



CITY OF FREEPORT

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September 26, 2017 – Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Freeport City Council was convened at 7:00pm by Mayor Rodney Atkinson with Councilmembers, Tim Hennen, Jake Renneker, and Ben Eittle present.

Mike Eveslage was absent.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Adrianna Hennen, Deputy Treasurer Joan Wall, City Engineer Dave Blommel, and Public Works Director Loren Goebel

Others in attendance:

Andrea Ramacher & Vernon Fuchs (720 1st Ave N)

Steve Notch (28086 385th St. Freeport)

Ross Klaphake (316 8th St SE)

Approve Agenda

T. Hennen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Eittle. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Public Forum

Ross Klaphake asked if he was allowed to move an existing garage onto his property. A. Hennen stated that he can come into City Hall and she would help him fill out the building permit application and go over the requirements for such a project.

Consent Agenda

Reports

Clerk Report

Council agreed to move the date of the October meeting from the 31st to the 24th.

A. Hennen also stated that she finally heard back from Stearns Electric and Freeport did receive the loan that was applied for almost a year ago for the new pumper truck. A. Hennen stated that \$360,000 was applied for and received. Council agreed that they should have Dave Gruenes attend the October meeting to discuss the loan and determine if Freeport still wants the loan.

Deputy Treasurer Report

No report was given.

Public Works Report

Council agreed to allow Keith to trap leaches in the City ponds as long as it would only be when Loren was down there and worked for Loren.

Council also agreed to have Carr's maintain the storm holding pond in the industrial park for \$400-\$600 per year.

T. Hennen moved to purchase a curb stop protector for Tom Ryan, to be installed by Tom Ryan, seconded by Ertle. Motion carried 4-0.

Engineer Report

Blommel explained the County's decision and reasoning behind not putting a crosswalk in by the Freeport Coffee and Cone.

Attorney Report

Dymoke was no present – no report was given.

Fire Department Report

Council agreed to have A. Hennen gather more information from the billing agency to decide whether or not Freeport is interested in sourcing Expert T Billing to do the fire department billing.

Atkinson wanted to know what the \$15.00 per firefighter covered before agreeing to increase it \$20.00 for non-area fire service district calls.

Old Business

Sacred Heart Parish

Council was pleased with the sign idea having Jim Meyer with Signco make the sign.

Matt Imdieke allowed the city to take a pole he wasn't using from his property to install by the lift station for the light.

2018 Preliminary Budget

Ertle moved to increase the General levy to \$275,000 for the preliminary budget, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Ertle moved to approve Resolution 2017-10 with the updated general levy amount, seconded by T. Hennen. Atkinson-yes, Ertle-yes, T. Hennen-yes, Renneker-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Council directed staff to speak with Schlenner Wenner & Co about Audit quote. They also asked to get rates from Abdo Eich and Meyer.

Maintenance Assistant

Ertle moved to hire Jim Notch, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 4-0.

Welle Addition

Council agreed to enforce the city ordinance that requires all grass to be kept at 8 inches and to remove any noxious weeds.

New Business

Matt Imdieke – Curb Application

Ertle moved to approve Imdieke's curb application, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn

Ertle moved to adjourn, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.