



CITY OF FREEPORT

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March 27, 2018 – Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent: Ben Ettel

Others in attendance:

James Wilwerding (Wilwerding Dairy)

Andrea Remacher & Vern Fuchs (720 1st Ave N)

Bob Dickhaus (Stearns Co.)

Approve Agenda

Renneker moved to approve the agenda with the additions of Claims 3135-3138, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 4-0.

Bob Dickhaus Presentation

Dickhaus stated that he is running for Stearns County Sheriff.

Kathy Korte-Stearns Co Assessor Presentation

Korte presented the 2018 Assessment for the City of Freeport along with real estate values.

Open Public Forum

No public comment was given.

Consent Agenda

Eveslage moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports

Clerk Report

Council decided not to act on Phil Osendorf's request.

Council asked to keep them updated on the Danny's Disposal payment box.

Treasurer Report

No report was given

Public Works Report

Goebel mentioned council might need to start thinking about a better way to enforce the amount of parked cars on side streets as the City is getting increasing number of complaints.

Engineer Report

No report was given.

Attorney Report

No report was given.

Fire Department Report

No report was given.

Old Business

7th Street Options

James Wilwerding was present at the meeting to represent Wilwerding Dairy. Wilwerding stated they don't like to use 7th Street to access their field but last year was so wet that, that was their best access point. Council understood, but asked that they used their alternative route. Wilwerding stated they did get one complaint from a resident, but he agreed that they would use their alternative route since they want to keep a good relationship with the City. Wilwerding stated he will do his best come Spring and Fall to keep their workers off of 7th Street.

Park

Atkinson stated that after some checking it could cost upwards of \$10,000 to seed 2 acres of field behind Harvest Church for a soccer field. Atkinson stated he wasn't looking for any action, but wanted to put that in the rest of council's minds. City staff did mention that the City would be able to afford some of that cost if other donations were obtained.

New Business

Tax Forfeiture Property

A. Hennen stated that the County notified the City that PID #54.32007.0010, which was once owned Fleegel's is to be tax forfeiture. A. Hennen stated the council had to approve the \$1,000.00 appraisal price. Council asked if the outstanding assessments would be paid on the property. A. Hennen stated they would be reinstated so whoever purchases the property will be responsible for those costs.

106 2nd Ave N

Council agreed to not rezone that parcel at this time.

Adjourn

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

Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen