



## CITY OF FREEPORT

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### October 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, Mike Eveslage, Ben Ettle and Jake Renneker, present.

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

#### Others in attendance:

Sarah Blake (1012 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE)

Andy Grieve (210 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE)

Art & Dorothy Van Heel (Meals on Wheels)

Jerry & Mary Mayers (Meals on Wheels)

Judy Hennen (Meals on Wheels)

Stephanie Hennen (Meals on Wheels)

Edna Kramer (Meals on Wheels)

Dave Bentrud (Stearns Co. Sheriff's Candidate)

Marilyn Bergmann (Meals on Wheels)

Dennis Toeben (Meals on Wheels)

Arnie & Mary Ann Blommel (Meals on Wheels)

Betty Atkinson (Meals on Wheels)

Dave & Cyrilla Michaels (Meals on Wheels)

Ed & Cheryl Overman (Meals on Wheels)

Al Williams (Meals on Wheels)

#### Approve Agenda

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

#### Meals on Wheels Proclamation

Mayor Atkinson presented Art Van Heel with a Proclamation, proclaiming the week of October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup> as Meals on Wheels week in Freeport.

#### Dave Bentrud Presentation

Stearns County Sheriff candidate Dave Bentrud explained to council why he is running for Sheriff and why he thinks he would make a good sheriff.

#### Open Public Forum

No comment was given.

#### Consent Agenda

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

#### Reports

##### Clerk Report

A. Hennen explained that Freeport was awarded the Well Head Protection Plan Grant they had applied for.

### Treasurer Report

Wall presented quarterly financials to the council. Council had a few questions regarding the sewer fund and how that was standing.

### Public Works Report

Goebel asked if he could purchase an emergency exit light to hang over the door in the maintenance shop so if the power goes out there is some light. Goebel stated it would cost about \$100. Council agreed to the purchase.

Goebel asked if he could put up Christmas lights this week. Council agreed that they shouldn't go up before Halloween and should wait.

### Engineer Report

Ettle moved to pay the bill to Worms Lumber and Ready Mix Inc. for the work in the Industrial park cul-de-sac, seconded by Atkinson. Atkinson-yes, Ettle-yes, Eveslage-yes, T. Hennen-yes, Renneker-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

### Attorney Report

Dymoke explained a few items he had worked on over the month. Dymoke gave a Loehrer update. Dymoke stated he and A. Hennen went to court and the judge agreed to a two week deadline so Loehrer has until November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to clean up the property. Council asked how staff planned on handling the situation. Goebel and A. Hennen figured it was something the two of them could take care of with an officer present. Council didn't like the idea and stated a company should be called. They recommend calling Opatz.

### Fire Department Report

Atkinson explained that he was present when Gilk and the FEMA grant writer met. He thought it was very informational and learned about the process and how it all worked. Atkinson learned about the personal protective gear that the fire department applied for and that there was a physical expiration date on the suits. Atkinson expressed that he told the fire department that he hoped to get the council to allocate money towards the personal protective gear in the event the fire department was not awarded the FEMA grant that they would be able to purchase new suits as soon as they knew. T. Hennen asked what happened to the old method of buying a few suits every year so that they didn't have to buy them all at one time. Gilk said they didn't keep up with that. The council agreed that is something that should start happening again after the new suits are purchased.

A. Hennen asked that Gilk provide her with the cost of 25 new personal protective gear suits so that staff could let council know how much to allocate. Gilk said he would get A. Hennen that number.

Gilk also stated that the fire department was awarded a \$3000 grant from AgStar for new jumpsuits.

### **Old Business**

#### 2019 Budget Items

Atkinson moved to increase the grass cutting wage from \$10 to \$12 per hour and increase all other wages increase to \$20 per hour, seconded by Ettle. Atkinson-yes, Ettle-yes, Eveslage-yes, T. Hennen-yes, Renneker-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Council agreed that A. Hennen should look into other plans that would meet the need of the Public Works Department.

Council agreed that no current council member would attend the experienced officials training in 2019.

Council agreed to not do anything with the \$93,000 paid to the city by Xcel for the powerline easement.

Charlie's Café Grease Trap

No discussion was had.

Rental Housing

Council agreed to move forward with the rental housing ordinance that was presented. Dymoke explained he would put it in an ordinance format and present that at the next council meeting.

Unfit for Habitation

Council agreed not to move forward with this at this time.

Public Nuisance by Zone

Council agreed with the presented changes. Dymoke said he would take the proposed changes and apply them to the ordinance so they can see what it would look like.

Parking Nuisance/Ordinance 500.475

Council agreed to take the month to look this over and come back with changes or ideas at the November meeting.

Loehrer Update

Update was given during the Attorney report.

**New Business**

EDA Appointment

Atkinson stated he would like to appoint Tom Middendorf to a six year EDA term. Ertle moved to accept Atkinson's appointment, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Loren Goebel Performance Review

Council members expressed that Goebel is doing a good job and that the public works has gotten a lot better. Renneker stated he didn't agree with a 3% raise since that would be an 8% increase in two years. Atkinson stated it should be over three years because of the terms on how Goebel was hired. Ertle moved to give Goebel a 3% raise increase, seconded by T. Hennen. Atkinson-yes, Ertle-yes, Eveslage-no, T. Hennen-yes, Renneker-no. Motion carried 3-2.

**Ajourn**

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

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Mayor, Rodney Atkinson

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City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen