



## **CITY OF FREEPORT**

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### **May 26, 2020 – Meeting Minutes**

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

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Joan Wall, Public Works Director Loren Goebel, Administrative Assistant Lori Austing, City Engineer Dave Blommel, City Attorney Scott Dymoke, Fire Chief Andy Grieve.

Others in attendance:

Carol Moorman (Star Post)

Rodney Atkinson (310 8<sup>th</sup> St SE)

Dewey Prinzing (KLM Engineering)

Branden Roering (Freeport Fire Dept)

Jesse & Julie Job (Charlie's Café)

### **Approve Agenda**

Wall asked to add claim #4115 for Metro Sales to the consent agenda under item b. Eveslage asked to move New Business after the Attorney Report. Hennen moved to approve the agenda with the changes, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Public Forum**

No comments

### **Consent Agenda**

Etle moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Reports**

#### Clerk-Treasurer Report

No additional comments.

#### Fire Department Report

Grieve reported that in the last month they had 8 medical calls and one mutual aid fire call with Melrose that got cancelled. Grieve and Branden Roering did their first rental inspection and it went fine. The fire department purchased a side-by-side ATV that comes with a trailer, pump, and sprayer. It will be used for grass fires and for use on the snowmobile trail. They are still taking applications for a couple more weeks to fill the three open firefighter spots. Pictures have been taken for the ID badges and they are being printed. The fire department made the difficult decision to cancel the Ham BBQ this year.

#### Public Works Report

Goebel reported that Kotzer put class 5 on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. The “stop for pedestrians” sign has been placed in the street by the ice cream shop.

### Engineer Report

Blommel reported that our funding application for the facility plan has been accepted by the PFA. Now we wait to see where we land on the priority list. The clerk will need to sign a letter accepting funding if it is appropriate. Next month, Blommel will bring our assessment policy for review.

### Attorney Report

Dymoke had nothing to report.

### New Business

#### Outside Seating for Restaurants

Jodi Teich, Stearns County Engineer, sent a permit application for restaurants for using County right-of-way. Eveslage explained that Teich suggested putting up a visual barrier, even if it's just caution tape. She suggested more than one level of tape. Canopies are acceptable to the County. Eveslage reported that Jim Hemker is in favor of allowing restaurants to use the diagonal parking spaces for tables in front of Freeport State Bank. Dymoke suggested checking with the City's insurance to be sure they will cover the items the City may be responsible for on the County's right-of-way permit. Dymoke explained if the bars wanted to serve drinks, they need to bring proof of insurance for the expanded area to the City.

Ettle moves to allow Charlie's Cafe to have outdoor seating in the Main Street diagonal parking spaces from Freeport State Bank to City Hall, with the exception of the handicap spaces, seconded by Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Ettle moves to allow Ackie's Pioneer Inn to have outdoor seating and liquor license premise expansion in the Main Street diagonal parking spaces from Freeport State Bank to City Hall, with the exception of the handicap spaces, and behind their building up to the alley, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

Ettle moves to allow Pooch's Corner Pub to have outdoor seating and liquor license premise expansion on the sidewalk and parking lane along the south side of the building and property on the west side of the building, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

### Old Business

#### Painting the Old Water Tower

Dewey Prinzing from KLM Engineering explained that aluminum coating needs to be done every five years and it will only stick if preparation is done correctly. KLM will do a lot more prep, use a different type of coating, and have at least 14 mils of coating when they are done. Their coating will last longer than the aluminum coating. Other companies' quotes would have significantly less mils. KLM's bid doesn't include the legs and the other quotes probably do. If the City wanted KLM to do the legs as well, it would be \$2,000 additional per leg. The balcony and ladder are included in the quote. Prinzing clarified that the reimbursable expenses are already included in their quote. Prinzing stated the industry standard is a one-year warranty. KLM normally offers a two-year warranty, so that is what we would get. The work could be done this year by fall.

Blommel suggested we gather the following information from Maguire Iron and Tri-State Coatings: what type of paint they will use, the thickness of the coating, how they are picking up paint chips, and overspray. Blommel stated there is a something to be said to use the same aluminum paint that is already on our tower.

To recoat with aluminum after KLM does their coating would be a much bigger deal. The legs still have a lot of mils of paint on them. The bowl has very little, which is normal.

All of the funds to pay for painting the tower will come from donations, not from taxes.

Insurance on Old Water Tower

Hennen moved to insure for \$100,000, seconded by Ertle. Motion carried 5-0.

Rescind Resolution 2020-08 Declaring COVID-19 Emergency

Dymoke encouraged council to look at this every month. His opinion is it would be a good idea to leave it in place while we see how the outdoor dining plays out.

Adjourn

At 8:36 pm, Ertle moved to adjourn, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mayor, Mike Eveslage

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City Clerk-Treasurer, Joan Wall