



CITY OF FREEPORT

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August 29, 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 Eittle 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:

Karl Oevermann (1004 3rd Ave SE)

Joe Hennen (118 3rd St NE)

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

Stephanie Hennen (303 3rd St SE)

Phil Osendorf (124 2nd St NE)

Approve Agenda

Eittle moved to approve the agenda seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Albany Mutual Telephone Presentation of Donation

Joe Hennen acted as representative for the Albany Mutual Telephone Foundation by presenting the Fire Department with a check for \$10,000 to put towards the new pumper truck.

Open Public Forum

No comment was given.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Clerk Report

Council agreed to have a budget meeting on Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm and they council also stated an update on the parish discussion would be had.

Council also agreed to move the regular December meeting to the 19th.

Deputy Treasurer Report

Eittle moved to pay the Sauk River Watershed District additional assessment in a lump sum, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Works Report

Council asked if the maintenance position should be posted instead of just hiring Jim Notch. Dymoke agreed it would be in the best interest to post the position like normal.

Engineer Report

Blommel explained to re-tar the turnaround back to the way it was behind the school gym would cost \$3,500. Kotzer had included the mobilization in the first pavement price in the previous quote and will charge \$500 to remove the small amount of black dirt in preparation for paving. Total estimate is \$3,500.

Attorney Report

Dymoke explained that he, Atkinson and T. Hennen attended a meeting with parish representatives after the July meeting to discuss items the parish was concerned about.

Fire Department Report

T. Hennen moved to approve getting the A/C fixed in the rescue rig, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

Gilk stated that Dean Jungles and Bryan Scherping resigned from the department since both moved out of town. They are going to slowly begin looking for members to fill those positions.

Gilk stated that a committee was established to put together the mass letter asking for donations for the new pumper truck.

Old Business

Sacred Heart Parish

Atkinson asked if the Parish had seen the list of items that were included in the agenda. A. Hennen stated yes, the list in the agenda was the list from the parish and the parish had been given a copy of the agenda. Atkinson went item by item. Council agreed they would get a price from Roering to install a light by the lift station. They asked Loren to get pricing on “No Parking” and “Dead End” signs. Council stated they wanted to make sure the hours on the sign for the park were in line with the city’s curfew hours. Council stated that the parish should approve what’s on the sign before it is ordered. The parish was most concerned about getting “hours” on the sign for the park. Council requested an update on these items at the Special Budget meeting scheduled for September 5th.

Ettle moved to approve the repaving of the turnaround, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Phil Osendorf

Osendorf began and stated that the emails he received were very rude. He explained that he had a tree go down in his yard and was working on splitting and cutting it up. Osendorf said he has been working hard on it and good progress had been made. Osendorf stated that he was unaware he was in any violation until he received the email. Eveslage stated that he didn’t think the email was condescending. Osendorf stated he didn’t say condescending. Osendorf stated that because he is the “property nazi” that he should be targeted. Osendorf stated that he just points out properties in town to the city and if the city chooses not to do anything that is up to them. Atkinson asked what his plan was with the tree. Osendorf stated it was a work in progress. Atkinson stated people had talked to him about it while he was eating at the Corner Bar. Osendorf stated that sounded like a lot of bar talk, which Atkinson agreed to, but they pay taxes too, which Osendorf replied that he also does. Atkinson asked how long ago the tree came down; Osendorf replied that it had been six weeks between the tree coming down and receiving the email. Atkinson explained that sometimes, because of your position you have to go above and beyond what might need to be done. For example he explained that he got a permit for a gate that might not have needed a permit, but he wanted to make sure he was doing things correctly. Osendorf asked what was happening with the other nuisance properties in town. Atkinson stated the council was not there to discuss other properties, but only his tree.

Karl Oevermann

A. Hennen explained that Oevermann has located his property pins, but does not have a property survey and Oevermann is wondering if council would allow him to put his proposed fence on the property line without having a survey. T. Hennen stated that if he can physically show Loren where his pins are that he would be adequate enough for him. Blommel stated he can get a signed plat which would also be enough for what the city was looking for. A. Hennen told Oevermann that Loren would come look at his pins and that he should stop in so they can get a permit application put together.

Oevermann also asked about getting a crosswalk put in crossing County Rd. 11 to the Coffee and Cone ice cream shop. Oevermann stated that it's a busy area and it's hard to see oncoming cars. Blommel stated that they tried to get a crosswalk put in the time the road was redone but the county didn't want to because of the way the overpass is doesn't allow for enough site and time for a vehicle to stop for a crosswalk. The county didn't want to give pedestrians a false feeling of safety since the county cannot promise a safe crosswalk in that area. Blommel said he would ask the county about it again.

Welle Acres

Atkinson explained that Dave Welle expressed concern for the upkeep of the undeveloped Welle 3 addition. There are trees beginning to grow where the road dirt work had been done and doesn't want to see those improvements ruined from overgrowth. T. Hennen moved to send a letter to Kent Roeseller about maintaining the property and removing the overgrowth, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

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

Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen