



CITY OF FREEPORT

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April 9, 2015 – Meeting Minutes

A special 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 Ettle present.

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

Residents in attendance:

Gail Osendorf (124 2nd St NE)

Carrie Goebel (207 3rd Ave SE)

Delores Notch (108 3rd St NW)

Vernon Fuchs & Andrea Ramacher (720 1st Ave N)

Dean Jungles (211 2nd Ave NE)

Mark Middendorf (711 Main St E)

Gary & Linda Pierskalla (324 8th St SE)

Craig Timp (213 2nd Ave NW)

Wendy Atkinson (310 8th St SE)

Matthew Beste (Freeport)

Al Williams (308 2nd Ave NW)

Opening Explanation from City Attorney Scott Dymoke

City Attorney Scott Dymoke began the meeting explaining to council the three options they were able to proceed with. One being, Council could allow the paid administrative leave to be disciplinary action enough and reinstate Schirmer to the Clerk-Treasurer position. Second, Council could terminate Schirmer from the Clerk-Treasurer position. Third, Council could begin the process of entering into a separation agreement with Schirmer. It was suggested by City Attorney Scott Dymoke for the City to enter into a separation agreement with Schirmer.

Discussion was had to better understand each of the options.

Decision of Separation Agreement

T. Hennen moved to begin the process of a separation agreement, seconded by Ettle. Discussion followed. Roll-call vote: Ettle-yes, T. Hennen-yes, Atkinson-yes, Goebel-no, Eveslage-yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Appointment of Negotiators in Separation Agreement

Eveslage moved to appoint Atkinson and T. Hennen to represent the City of Freeport in the negotiation process of the separation agreement, seconded by Ettle. Discussion followed. Roll-call vote: Eveslage-yes, Goebel-abstain, Atkinson-yes, T. Hennen-yes, Ettle-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointment of Legal Consulting

Ettle moved to authorize Scott Dymoke in the preparation of a separation agreement, seconded by Eveslage. Roll-call vote: Eveslage-yes, Goebel-yes, Atkinson-yes, T. Hennen-yes, Ettle-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Appointment of Acting City Clerk-Treasurer

Eveslage moved to appoint Administrative Assistant Adrianna Hennen as the acting Clerk-Treasurer, seconded by Eittle. Roll-call vote: Eittle-yes, T. Hennen-abstain, Atkinson-yes, Goebel-yes, Eveslage-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Recess

T. Hennen moved to recess until 7:00pm Wednesday, April 15, 2015, seconded by Eveslage. Roll-call vote: Eittle-yes, Hennen-yes, Atkinson-yes, Goebel-yes, Eveslage-yes.

Rodney Atkinson, Mayor

Adrianna Hennen, Acting City Clerk-Treasurer