFW. Residents in the area of Carroll Street where it intersects Galena Avenue and Adams Avenue would like to have signs posted that semi-trailers are not allowed as they tear down the overhead telephone and cable lines.

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

Tom Teich stated that the cars on South Street are gone. He also asked and Manager Crow confirmed that plans at the old Kmart and old Eagle's store are still in progress.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

*/s/ Dovie L. Anderson*  
Dovie L. Anderson

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City Clerk