



## **CITY OF FREEPORT**

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### **July 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.

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:

Ken & Kathy Luethmers (215 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE)

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

Carrie Goebel (207 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE)

Stephanie Hennen (303 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE)

### **Approve Agenda**

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

### **On-Site Gate Discussion**

Council and people attending the meeting, along with City staff walked to the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE to discuss the turn-around and gate that had been proposed by Sacred Heart Parish, but put on hold after hearing concerns from residents who live on the street. Andy Welle served as the representative of the Sacred Heart Parish. Welle stated that they no longer wanted a gate, but instead to reestablish the turnaround to be better used by the people on that street. The Parish thought that would be easier for plowing purposes and since the street is narrow, allows better use of the street. It was asked if the Parish would want to donate the turnaround to the city to make it a city street. Welle didn't think the Parish would be in favor of giving up the land. Welle stated the Parish would like something in writing which would state the city assumes liability for the turnaround area and up to the lift station. The Parish would also like to see a light somewhere near the turnaround to help illuminate the area. Eveslage recommended putting a fence from the lift station to an existing fence running alongside the gym. Welle said that was discussed and is an option the Parish is considering.

The council returned to Ackie's patio where the meeting was taking place to resume discussion. T. Hennen moved to check on the cost of tarring the area that had been taken out previously in the turn around, Etle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Open Public Forum**

No comment was given.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Reports**

### Clerk Report

Council agreed A. Hennen was explaining the water/sewer bills correctly to residents and to keep doing so.

### Deputy Treasurer Report

Wall presented 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial reports.

### Public Works Report

No comments were given.

### Engineer Report

No report was given.

### Attorney Report

No comments were given.

### Fire Department Report

Atkinson asked again if the fire department had any intention of fundraising for the new pumper truck. Gilk mentioned he would be more inclined to ask for donations for new turnout gear in the event the fire department does not get a FEMA grant for turnout gear. Atkinson thought people would be more willing to donate towards a fire truck than turnout gear, since a truck is something they can see and really understand versus turnout gear. The council recommended putting together a committee that would work on sending out letters asking for donations towards the truck. T. Hennen even expressed that he would be willing to serve on the committee. Goebel stated they sent out mailings a few years ago looking for donations so they should still have the mailing list, which would just have to be updated .

## **Old Business**

### Setbacks

Dymoke stated he looked into what the county does in regards to measuring setbacks and they had two methods, one from the centerline and one from the road right of way. Dymoke didn't see this as being an optimal way for Freeport. Atkinson stated the best way would be going from the road right of way. A. Hennen and other council members asked how you determine where the road right of way is. Blommel stated that if roads are platted and mapped it shouldn't be too difficult to find. T. Hennen liked the idea of keeping it the way it is, by the property line. T. Hennen stated property lines are something people can physically go find themselves with property pins; people can't do that with road right of ways. It was determined that Council would leave the way setbacks are determined the way they are for the time being.

## **New Business**

### Deputy Treasurer Performance Review

Wall didn't request the meeting to be closed.

Council agreed that Wall was performing exceptionally well and they were very happy with her work. They accepted A. Hennen's recommendation of giving Wall a \$1.00 an hour raise. Eveslage moved to give wall a \$1.00 an hour raise, seconded by Eittle. Atkinson-yes, Eittle-yes, Eveslage-yes, T. Hennen-yes, Renneker-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

### Softball – Blocked Alley

Atkinson moved to block off part of the alley, as long as everyone was able to use their driveways, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

**Adjourn**

Ettle moved to adjourn, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

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City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen