



CITY OF FREEPORT

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May 31, 2016 – Meeting Minutes

A special 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 Ertle 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)
Jim Hemker (334 8th St SE)

Father Dan (Freeport Parish)
Chris Blaskowsk (8868 Wuthatch Road, St Joesph)

Approve Agenda

A. Hennen recommended adding “c. Utility Easement and Encroachment Agreement” under “Old Business”. T. Hennen moved to approve the agenda with the recommended addition, seconded by Ertle. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Public Forum

No public comment was given.

Audit Presentation

Jon Archer from Schlenner Wenner presented the audit. Overall, he stated it was a very clean audit and found no concerns. The entire audit is kept on file at City Hall for viewing. Ertle moved to accept the audit, seconded by K. Goebel. Roll call vote: Atkinson-yes, Ertle-yes, Eveslage-yes, K. Goebel-yes, T. Hennen-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Deputy Treasurer Report

Deputy Treasurer Wall explained her findings in regards to the Loan and Bonds for the water improvements which included the new water tower. Council thanked her for the information and expressed that they were pleased that this information was becoming clearer. Atkinson asked to have staff look into the difference of money the city is saving to pay earlier (water tower fee) versus waiting the entire length of the bond to pay it off.

Public Works Report

Council was informed that crack sealing would be taking place within the next two weeks. Council was also informed that certain houses were considered problematic in regards to sump pumps being connected directly to storm sewer lines. A. Hennen and L. Goebel informed council that they were going to begin enforcing the City Ordinance that prohibits this.

L. Goebel proposed purchasing an air bubble mixer for the water tower. L. Goebel stated that this machine is new, but helps keep water moving in the tower to keep it fresh and prevent ice buildup in the winter. The machine would cost \$7,500. Atkinson moved to purchase the air bubble mixer, seconded by Ertle. Motion carried 5-0.

Engineer Report

Blommel was unable to attend the meeting, but A. Hennen stated that Blommel would have estimates for Industrial Drive at the June meeting.

Blommel's report included a summary of the review that L. Goebel and an SEH technician observed during the installation of pipes at the school gymnasium site.

Attorney Report

No comments were given.

Fire Department Report

Chief Gilk had nothing to report this month.

Old Business

Ordinance 2016-01 Building Maintenance Ordinance

Mike moved to approve Ordinance 2016-01, seconded by Ertle. A roll call vote was requested: Atkinson-yes, Ertle-yes, Eveslage-yes, K. Goebel-yes, T. Hennen-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

C-3 Storage Facilities

City Attorney Dymoke went through and explained the proposed changes to the Commercial District, which added C-3 Highway Commercial District. After little discussion, Ertle moved to hold a public hearing at the June 28th meeting, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Utility Easement and Encroachment Agreement

A. Hennen explained to council that Jim Hemker stated that the diocese approved the content of the agreement, but had changes they wanted to make the signature lines. Hemker confirmed the explanation. Attorney Dymoke stated that since the contents of the agreement have been approved by the diocese, council can approve the agreement and the diocese signature lines can be added once they have communicated with Hemker what those should be. Eveslage moved to approve the utility easement and encroachment agreement, seconded by K. Goebel. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Softball Park Water Treatment

Atkinson explained that when the ballpark was built there was a water treatment system installed for the sprinkler system to prevent rusting, but the system hasn't been used in a number of years and the rust is showing. Atkinson explained that it appeared to have all of the necessary parts to run, with the addition of a few new pieces. An employee from Finken Water explained that they have a chemical that will help remove the current rust and if the city starts using the treatment system again, it will not rust. The Finken employee

also stated that is a very similar system that the Black Sox Park uses as well. Eveslage moved to get the treatment system running again, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

School Gymnasium Water/Sewer Access Fees

Jim Hemker and Father Dan Walz requested that both WAC and SAC fees be waived along with the City's portion of the building permit. After discussion from both sides K. Goebel moved to waive two WAC and SAC fees along with the City's portion of the building permit fee, seconded by Eveslage. A roll call vote was requested: Atkinson-yes, Ertle-yes, Eveslage-yes, K. Goebel-yes, T. Hennen-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2016-05 Liquor Licenses

Ertle moved to approve Resolution 2016-05, seconded by K. Goebel. Motion carried 5-0.

Sewer Line Maintenance Schedule

Council wanted to check to see what the cost of a jetter and/or rodder would be before entering into the contract with Johnson Jetline to clean the sewer lines.

Sewer Rates

Council decided a more thorough analysis of the sewer rate and fund needed to be completed before suggesting any rate increases.

Adjourn

T. Hennen moved to adjourn at 9:07, seconded by Ertle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen