



## CITY OF FREEPORT

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### September 27, 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 Etle 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 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N)

Jim Notch (Freeport Lions)

### **Approve Agenda**

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

### **Open Public Forum**

No comments were given.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Reports**

#### Clerk Report

Council decided not to have A. Hennen attend the grant writing workshop.

#### Deputy Treasurer Report

No report was given.

#### Public Works Report

L. Goebel updated the council on the storm drain clean out. Atkinson asked if it was going to get done this year. L. Goebel is hoping so. L. Goebel also told council that he was in the process of locating every residents' water shut-off and documenting the location for city records.

#### Engineer Report

No report was given.

#### Attorney Report

No report was given.

#### Fire Department Report

Gilk told council a new starter had to be put in the rescue van. Gilk stated the Relief Assoc. bought 10 new pagers for the department. The department is also getting air pack repairs.

Gilk said a new pumper they are looking at will be about \$420,000 and hoping to have something for council to approve at the October meeting since the price of the truck goes up 4% in November. Gilk said Neil, the grant writer, said they can write two grants, one for turnout gear and one for a new pumper. It will just take two years to get the pumper then, if awarded the truck, one year to hear on the grant and then one year to get the truck. The department thinks they can sell their current pumper for \$30,000-\$40,000. K. Goebel moved to write two FEMA grants, one for turnout gear and one for the pumper, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

## **Old Business**

### Christmas Lights – Freeport Lions

Jim Notch attended the meeting to inform the council regarding what the Freeport Lions were intending on purchasing for Christmas Lights to be hung on the street lights. Notch stated they were looking at getting banners since they are narrower and less likely to get hit by semi's. Council agreed that if the Lions are purchasing the lights and decorations that they would be fine with whatever the Lions chose.

### Harold Fleegal Property

A. Hennen informed the council that the EDA has decided to pursue the purchasing and demolition of the Fleegal property. A. Hennen stated there are a little over \$10,000 worth of assessments and Fleegal had said he owed \$4,000 on the house yet. A. Hennen also stated that Gerads gave a quick estimate of \$6,500 to tear the house down and fill it in. The EDA thinks they could sell the property for \$20,000. Eveslage asked if the EDA has enough money to do this in their budget. A. Hennen said they budget \$10,000 every year and rarely spend much of it. Dymoke stated that the EDA could borrow money from the City and then pay it back when the lot is sold.

### Resolution 2016-08 2017 Preliminary Budget

A. Hennen asked if council wanted to begin budgeting for new street lights since it was going to cost upwards of \$200,000 to replace 29 of them on the main street. Eveslage suggested putting away \$30,000 per year so then in 6 years the city would be close to the amount. Atkinson suggested raising the levy from \$437,000 to \$470,000 for the preliminary so we can set aside money for the street lights and have extra in case anything else comes up until the time the budget is approved. T. Hennen moved to raise the proposed preliminary levy to \$470,000 seconded by Atkinson. Motion carried 5-0. Eittle moved to approve Resolution 2016-08 with new the new preliminary levy of \$470,000, seconded by K. Goebel. Motion carried 5-0.

### Water/Sewer Rates

There were no new updates

## **Adjourn**

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Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

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City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen