



## CITY OF FREEPORT

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### January 27, 2015 – Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Freeport City Council was convened at 7:00pm by Mayor Rodney Atkinson with Councilmembers Mike Eveslage, Ken Goebel, Tim Hennen, and Ben Ertle present.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Mason Schirmer, Administrative Assistant Adrianna Hennen

Residents in attendance:

Andrea Ramacher & Vernon Fuchs (720 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N)

Gary & Linda Pierskalla (324 8<sup>th</sup> St SE)

Gerald Meyer (330 8<sup>th</sup> St SE)

Matt Worms (124 9<sup>th</sup> St SE)

Sam Kramer (417 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N)

Stephanie Hennen (303 3d St SE)

### Swearing-In of Council Member Mike Eveslage

Schirmer administered the Oath of Office to Eveslage

### Approve Agenda

T. Hennen asked that items ‘j. Resolution Approving 2014 Zoning Permits,’ ‘m. Clerk-Treasurer Report,’ and ‘n. Claim 1708-1754’ be moved to New Business.

### Consent Agenda

T. Hennen moved and Goebel seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

### Old Business

#### Waiving of Meeting Fees

T. Hennen moved and Eveslage seconded a motion to change city code. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-0 (Goebel abstained).

### New Business

#### 2015 Appointments

Goebel moved and Ertle seconded a motion to appoint Joe Hennen and Dan Austing as Park as Co-Park and Recreation Commissioners. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0.

- Depositories include: Freeport State Bank, Central Minnesota Credit Union, League of MN Cities.
- Legal Advisor is Dymoke Law Office.
- Acting Mayor is Tim Hennen, City Council Member.
- Weed Inspector is Public Works Director
- Health Office is CentraCare Health – Melrose
- Official Newspaper is Melrose Beacon
- City Engineer is SEH, Inc.
- Building Inspector is Dan Marthaler, MidCentral Code Enforcement.

The City of Freeport is an Equal Opportunity Provider

- Emergency Management Director is Fire Department Chief.
- Acting Emergency Management Director is Fire Department First Officer.
- Zoning Administrator is Clerk-Treasurer.
- Data Practices Compliance Officer is Clerk-Treasurer.
- Liaison to Chamber of Commerce is Clerk-Treasurer.

Legal Prosecutor, EDA representative, Lake Wobegon Trails, and Wellhead Protection were tabled. Atkinson moved and Eittle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Ehlers & Associates Continuing Disclosure Engagement

Eveslage moved and T. Hennen seconded a motion to table discussion to obtain comparable prices and simplified language. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0.

#### City Council Photographs

Eittle moved and T. Hennen seconded a motion to have Weber Printing take new council member pictures for the website. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Public Finance Seminar

Goebel moved and Eittle seconded a motion to approve Schirmer attending the Public Finance Seminar by Ehlers on 2/5 and 2/6. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Deobligation of USDA Grant Funds

Goebel moved and Eveslage seconded a motion to table discussion and direct Schirmer to ask the City Engineer if there are any other projects the city can spend the money on. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Request by Al Williams

Open Public Form was returned to Regular City Council meeting agendas.

#### Approval of 2014 Zoning Permits

Eittle moved and Goebel seconded a motion to table discussion and direct Schirmer to research if city council approval is necessary for 2014 zoning permits. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Clerk-Treasurer Report

Discussion was held regarding street lights. Schirmer said he would contact SHE for more information.

#### Claim 1708-1758

T. Hennen moved that “the City clerk visits with attorney after the city council made the motion to have it do it, here.” Eveslage seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-0 (Goebel abstained).

Discussion was held regarding Claim 1753, the Public Works Department, and cellphone for maintenance employees.

Eittle moved and T. Hennen seconded a motion to approve Clerk-Treasurer Report and Claim 1708-1758. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding adjourning of meetings.

It was discussed that Goebel disapproved of 1) Atkinson's language; 2) Atkinson doesn't convene meetings on-time; 3) Goebel feels disrespected when Atkinson doesn't remember to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adjourn**

Atkinson moved and T. Hennen seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:26pm

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Rodney Atkinson, Mayor

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Adrianna Hennen, Acting City Clerk