



CITY OF FREEPORT

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January 29, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Freeport City Council was convened at 7:00pm by Mayor Mike Eveslage and councilmembers Tim Hennen, Jake Renneker, and Sarah Blake present.

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

Others in attendance:

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

Ben Eittle (312 1st Ave N)

Rodney Atkinson (310 8th St SE)

Approve Agenda

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

Public Hearing – Loehrer Assessment

Eveslage opened the public hearing at 7:03. Dymoke explained that the hearing was a chance for anyone to dispute the presented assessment against the Loehrer property for the work the City put into cleaning up the property. Loehrer was given notice of the hearing and the proposed assessment and has 30 days to pay it all before it is submitted to the county and begins adding interest. No public comment was given. Eveslage closed the hearing at 7:10

Public Hearing - Ordinance 2019-01: Ordinance Amending Section 2010 Regulating Public Nuisances of the Freeport City Code

Eveslage opened the public hearing at 7:10. Dymoke explained this showed the changes the council had talked about at previous meetings to clean up that portion of the ordinance that addresses public nuisances. No public comment was given. Eveslage closed the meeting at 7:11.

Open Public Forum

No comment was given.

Consent Agenda

Renneker moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports

Clerk Report

A. Hennen started by saying that there had been a request to look into what it would take to have Waste Management collect vegetation like they do in Melrose. Eveslage continued saying he was informed that

Waste Management would be willing to provide the service with 100% participation at a cost of \$5.50/month, but only during the “warm” months and also depending on weather conditions. Council decided that they would like to survey the residents and see what they would like. A. Hennen said she would do this via a newsletter.

Treasurer Report

Wall presented 2018 fourth quarter, unaudited, reports.

Public Works Report

No report was given.

Engineer Report

No report was given.

Attorney Report

Dymoke explained that he worked on a data practices request, which was determined that the information requested was private and could not be shared with the requesting party. All other items were coming up in the meeting.

Fire Department Report

No report was given.

Old Business

Ordinance 2019-01: Ordinance Amending Section 2010 Regulating Public Nuisances of the Freeport City Code

T. Hennen moved to approve Ordinance 2019-01, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

Councilmember Appointment

Eveslage questioned if the council had done enough to promote that there was an open seat besides by word of mouth. It was questioned if it was put on the website, newspaper, or newsletter, none of which was done. After some discussion Council agreed that they would accept applications until February 15th for the open council seat. They advised A. Hennen to post in the website, ask Carol to share it on the Beacon facebook page, and to put it in the newsletter. The council agreed the application would consist of 4 questions, one written by each of the current council members.

Resolution 2019-01 FSB

Renneker moved to approve Resolution 2019-01, seconded by Blake. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2019-02 CMCU

T. Hennen moved to approve Resolution 2019-02, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2019-03 2018 Donations

T. Hennen moved to approve Resolution 2019-03, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2019-04 Disbursement and Payment of Claims Policy

A. Hennen and Wall proposed adding Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN, Minnesota Life Insurance Company, Northland Trust Services, Inc., Waste Management to the preapproved vendor list. T. Hennen moved to approve Resolution 2019-04 with the proposed changes, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

2019 Appointments

Officials depositories to stay the same as 2018; Finance committee to be City Council; Street Commissioners to be City Council; Legal Advisor to be Scott Dymoke; Legal Prosecutor to Stearns Co. Attorney's Office; Park and Rec Commissioners to be Mike Eveslage and Jake Renneker; Acting Mayor to be Tim Hennen; Seconded Acting Mayor to be Jake Renneker; EDA council rep to be Tim Hennen; Weed Inspector to be Loren Goebel; Health Officer to be CentraCare Health-Melrose; Assessor to be Stearns County; Newspaper to be Melrose Beacon and Sauk Centre Herald; Public Examiner to be Shlenner Wenner & Co.; Engineer to be SEH, Inc.; Building Inspector to be Mark Harren – Mid Central Code Enforcement; Emergency Management Director to be Fire Department Chief; Acting Emergency Management Director to be Fire Department First Assistant Chief; Zoning Administrator to be Clerk-Treasurer; Data Practices Compliance Officer to be Clerk-Treasurer; Liaison to Chamber of Commerce to be Clerk-Treasurer; Wellhead Management Committee to be determined at a later date. Renneker moved to approve the proposed appointments, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 4-0.

EDA Appointment

Mike proposed appointing Rodney Atkinson to fill Andy Welle's one year vacant seat. T. Hennen moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2019-05 Fee Schedule

Council agreed to add a \$100/ building rental housing fee and a reinspection fee at the cost of the inspection. Council also requested that the Fire Department weigh in on the their fees. T. Hennen moved to approve Resolution 2019-05 with the proposed additions, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2019-06 Loehrer Assessment

T. Hennen moved to approve Resolution 2016-06, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Printer Leasing Options

A. Hennen stated her choice would be to go with Metro because of the services they had provided along with annual reconciliation that they offered. T. Hennen moved to approve leasing a new machine from Metro Sales, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Pay Equity Report

Renneker moved to approve the pay equity report, seconded by Blake. Motion carried 4-0.

Ajourn

Blake moved to adjourn, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor, Mike Eveslage

City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen