



CITY OF FREEPORT

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October 25, 2016 – Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Freeport City Council was convened at 7:00pm by Mayor Rodney Atkinson with Councilmembers, Ken Goebel, Tim Hennen, Mike Eveslage and Ben Ettle present.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Adrianna Hennen, Deputy Treasurer Joan Wall, City Attorney Scott Dymoke, City Engineer Dave Blommel, Public Works Director Loren Goebel, Fire Chief John Gilk and Maintenance Assistant Vernon Fuchs

Others in attendance:

Andrea Ramacher (720 1st Ave N)
Larry Hoeschen (Fire Department)
Natascha Hennen (Fire Department)

Jake and Tabitha Renneker
Andy Grieve (Fire Department)
Dale Tuttel (Fire Safety USA)

Approve Agenda

Ettle moved to approve the agenda, seconded by K. Goebel. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Public Forum

No public comment.

Consent Agenda

Eveslage moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ettle. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Clerk Report

No comments were given.

Deputy Treasurer Report

No comments were given.

Public Works Report

No comments were given.

Engineer Report

T. Hennen moved to obtain bids this winter for a new 12 inch, 75 foot pipe line behind Sacred Heart School, seconded by Eveslage. Roll-call vote: Atkinson-yes, Ettle-yes, Eveslage-yes, K. Goebel-yes, T. Hennen-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Report

No comments were given.

Fire Department Report

Dale Tuttel from Fire Safety USA attended the meeting to answer any questions that the council may have. Tuttel stated that Fire Safety USA would deduct 3% off any down payment amount. Council asked how approving the purchase tonight would affect the City's eligibility for the loan through Stearns Electric. A. Hennen stated, as long as there was no money exchanged before the application was submitted, the application would still be valid. A. Hennen stated she would check to make sure that signing the purchase agreement wouldn't affect anything, but making a motion to enter into a purchase agreement would be fine. T. Hennen moved to purchase the new truck with putting 75% of the cost of the truck down, while making sure the Stearns Electric loan application is submitted first, seconded by Eveslage. Roll-call vote: Atkinson-yes, Ertle-yes, Eveslage-yes, K. Goebel-yes, T. Hennen-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Atkinson moved to approve Kevin Spohn and Ben Ertle as new fire department members, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 4-0. Ertle abstained.

New Business

Resolution 2016-11 – Authorization for Permit Off-Site Gambling for the Christian Mother Society Raffle

T. Hennen moved to approve Resolution 2016-11, seconded by Ertle. Motion carried 5-0.

Parking Ordinance

A. Hennen expressed that there isn't much in Freeport's ordinance to address residents parking campers, boats, trailers, etc. on City streets for an entire summer. A. Hennen stated Freeport has a 48 hour parking ban, which only allows vehicles to be parked in one area for no more than 48 hours. Resident Jake Renneker stated he thought people should be able to park campers on the street for a little longer since people normally take a few days to load and unload the camper. A. Hennen stated she understood that and wouldn't want to stop people from keeping it on the street for a little while, but it's the people that don't move it off of the street all summer. Council agreed to look into what other towns are doing.

Adjourn

T. Hennen moved to adjourn at 8:05, seconded by Ertle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen