



CITY OF FREEPORT

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February 24, 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, and Ben Eittle present.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Mason Schirmer.

Residents in attendance:

Andrea Ramacher & Vernon Fuchs (720 1st Ave N) Al Williams (308 2nd Ave NW)
Matt Worms (124 9th St SE)

Presentation by Girl Scout Troop 252

Girl Scout Troop 252 Leaders Amy Hoeschen and Mary Hoppe presented Troop Members Cienna Bertram, Laura Funk, Hannah Hasse, Alyssa Hoeschen, Sara Hoppe, Vanessa Pung, Amber Roerick, and Natalie Wilwerding. The Troop Members requested city support for their Silver Award project that addresses community issues, preserving history, beautifying public areas around downtown and incorporating a directory of historical places in the Main Street gazebo.

Public Hearing Re: Updating Appendix I Municipal Fee Schedule

Atkinson opened the public hearing at 7:19pm. Atkinson closed the public hearing at 7:27pm.

Consent Agenda

Goebel moved and Eveslage seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

Continuing Disclosure

Eittle moved and Goebel seconded a motion to accept the continuing disclosure agreement from Ehlers at a rate of \$400 for 2015 and \$400 for 2016. Motion carried 4-0.

Deobligation of USDA Grant Funds

Goebel moved and Eittle seconded a motion to approve deobligation of remaining grant funds. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

Public Works Director Performance Evaluation

Goebel moved and Eittle seconded a motion to approve the performance evaluation of the Public Works Director with a rating of 'Exceeds Requirements.' Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-0.

Violation of City Code 1005 Conduct of Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants

Schirmer said the solicitor has been transferred to another area. Council members agreed issuing a citation is unnecessary.

Resolution 2015-05 (part 1 of 2)

Atkinson moved and Goebel seconded a motion to 1) increase mayor salary from \$50 to \$75 for attending meetings other than city council meetings (City code 205.01); and 2) adding 'Special Meetings' to City Codes 205.01 and 205.02 effective after next election (01/01/2017). Motion carried 4-0.

Atkinson recessed the city council meeting at 7:58pm.

(Fire Area Service Meeting)-See separate meeting minutes.

Resolution 2015-06 (part 2 of 2)

Ettle moved and Eveslage seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2015-05 A Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-001, Entitled "An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Section 205 of City Code Relating to Salaries of Elected Officials". Motion carried 4-0.

Senior Center Folding Tables

Goebel moved and Eveslage seconded a motion to approve purchasing four new folding tables for the Senior Citizen Center. Motion Carried 4-0,

Printing Extra Copies of Agenda Packet

Ettle moved and Atkinson seconded a motion to have five copies of meeting packets available at meetings. Discussion followed. Motion carried 3-1 (Goebel opposed).

Municipal Fee Schedule

Ettle moved and Eveslage seconded a motion to revisit the wastewater budget rates at midyear. Motion carried 4-0.

HSA and Flex Spending

Eveslage moved and Ettle seconded a motion to table until the March 31st meeting when a presentation can be made by a benefits provider. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2015-06

Goebel moved and Atkinson seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2015-06 A Resolution Supporting Dedicated State Funding for City Streets. Motion carried 4-0.

January 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Discussion began on how minutes are prepared. Ettle moved and Eveslage seconded a motion to remove: 'Atkinson said, "I think the Beacon pretty well paid the price to be here," from the proposed January 27, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0 (Goebel abstained).

Adjourn

Atkinson adjourned the meeting at 10:43pm

