



CITY OF FREEPORT

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December 18, 2018 – Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Freeport City Council was convened at 7:00pm by Mayor Rodney Atkinson and councilmembers Tim Hennen, Mike Eveslage, and Ben Ettle present.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Adrianna Hennen, Deputy Treasurer Joan Wall, Public Works Director Loren Goebel, City Engineer Dave Blommel, City Attorney Scott Dymoke, Fire Chief John Gilk, and Assistant Fire Chief Andy Grieve

Absent: Jake Renneker

Others in attendance:
Sarah Blake (1012 3rd Ave SE)
Andrea Ramacher (720 1st Ave N)

Approve Agenda

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

Open Public Forum

No comment was given.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Clerk Report

A. Hennen updated the council on the swearing in happening on January 10th. A. Hennen also updated council on the Loehrer assessment.

Treasurer Report

No report was given.

Public Works Report

Goebel stated the ton truck needed to new tires soon. Ettle moved to purchase the Mastercraft tires from Fastlane Repair for \$1,153.02, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 4-0.

Engineer Report

No report was given.

Attorney Report

No report was given.

Fire Department Report

No report was given.

Old Business

Resolution 2018-14 2019 Budget

After determining that Freeport came in under budget in 2017 by about \$60,000, the city council decided to lower the 2019 budget \$50,000 lower than actual expenses. This resulted in lowering the General Fund Levy from the \$300,000 preliminary amount to \$223,365. Eveslage moved to lower the General Fund Levy from \$300,000 to \$223,365 on Resolution 2018-14, seconded by Ertle. Atkinson-yes, Ertle-yes, Eveslage-yes, T. Hennen-yes. Motion carried 4-0. T. Hennen moved to approve Resolution 2018-14 with the new change, seconded by Ertle. Atkinson-yes, Ertle-yes, Eveslage-yes, T. Hennen-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Department Fund/Turnout Gear

Ertle moved to allocate up to \$80,007.50 from Freeport Area Fire Service account to purchase personal protective gear; money won't be available until after October 1, 2019; if the City of Freeport receives a grant the Area Fire Service will pay the difference between the grant and the total amount for the personal protective gear. Motion seconded by Eveslage. Atkinson-yes, Ertle-yes, Eveslage-yes, T. Hennen-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Expert T Billing

Council decided that it is unclear how well Expert T. Billing is doing since we haven't gotten through an entire year with them. T. Hennen moved to keep Expert T. Billing through 2019, seconded by Ertle. Motion carried 4-0.

Nuisance Ordinance

Council liked the changes they saw. Dymoke stated he would put it together in an Ordinance for approval at the next meeting.

Ordinance 500.475

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Loehrer Property

Council agreed to stay on Loehrer and send letters asking to clean up the property.

New Business

Resolution 2018-12 Designating a Polling Place

Ertle moved to approve Resolution 2018-12, seconded by Eveslage. Motion carried 4-0.

Misdemeanor Criminal Prosecution Contract Bid

After recommendation from Dymoke and discussion of other options T. Hennen moved to approve the contract with Stearns County for Misdemeanor Criminal Prosecution, seconded by Atkinson. Motion carried 4-0.

2018-13 Fire Department Officer Appointment

Ertle moved to approve Resolution 2018-13, seconded by T. Hennen. Motion carried 4-0.

Ajourn

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

Mayor, Mike Eveslage

City Clerk-Treasurer, Adrianna Hennen