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December 8, 2020 – Meeting Minutes

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

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Joan Wall, Fire Chief Andy Grieve.

Others in attendance: Nick Arnzen (212 2nd Ave NW)

Approve Agenda

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

Upgrade Facility Plan for USDA Funding

Eveslage called Dave Blommel and Blommel verified that the \$10,100 cost was already included in the soft costs shown on page 3 of the bound feasibility report. Ettle moved to approve the updated supplemental agreement, seconded by Blake. Motion carried 5-0.

2021 Budget

Grieve explained plans for future fire department purchases and asked Council if we could transfer some of the operating reserve funds to the truck and equipment sinking funds. Council directed Grieve and Wall to work together to accomplish that.

After discussion, the consensus of Council was to decrease the General Fund Revenue levy by \$17,000, which will keep the Total Tax Capacity Rate almost the same as 2020. A few expense items were adjusted. The final budget and levy will be presented for approval at the December 22 meeting.

Adjourn

At 9:12 pm Blake moved to adjourn, seconded by Ettle. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor, Mike Eveslage

City Clerk-Treasurer, Joan Wall