



## **CITY OF FREEPORT**

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**April 25, 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 Etle present.

Etle left the meeting at 7:30pm

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

Others in attendance:

Jeff Johnson & Kathy Korte (Stearns County Assessors)

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

Matt Lurken-Tvrdik (514 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N)

### **Approve Agenda**

Etle moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting**

Johnson and Korte introduced themselves. No resident asked to appeal their assessments. Meeting closed at 7:30pm

### **DARE Essay Winner Presentation**

Shaelyn Bertram and Dominic Terhaar were presented with City “Way to Go” awards for winning the D.A.R.E. essay contest.

### **Open Public Forum**

No public comment was given.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Reports**

#### Clerk Report

Atkinson explained that he thought making the park in the Welle Addition into a soccer field would be an easy and inexpensive way to do something with the space right now. Atkinson said he spoke with the Lion’s and it sounded like they would be willing to donate the soccer nets. The rest of the council agreed that it was something worth trying.

#### Deputy Treasurer Report

Wall went through and explained the 2017 first quarter financial reports. The council was a little concerned with how the water fund was looking and decided to keep an eye on it.

### Public Works Report

T. Hennen moved to hire Tri-State Coating for \$1,500 to clean and inspect the tower, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 4-0. Goebel brought up that the sidewalk in front of CMCU has come up a little and should be remedied to prevent someone from tripping. Atkinson asked what the sidewalk policy was. A. Hennen stated that it is up to the property owner that is responsible for their area of the sidewalk. Atkinson asked why we would take care of it then. A. Hennen stated because the city had remedied a few other areas of sidewalk on Main Street in the past. Atkinson stated it doesn't mean we have to continue that, and to notify CMCU that they need to take care of the issue.

### Engineer Report

Blommel explained the line behind the gymnasium should be upgraded to a 10" or 12" line to help remedy the clay tile line issue in that area. It would help from water backing up into the manhole and get it flowing better. Eveslage moved to get quotes to upgrade the line, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

### Attorney Report

Dymoke was not present.

### Fire Department Report

Gilk stated the Lion's will be donating \$10,000 toward an industrial size washing machine for the department to wash their turnout gear after fires. The department also received a \$500 donation from the Darkhouse Association and \$500 from the Roving Hillbillies Snowmobile Club.

## **Old Business**

### Public Nuisance Notices

A. Hennen provided a list and the actions so far in the agenda packet. No new information was presented.

### Fire Department Water Usage

Atkinson stated he still wanted to see this happen so that the area fire service was paying towards the water tower since part of the new tower was considered for "fire protection". T. Hennen mentioned possibly charging on the fire bill to the recipient of the service for the water used. Atkinson didn't want to do that because he wants the area fire service to pay. Gilk was apprehensive of the idea because he didn't want to upset the area fire service. Atkinson stated he didn't care if it made them upset, it was what is fair. Council decided to put a meter in the fire hall as a start in trying to determine how much water the department uses.

## **New Business**

### Resolution 2017-06 Liquor License Renewals

Council asked if anything needed to be changed to accommodate for the new Sunday off-sale liquor sales. A. Hennen stated that she asked Dymoke the same question and he stated that everything we have in place is fine and nothing needs to change. A. Hennen the only thing the council needed to decide were the off-sale Sunday liquor hours. The city could either follow the state law of 11am-6pm or restrict the hours even more. Eveslage moved to go with the state law, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

T. Hennen moved to approve Resolution 2017-06 Approving Annual Liquor License Renewals, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Performance Review

Eveslage recommended a raise of 2.5% or \$0.55 raise instead of the requested \$1.00. Renneker agreed he felt more comfortable approving that amount. Eveslage moved to give A. Hennen a \$0.55 raise, seconded by Renneker. Atkinson-yes, Eveslage-yes, Renneker-yes, T. Hennen-abstain. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Works Department

Council congratulated Loren on passing his wastewater test. Loren stated Brian Zapzalka did not want to be paid for the month of April since Loren found out he passed on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Council had approved a raise to \$20 as soon as Loren passed his wastewater test so that was put into effect.

CMCU Canopy

A. Hennen stated the canopy was taken down.

Scherping Driveway/Curb/Gutter Permit

T. Hennen moved to approve Scherping's permit, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

**Adjourn**

T. Hennen moved to adjourn, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 4-0.

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Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

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City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen