



CITY OF FREEPORT

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February 23, 2016 – 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 Eittle present.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Adrianna Hennen, City Attorney Scott Dymoke, City Engineer Dave Blommel, Public Works Director Loren Goebel, Fire Chief John Gilk, and Maintenance Assistant Vernon Fuchs

Residents in attendance:

Andrea Ramacher (720 1st Ave N)

Steve Notch (28086 385th St)

Lornie Middendorf (Millwood Township)

Carol Toenyon (Millwood Township)

Robert Cremers (St. Anthony City)

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Tim Nierenhausen (Albany Township)

Jeff Goebel (Krain Township)

Mike Rosner (Oak Township)

Clara Michael (Millwood Township)

John Arnzen (St. Rosa City)

Pete Welle (Oak Township)

Approve Agenda

Eittle moved to approve the agenda with the additions of h. and i. under 'New Business', seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Public Forum

No public comment was given.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Public Works Report

No discussion.

Engineer Report

Dave Blommel did not have a formal report. Verbally stated he had reviewed documents sent to him regarding the school gymnasium. Blommel also stated he was waiting for L. Goebel to finish sump pump checks so he could review that information and put together reports for the council.

K. Goebel moved to have Blommel send out project plans for Industrial Drive (Famo Feeds cul-du-sac) to receive bids to repair the road, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Report

No discussion.

New Business

ASFA Meeting

Island Paradise

City Attorney Scott Dymoke explained the termination agreement is to dissolve old agreements that had been recorded with the County, but were never completed for Island Paradise. Mayor Atkinson inquired about the park dedication that is a part of the agreement. Dymoke explained since the development was never completed that the City wasn't going to receive money or a park. Atkinson stated that shouldn't be something to look past with the new owners. Dymoke stated that will be discussed when the new owners present the City with plans.

T. Hennen moved to accept the Termination agreement, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 4-0 with Ertle abstaining.

Separation of Funds

Council stated that they would like to see certain funds, fire, street, water tower, in different accounts for more easily see their balances and so it is known that money is not being used for other items or projects.

Budget Amendments

Ertle moved to approve budget amendment to move \$3,084.00 to the fire department fire contract fund out of the general fund, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

Future Planning

Atkinson stated the EDA agreed to hold a gathering to receive input from residents regarding the need of patio homes/senior housing. Council agreed to have it at the Senior Center on March 15. They directed A. Hennen to post in the newspaper and around town.

March for Meals

No discussion

Gun Regulations within City Limits

T. Hennen stated he had heard the gun shot outside of Hennen Lumber recently and it sounded very close. A. Hennen stated that Stearns County was going to talk to residents in that area to remind them that shooting guns in town is not allowed.

Ministorage Units as a Conditional Use in I-1

Eveslage had requested this item to be added to the agenda. Council agreed this should be looked into more and didn't see why something like this couldn't work in I-1.

Increase Hourly Pay for Snow Plowing - Assistant

Mayor Atkinson moved to increase assistant pay to \$15.00/hour when plowing snow, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Ertle moved to adjourn at 9:25, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen