



CITY OF FREEPORT

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November 29, 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 Eittle 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 and Maintenance Assistant Vernon Fuchs

Others in attendance:

Andrea Ramacher (720 1st Ave N)

Jake Renneker (107 9th St SE)

Approve Agenda

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

Open Public Forum

No public comment.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Clerk Report

A. Hennen stated she was working on organizing the swearing-in special meeting for the councilmembers and mayor. A. Hennen stated that Judge Mahler would administer the oath's again, and is waiting to hear back from the girl scouts to see if they could do the color guard.

Deputy Treasurer Report

No report was given.

Public Works Report

No report was given.

Engineer Report

No report was given.

Attorney Report

No discussion was had.

Fire Department Report

No report was given.

Old Business

Water/Sewer Rates

Ettle moved to approve the proposed water and sewer rates effective January 1, 2017, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

2017 Budget

Eveslage moved to remove the fax machine line, seconded by Atkinson. Roll-call vote: Atkinson-yes, Ettle-yes, Eveslage-yes, K. Goebel-yes, T. Hennen-yes. Motion carried 5-0. Council decided to no longer purchase the St. Cloud Times saving \$240. Council lowered the truck repair line from \$7,000 to \$4,500. Council lowered street lighting-professional services from \$1,500 to \$500. Council reduced main street lighting fund from \$30,000 to \$10,000. In 2017, the Mayor special meeting salary increase will take effect. Council lowered Streets-operating supplies from \$2,250 to \$2,000. Council increased transfers from the water and sewer funds to the general fund by \$1,000 each. Water income decreased and sewer income increased which reflect the newly approved rates. Overall, decrease the general levy from the proposed 271,500 to 246,800.

Parking Ordinance

No discussion was given.

New Business

Compost Site

Eveslage explained what he could remember of Paynesville's when he lived there. They had an outside organization, a hockey team at the time, run the compost site, and the city donated money to the organization to run the site. The site was open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, and it was up to the organization to man it and make sure no garbage was dropped off. The city gave every resident a permit with a number that they had to present every time they wanted to use the compost site. Council agreed this would be something we would look into and consider.

Loren Goebel Performance Review

All councilmembers agreed Loren was doing a great job and they were pleased to hear that he passed his water operating test. A. Hennen asked if council was going to consider a pay raise at this time. When council hired Loren they thought he would be able to get his licensing within the year and the city would no longer need the assistance of Brian Zapzalka, but it isn't working out that way. A. Hennen stated Loren makes \$17.00 but the pay range for the public works director is \$20-\$28. Council agreed they would talk about this at the December meeting, but weren't ready to make a decision without more information.

Resolution 2016-13 – Approving Optional 2 AM Liquor License

Atkinson moved to approve Resolution 2016-13, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Ettle moved to adjourn at 8:50pm seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.