



CITY OF FREEPORT

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January 31, 2017 – Meeting Minutes

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

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Adrianna Hennen, Deputy Treasurer Joan Wall, City Attorney Scott Dymoke, City Engineer Dave Blommel, and Public Works Director Loren Goebel

Others in attendance:

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

Matt Lurken-Tvrdik (514 1st Ave N)

Approve Agenda

Eveslage moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ettle. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Public Forum

No comment was given

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Clerk Report

A. Hennen asked council if they would like to waive the special meeting fee for the January 9, 2017 meeting. Eveslage moved to waive the fee, seconded by Ettle. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Treasurer Report

Wall presented the council with preliminary 2016 budget numbers also stating that these are not final numbers, since end of year entries still need to be added.

T. Hennen asked what “operating” exactly was under “cash breakdown” in the AFSA Fund. Joan explained that if the AFSA fund ever came under budget that is the money that has been left over, unspoken for, built up over the years. T. Hennen stated years ago, if that fund came under budget they would give the Townships credits towards next year and then put the rest in the truck fund. A. Hennen stated that is something they could potentially do again. Atkinson told council to think about it and it would be brought up in the coming months.

Public Works Report

Goebel explained his need for a small space inside of the maintenance shop that could be used strictly for storing and performing water and sewer testing. Currently all of the equipment is out in the shop where it gets very dirty and is tough to keep clean. Goebel thinks this will keep the equipment nicer for longer. The

estimate to add a room was \$3050.38. Eittle moved to approve the addition of a lab room in the maintenance shop, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 4-0 with T. Hennen abstaining.

Engineer Report

Blommel reminded council that Industrial Drive is repaving is on hold until they can determine if the ditch cleaning has improved the water problem. Once that is determined a plan of action can be decided as to what to resurface the road with.

Blommel stated that he would be contacting the school and notifying them that they will need to install a new invert in the connection manhole. Blommel thinks this will fix the backing up in this manhole. If it does not, then he recommended looking into installing a larger pipe.

Blommel also mentioned a video Goebel sent him that showed clean water running down one of Freeport's sanitary sewer lines. Blommel stated he would not recommend replacing this manhole since it is the flow meter manhole and that would be expensive, but once it is determined where the water is coming in, there is a product that can seal the joint. Blommel stated it would be more cost effective to have the company come out and do more than one manhole, but it could still be done.

Attorney Report

No report was given.

Fire Department Report

No report was given.

New Business

2017 Appointments

Atkinson recommended having a 2nd Acting Mayor in the event both the Mayor and the Acting Mayor are not available. Atkinson nominated T. Hennen as Acting Mayor and Eveslage as 2nd Acting Mayor.

Atkinson nominated Eveslage and Renneker as Park and Recreation Commissioners.

Atkinson stated there is an open seat on the Wellhead Protection Plan Committee and that Goebel should be added since Stueve is no longer a part of it.

Eittle moved to the 2017 Appointments, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2017-01 FSB as Official Depository

T. Hennen moved to approve Resolution 2017-01, seconded by Atkinson. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2017-02 CMCU as Official Depository

Eittle moved to approve Resolution 2017-02, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2017-03 2016 Donations

Eittle moved to approve Resolution 2017-03, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2017-04 Off-Site Gambling Permit

Atkinson moved to approve Resolution 2017-04, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Goals 2017-2019

Eveslage explained he spoke with Dan Roering and Roering stated that new street lights should be planned for sooner rather than later.

Eveslage also recommended welcoming Senior Housing options in town.

Atkinson stated he would like to see some sort of preservation or money saved to keep the old water tower. Atkinson also thought that having sewer check as part of home and building improvements could help find whose sewers are and aren't functioning optimally. Atkinson also stated the flashing speed limit signs were brought up during his last campaign. Renneker mentioned a skating rink.

Adjourn

Ette moved to adjourn at 8:17, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen