



CITY OF FREEPORT

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January 30, 2018 – 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 Doug Petersen, Public Works Director Loren Goebel, and City Attorney Scott Dymoke

Others in attendance:

Arnie Blommel (308 2nd Ave SW)

Vern Fuchs (720 1st Ave N)

Approve Agenda

A. Hennen stated the only addition was claim 3072 to pay JoAnn Timp for cleaning services.

Ettle moved to approve the agenda with the suggested change, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Arnie Blommel was present and asked what the council had decided. Council explained that the best solution they could come up with for the entire city was to change the 120 sq./ft. and smaller accessory buildings to a setback requirement of five feet from the rear and side yard. Blommel explained that helped his case, but it would still not allow him to put his shed in his desired location. It was explained to Blommel that he could apply for a variance to get his shed closer to the property line, but since his case was not a “hardship case” council would not likely approve that variance request. Other options were discussed with Blommel and the council to determine a way for Blommel to fit a shed in his backyard.

No other comments were given.

Open Public Forum

No public comment was given.

Consent Agenda

Eveslage moved to approve the consent agenda excluding claims 3043 and 3065, seconded by Ettle. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Clerk Report

No report was given.

Treasurer Report

Petersen presented the end, unaudited, financial report for 2017. Council questioned how there was still a positive number in the truck fund since the truck purchase should have put that in the negative. Petersen explained he was just going off of Wall's spreadsheets, but would look into it. After looking more closely it was determined that part of the truck purchase was showing a larger deficit in the operating fund instead of it all coming out of the truck fund. It was explained that would be changed to show it more accurately. Dymoke recommended leaving a balance in the truck fund to show Stearns Electric that the city has the funds to pay back the Stearns Electric Loan.

Eveslage requested that the council be notified when the EDA sells any land.

Council asked staff to look into the 2006 Small Cities Grant money and determine what that can be used for.

Council also asked when we can stop putting money into the Water and Waste Water USDA Reserve Fund
Public Works Report

Council decided before taking any immediate action on the sewer line behind city hall with requiring grease traps, the city would continue proactively flushing the line to keep things moving in that line and to speak with Jesse Job, Charles Café, and discuss the option of grease traps.

Engineer Report

Eveslage moved to hire Kotzer to do the work around the holding ponds, seconded by Eittle. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Report

No report was given.

Fire Department Report

No report was given.

Old Business

Ordinance 2018-01

Eittle moved to approve Ordinance 2018-01, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

2018 Appointments

Atkinson asked if T. Hennen would be willing to be Acting Mayor again, T. Hennen agreed. Atkinson asked if Eveslage would be willing to be the 2nd Acting Mayor, Eveslage agreed. Atkinson asked T. Hennen if he would be the EDA Council Representative again, T. Hennen agreed. Council agreed to keep the rest of the appointments the same as 2017.

Atkinson stated that the Wellhead Protection Plan Committee should be contacted to see if they would like to continue on the committee. Atkinson also recommended that Karen Voz come in and speak with the council and staff about the WHP Plan since only Atkinson was involved with the actual writing of it and the rest of the us don't fully understand the plan. A. Hennen stated she would contact Karen Voz and set up a time for her to meet with the council.

Renneker moved to approve the 2018 appointments, seconded by Eittle. Motion carried 5-0.

Atkinson reappointment Jim Hemker to the EDA since his term had expired. T. Hennen moved to approve Atkinson's request to reappoint Jim Hemker to the EDA, seconded by Rennker. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2018-01 – Appointing FSB as Official Depository

Ettle moved to approve Resolution 2018-01, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2018-02 – Appointment CMCU as Official Depository

Ettle moved to approve Resolution 2018-02, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2018-03 – Approving Donations Received in 2017

Ettle moved to approve Resolution 2018-03, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2018-04 – City of Freeport’s Authority to Procure Stearns Electric Loan

Renneker moved to approve Resolution 2018-04, seconded by Ettle. Motion carried 5-0.

Wellhead Protection Plan

No more discussion was had on this topic since it was completed during the 2018 Appointments.

Adjourn

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

Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen