



CITY OF FREEPORT

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February 27, 2018 – 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. Eveslage arrived after the meeting began.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Adrianna Hennen, Deputy Treasurer Doug Petersen, Public Works Director Loren Goebel, City Engineer Dave Blommel and City Attorney Scott Dymoke

Others in attendance:

Arnie Blommel (308 2nd Ave SW)

Andrea Remacher & Vern Fuchs (720 1st Ave N)

Approve Agenda

A. Hennen stated the additions to the agenda included claims 3107 and 3108 under 'Consent Agenda' and also the addition of 'Server Options' under 'New Business'.

T. Hennen moved to remove claim 3098, seconded by Eittle. Motion carried 5-0.

Renneker moved to approve the agenda with the proposed additions, but without claim 3098 to be discussed later, seconded by Eittle. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Public Forum

No public comment was given.

Consent Agenda

Reports

Clerk Report

Council decided that it would be best to have a Welle Addition neighborhood meeting to determine what should be done with the park in that area. They agreed to have the meeting onsite, but no date was set at that time.

Treasurer Report

No report was given

Public Works Report

Goebel explained that there was an issue with a blocked sanitary sewer line East of Hennen Lumber between I-94 and the trail. They tried to jet and camera the line but were unsuccessful with both. Goebel stated when he looked inside it appeared to be tree roots blocking the line. Blommel recommended rodding the line to get it flowing again and allow time to determine the best plan of action. T. Hennen moved to get the line rodded, seconded by Eittle. Motion carried 5-0.

Engineer Report

No report was given.

Attorney Report

Dymoke explained he had worked on Xcel Energy Powerline issues and the road damage to 7th street.

Fire Department Report

Eveslage moved to approve the new Safety Officer position requested by Chief Gilk, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

After further discussion later on in the meeting Eveslage moved to reconsider the motion, seconded by Ettle. Motion carried 5-0.

***Recess at 7:28 to begin the Area Fire Service Meeting (See 2018 AFS meeting minutes)**
Regular Council meeting resumed at 8:09*

Old Business

Resolution 2018-05 Fire Department Personnel Policy

Eveslage moved to approve Resolution 2018-05, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

WHP Plan Meeting

T. Hennen moved to hold the meeting on April 17th at 6:30pm, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

7th Street Options

Dymoke went through and explained the three options that the council could use to address the damage created to 7th Street from Wilwerding's farm equipment last fall. Council agreed that option 3, which included a written agreement that would require the farmer pay for any damages, was the option they would like to entertain first. Eveslage moved to invite Wilwerdings to the March meeting and propose option 3, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Resolution 2018-06 – Off Site Gambling Permit Application

Ettle moved to approve Resolution 2018-06, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Agriculture Committee

Atkinson explained that when he was mayor previously they had an Ag Committee and he would like to reestablish that position. Atkinson stated he would like to appoint Joe Wilwerding and said that he had already spoken to Joe about it. T. Hennen moved to appoint Joe Wilwerding to the Ag Committee, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

Server Options

A. Hennen explained that the server wasn't operating properly and Dave Waletzko had recommended a couple of options to remedy the problem. One was a completely new server for \$1,500 or to redo the old one and update/fix and problems with it that would cost about \$400. If the improvements to the old server did not work Waletzko stated he would honor the amount put in to the old one for the purchase of the new one. Ettle moved to approve fixing the old server, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

T. Hennen moved to amend the agenda to allow for Petersen to discuss some items, seconded by Ertle. Motion carried 5-0.

Petersen explained that the SCDP loan was like a revolving loan and ~~that~~ the money we have in the account can be used for its original intended purpose, which includes rehabilitating low-income properties and properties in dire need. Petersen indicated we need to find the old contract, which he had not been able to locate yet. He also explained if we wanted to reintroduce this program, we would need to identify an organization who would administer it; like Tri-Cap or another organization.

City Staff stated that the City has a contract with MARCO for the copier/printer that still has a year or two and it could cost a lot of money to terminate that agreement. Council agreed not to discuss it until the agreement was coming to an end.

Discussion regarding the Area Fire Service meeting was revisited council asked if they could move any under budget operating fund money to the sinking funds. Petersen and A. Hennen both explained that could happen since it would just be showing it on the spreadsheet that the money was moved from one fund to the other. The entire Fire Department Fund balance would remain the same; it is just moving money from one pot to the other.

Eveslage asked that the city approve a check to the Rec Club for the Winter Rec Program for \$3,000.00. Renneker moved to approve the payment of \$3,000.00 to the Rec Club, seconded by Ertle. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen