



CITY OF FREEPORT

125 Main Street E – PO Box 301 – Freeport, MN 56331 – 320-836-2112
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January 31, 2024 - Regular Meeting Agenda
Freeport City Hall - 7:00 pm

Call to Order

I. Approve Agenda

II. Public Hearing

- a. 212 1st Ave S Variance Request (1-3)

III. Public Forum

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. December 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes (4-5)
- b. Claims Report (6-8)
- c. Sheriff's Report (9)

V. Reports

- a. Clerk-Treasurer Report (10)
- b. Fire Department Report (N/A)
- c. Public Works Report (11-13)
- d. Engineer Report (14-15)
- e. Attorney Report (16)

VI. Old Business

- a. Streetlights (17)

VII. New Business

- a. Ordinance 2024-01 – Fee Schedule (18-22)
- b. Resolution 2024-01 – Official Depository FSB (23-24)
- c. Resolution 2024-02 – Official Depository Magnifi (25-26)
- d. Resolution 2024-03 – 2023 Donations (27)
- e. Resolution 2024-04 – Disbursement and Payment of Claims Policy (28-31)
- f. Resolution 2024-05 – Accepting USDA Rural Development Loan for Welle's Country Acres Four (32-34)
- g. Resolution 2024-06 – Identifying Slum & Blight in the City of Freeport (35-36)
- h. LMCIT Storm Damage Contract with Widseth (37-42)
- i. 2024 Appointments (43-44)

VIII. Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting: February 20, 2024

Memo

From: Jon Nelson, Clerk-Treasurer

To: Freeport City Council

Date: 01/26/24

Re: Public Hearing

Don & Bertha Hartung, 212 1st Ave S, are requesting a variance from the City of Freeport to construct a deck on their property that is proposed to encroach the front yard setback. The deck would not encroach Stearns County's setbacks on CSAH 11.

In order to be granted a variance, we must find that the request meets all three of the practical difficulties' three-factor test.

Reasonableness

The first factor is that the property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner.

Uniqueness

The second factor is that the landowner's problem is due to circumstances unique to the property not caused by the landowner.

Essential character

The third factor is that the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Consider whether or not the resulting structure will be out of scale, out of place, or otherwise inconsistent with the surrounding area.

Here are factors that I find meet the practical difficulties' requirements:

1. **Reasonableness:** The Hartungs have a reasonable request to build a deck on the front of their home.
2. **Uniqueness:** City code 500.31, Subd.5, Item 2. states that where adjacent structures within the same block have front yard setbacks different from those required, the front yard minimum setback is the average of the adjacent structures. The adjacent structures on this block have an average setback of ~6 feet from the right-of-way. The proposed deck setback would be ~13 feet from the right-of-way.
3. **Essential Character:** The deck would not change the essential character of the neighborhood.

Recommendation: Consider approving the variance request.

DISCLAIMER
 THESE PLANS WERE
 DRAWN BY ONE OF HENNING
 ENGINEERS OR ARCHITECTS
 ARE NOT FULLY QUALIFIED
 ENGINEERS OR ARCHITECTS
 HENNING LUMBER IS
 CORRECTLY CHECKED
 LIABILITY OF ERRORS
 BEEN MADE.

Hennen
 Lumber Company, Inc.

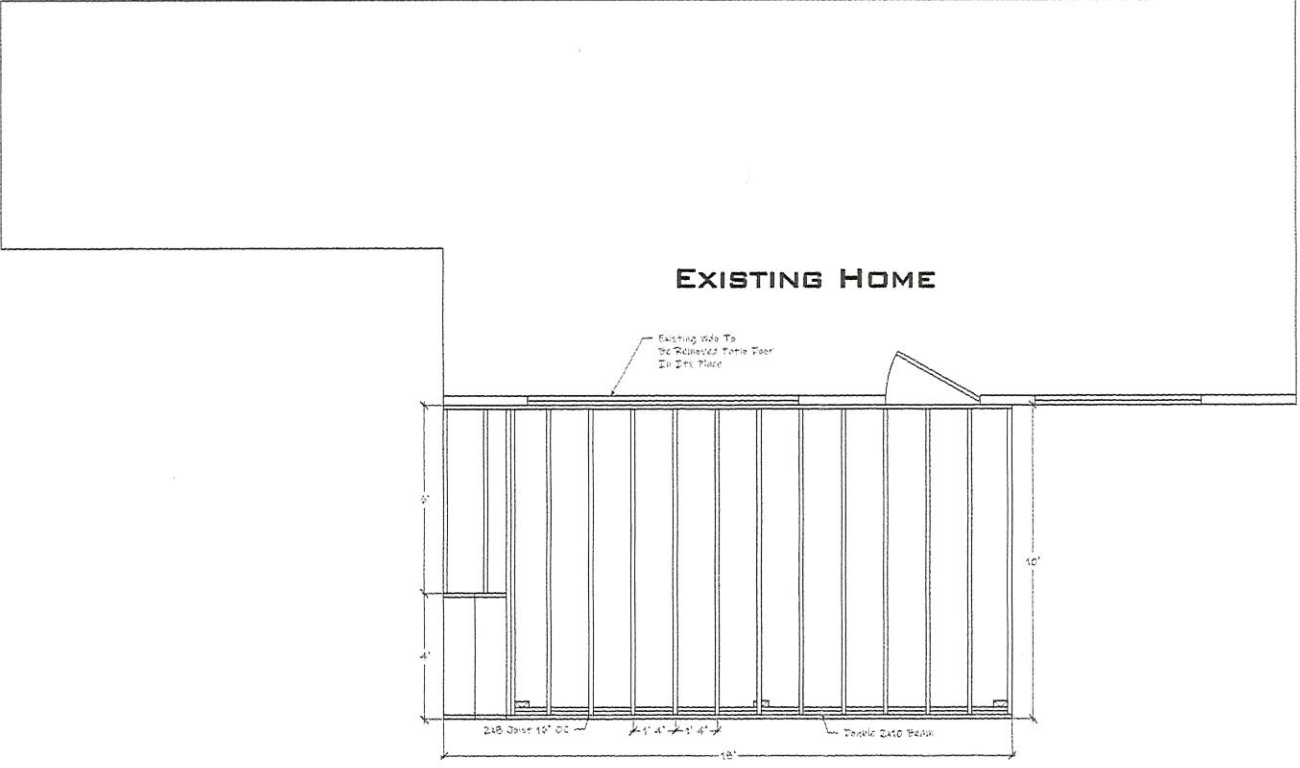
PROJECT:
 DONNY HARTUNG
 DECKING

SCALE
 1/4" = 1'

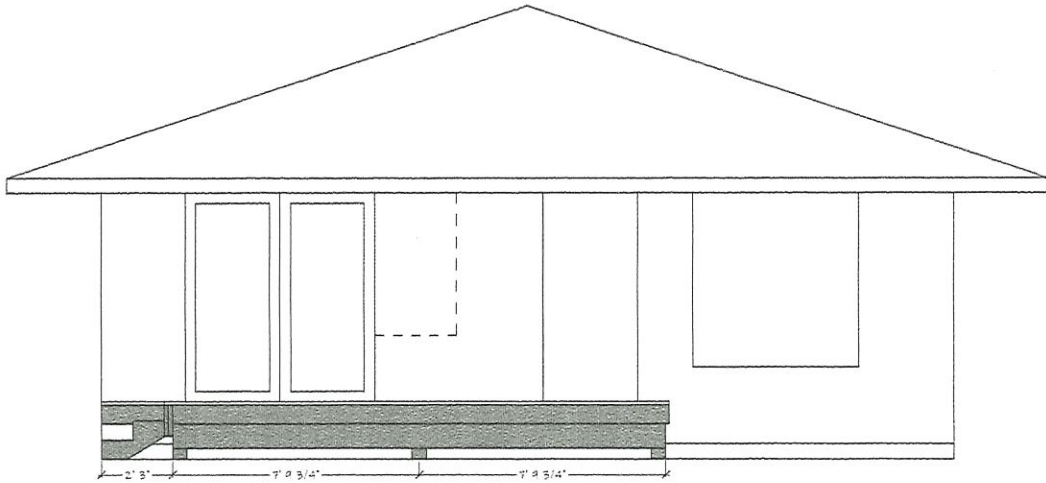
REVISIONS

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SECTION



FLOOR PLAN



FRONT ELEVATION



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December 22, 2023 – Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Freeport City Council was convened at 7:00 am by Mayor Mike Eveslage, and councilors Sarah Blake, Tim Hennen and Jake Renneker. Councilor Nick Arnzen was absent.

Staff in attendance: City Clerk-Treasurer Jon Nelson and Financial Advisor Ashley Feldewerd

Others in attendance: None

Approve Agenda

- Hennen motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

Public Forum

- Mayor Eveslage opened and closed the public form without input.

Consent Agenda

- Hennen motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried.

Reports

a. Clerk-Treasurer Report - Jon Nelson

- The City has invested a total of \$1,000,000 with Freeport State Bank.
 - \$250,000 – 3 months @ 4.50%
 - \$500,000 – 6 months @ 4.75%
 - \$250,000 – 3 months @ 5.20%
- Head judge and clerk election training will be held January 17th
- The city has been working with MRWA to extend our Wellhead Protection Plan
- Jerry Mayers has accepted our offer for the snow removal position
- Chief Grieve has requested that we accept the results for the fire chiefs and officers' election as follows:
 - Chief Andy Grieve
 - 1st Assistant Chief Branden Roering
 - 2nd Assistant Chief Larry Hoeschen
 - Secretary Loren Goebel
- Renneker motioned to accept the election results, seconded by Blake. Motion carried.
- Austin Douvier, 507 1st Ave N, is requesting to build a 40x48 shed on his property. Nelson determined that Douvier would be well within the code restrictions but wanted Council's approval since the request is for a larger structure. Hennen motioned to allow Douvier to build a 40x48 shed, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried.
- We will hold a public hearing in January for a variance request by Don Hartung.
- There are conditions that have to be met to use our SCDP funds that we were planning on using for the streetlight project. Lisa Graphenteen administers grants and has offered her services to the

city to ensure that we meet all requirements. Any fees accrued are eligible to be paid out of our SCDP grant. Hennen motioned to hire Lisa Graphenteen to assist with the usage of SCDP funds, seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

- During Nelson's report, Mayor Eveslage motioned to move the January meeting to January 31st at 7pm, seconded by Hennen. Motion carried.

Old Business

a. Final 2024 Budget

- Feldewerd expressed that we have had an unchanged budget since our preliminary budget workshop in July.
- Mayor Eveslage expressed that even with the proposed increase, Freeport would still be at the 4th lowest tax rate since the year 2000.
- Feldewerd stated that the most impactful increase on property owners isn't because of the city increase but rather it is due to inflation on the taxable market value of properties which the city has no control over.
- Blake motioned to approve the 2024 budget, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried.

b. Earned Sick and Safe Time

- Nelson updated the PTO section of the personnel policy to include ESST as an eligible use of PTO.
- Renneker motioned to accept the changes, seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

New Business

a. Regional Safety Group

- Highway 55 Regional Safety Group has accepted our request to join, along with the cities of Albany, Belgrade, Brooten, Eden Valley, Paynesville and Watkins. The group meets eight times throughout the year to discuss safety topics. Joining the group fulfills OSHA training requirements and will allow Freeport to collaborate with the safety trainer and other cities in the group.
- Renneker motioned to approve Resolution 2023-18, authorizing the City of Freeport to join Highway 55 Regional Safety Group, seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

b. Resolution 2023-19 – Appointing Election Judges for the 2024 Elections Within the City of Freeport.

- All of our 2022 election judges have agreed to return in 2024. Freeport is very fortunate to have a committed and knowledgeable group of judges that continue to show up for us.
- Hennen motioned to approve the election judges for 2024 elections, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried.

c. Resolution 2023-20 – Designating a Polling Place for the Year 2024

- Hennen motioned to keep City Hall as our designated polling place for any elections held in 2024, seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Hennen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Blake. Motion carried.

Mayor Mike Eveslage

Clerk-Treasurer Jon Nelson

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Claim Details
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For doc #s from 5731 to 5751
* ... Over spent expenditure

Claim	Vendor #/Name/	Document \$/	Disc \$						Cash
Line #	Check Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Line \$		PO #	Fund Org Acct	Object	Proj	Account	
5731	829 ABDO	16,315.00							
1	481252 12/31/23 Payroll Prep - Dec 2023	425.00			101 41000	300		10100	
2	481578 12/31/23 Monthly Fee - Dec 2023	7,500.00			101 41000	300		10100	
3	481406 12/31/23 ESST Consulting and Support	140.00			101 41000	300		10100	
4	482589 01/24/24 2024-2029 Long Term Plan	8,250.00			101 41000	300		10100	
5732	219 JOANN TIMP	200.00							
1	01/25/24 Dec/Jan Cleaning	200.00			101 41000	300		10100	
5733	647 BADGER METER INC	27.18							
1	80148273 12/28/23 Beacon MBL Hosting - Dec 202	13.59			601 43225	433		10100	
2	80148273 12/25/23 Beacon MBL Hosing - Dec 2023	13.59			602 43250	433		10100	
5734	52 BLACK MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE, INC.	5,385.00							
1	29842 12/01/23 UB Annual Maintenance	747.50			601 43225	433		10100	
2	29842 12/01/23 UB Annual Maintenance	747.50			602 43250	433		10100	
3	29842 12/01/23 UB Email Bills Annual Maint	57.50			601 43225	433		10100	
4	29842 12/01/23 UB Email Bills Annual Maint	57.50			602 43250	433		10100	
5	29842 12/01/23 UB ACH Annual Maintenance	142.50			601 43225	433		10100	
6	29842 12/01/23 UB ACH Annual Maintenance	142.50			602 43250	433		10100	
7	29842 12/01/23 UB ARM Interface	152.50			601 43225	433		10100	
8	29842 12/01/23 UB ARM Interface	152.50			602 43250	433		10100	
9	29842 12/01/23 UB BDS Interface	90.00			601 43225	433		10100	
10	29842 12/01/23 UB BDS Interface	90.00			602 43250	433		10100	
11	29842 12/01/23 UB Rate Analysis Annual	17.50			601 43225	433		10100	
12	29842 12/01/23 UB Rate Analysis Annual	17.50			602 43250	433		10100	
13	29842 12/01/23 Accounting Annual Maint	2,120.00			101 41000	433		10100	
14	29842 12/01/23 Budget Prep Annual Maint	850.00			101 41000	433		10100	
5735	675 CUSTOMIZED FIRE RESCUE TRAINING	3,250.00							
1	2533 11/21/23 11/20/23 Fire Training	2,000.00			225 42200	330		10100	
2	2477 09/14/23 8/21/23 Fire Training	750.00			225 42200	330		10100	
3	2572 12/31/23 12/4/23 Fire Training	500.00			225 42200	330		10100	
5736	123 DYMOKE LAW OFFICE, P.A.	240.00							
1	01/02/24 General Matters - Dec 2023	240.00			101 41000	302		10100	
5737	157 FREEPORT FIRE DEPT RELIEF ASSOC	3,692.32							
1	12/07/23 Christmas Care Drive	200.00			225 42200	430		10100	
2	01/04/24 Horse Races	3,492.32			225 42200	430		10100	

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5738			174 GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, INC	2.70					
1	3120408	12/31/23	Email Tickets - Dec 2023	2.70			601 43225	300	10100
5739			187 HAWKINS, INC	30.00					
1	6665134	01/15/24	Chlorine Cylinders	30.00			601 43225	440	10100
5740			194 HENNING LUMBER CO, INC	202.81					
1	01/01/24		Supplies	202.81			101 43100	210	10100
5741			824 CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	76.34					
1	1653090855	12/25/23	Supplies	76.34			101 43100	220	10100
5742			843 MELROSE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	225.00					
1	01/25/24	2024	Full Membership	225.00			101 41000	433	10100
5743			769 METRO SALES, INC	89.87					
1	INV2441035	01/09/24	Copier Rental:12/15/23-1/1	89.87			101 41000	410	10100
5744			122 DVS RENEWAL	40.50					
1	11/21/23		STRL Plate	20.25			225 42200	433	10100
2	11/21/23		Ford Renewal	20.25			101 43100	431	10100
5745			309 MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE CO	1.70					
1	01/25/24		Goebel - Life Ins Feb 2024	1.70			101 43000	131	10100
5746			782 RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	20.00					
1	D055475c	01/16/24	City Hall Courier Charge	20.00			602 43250	460	10100
5747			418 SEH, INC	1,801.00					
1	458215	12/15/23	2020 Freeport Facility	576.00*			420 41000	300	10100
2	458288	12/15/23	2024 Street Lighting	1,225.00*			419 43160	300	10100
5748			822 STEARNS CO FIRE CHIEFS ASSN	15.00					
1	1114	01/09/24	2024 Dues	15.00			225 42200	433	10100
5749			441 STEARNS CO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	100.00					
1	01/25/24	2024	Membership Dues	100.00			101 41000	433	10100
5750			809 VALLI INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC	75.00					
1	92365	12/31/23	Online Monthly Maintenance	75.00			101 41000	300	10100

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5751	873 JEFF HOESCHEN	300.00							
1	01/25/24 Lift Rental	300.00			101 43100	430	10100		
	# of Claims	21	Total:						32,089.42

FREEPORT ALL CALLS

<u>City</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Call #</u>	<u>Description</u>
FREEPORT	12/03/2023 15:53:22	23097605	911 ABANDONED CALL
FREEPORT	12/16/2023 01:55:24	23100719	ACCIDENT
FREEPORT	12/20/2023 17:17:23	23102076	ACCIDENT
FREEPORT	12/20/2023 17:23:09	23102079	ACCIDENT
FREEPORT	12/23/2023 16:03:50	23102854	AGENCY ASSIST
FREEPORT	12/17/2023 18:10:56	23101194	AGENCY ASSIST
FREEPORT	12/04/2023 15:03:50	23097823	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
FREEPORT	12/14/2023 19:20:19	23100360	BURGLARY
FREEPORT	12/27/2023 17:00:21	23103676	CHILD CUSTODY DISPUTE
FREEPORT	12/08/2023 02:08:28	23098652	DIRECTED PATROL
FREEPORT	12/11/2023 00:23:51	23099308	DIRECTED PATROL
FREEPORT	12/01/2023 02:03:58	23096885	EXTRA PATROL
FREEPORT	12/31/2023 08:45:20	23104561	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
FREEPORT	12/19/2023 22:54:28	23101844	NOISE COMPLAINT
FREEPORT	12/20/2023 12:31:24	23101977	PAPER SERVICE
FREEPORT	12/20/2023 12:32:42	23101979	PAPER SERVICE
FREEPORT	12/31/2023 14:57:08	23104607	PERSONAL ASSIST
FREEPORT	12/30/2023 15:39:46	23104404	PHONE CALL
FREEPORT	12/31/2023 23:56:39	23104721	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
FREEPORT	12/19/2023 07:41:14	23101582	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE
FREEPORT	12/20/2023 08:07:58	23101909	THEFT FROM VEHICLE
FREEPORT	12/28/2023 17:54:12	23103934	TRAFFIC STOP
FREEPORT	12/28/2023 11:22:12	23103823	WARRANT

Memo

From: Jon Nelson - Clerk-Treasurer

To: Freeport City Council

Date: 01/26/24

Re: Clerk-Treasurer Report

1. The Transportation Alternatives Grant and Active Transportation Grant solicitations have been submitted for the sidewalk along CSAH 11.
2. The Freeport Rec Club replaced fencing at the softball park last fall. The Freeport Rec Club has gifted the fence to the City of Freeport.
3. Engineer Blommel is expecting to hear a response from USDA soon on the paperwork he submitted for Welle Four improvements. Council can motion to authorize bidding for Welle Country Acres Four infrastructure improvements contingent on USDA's plan approval. This will allow bidding to go out ASAP after approval.
4. We will need to set a date for canvassing the election results between November 8th-15th. I am proposing we canvass election results Tuesday, November 12th at 7pm.
5. Reminder that next month's meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20th at 7pm. The Area Fire Service Association representatives will join us for their budget meeting.

Hours Breakdown - Maintenance Dept

Employee Name:	Loren Goebel							
Month:	December							
Day of Month	# of Hours: Streets, General Maint, Snow Removal, Sewer Line, Water Line	# of Hours: Water Plant	# of Hours: Sewer Plant	# of Hours: Parks, Mowing	# of Hours: Bldg Maint	# of Hours: Shop Equip Maint	# of Hours: Garbage Collection	Total Hours Per Day
1	0.5	1	1		2	2	0.5	7
2		0.5	0.5					1
3		0.5	0.5					1
4	3.5	1	1					5.5
5	3	1	1		1	2		8
6	4	1	1			2		8
7	3	1	1					5
8	2	1	1			1	0.5	5.5
9		0.5	0.5					1
10		0.5	0.5					1
11	2.5	1	1		1	2	0.5	8
12	4	1	1		1	1		8
13	4	1	1			2		8
14	0.5	1	1					2.5
15		1	1				0.5	2.5
16	2.5	0.5	0.5					3.5
17		0.5	0.5					1
18	5	1	1			0.5	0.5	8
19	3	1	1			2		7
20	4	1	1			2		8
21	5	1	1			1		8
22	2	1	1			0.5	0.5	5
23		0.5	0.5					1
24		0.5	0.5					1
25	0.5	0.5	0.5				0.5	2
26		1	1					2
27	4	1	1		1	1		8
28	4	1	1					6
29	0.5	1	1				0.5	3
30		0.5	0.5					1
31		0.5	0.5					1
TOTAL for Month Per Category	57.5	25.5	25.5	0	6	19	4	137.5

Job Duty	Date	Initial
Well, tower, pond checks, fixed couple x-mas lights, some minor flags up, change light bulb	Tue 12/13/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, gopher call, shop maint, run small engines	Wed 12/13/23	JL
Well, tower, liftstation, pond checks, water samples, bugs at liftstation	Thu 12/14/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, garbage, shop	FRI 12/15/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, sanded intersections, plowed main street	SAT 12/16/23	JL
power not coming back at Creamery Well after excel turned power off and back on -	"	JL/BR
Well, tower, pond checks	"	BR
Well, tower, pond checks	SUN 12/17/23	JL
Well, tower, liftstation, pond checks, water samples, bugs, fixed x-mas light on trail, communication line down over main street cut off & got rid of.	MON 12/18/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, paper work, x-mas lights bulbs replace some on street	"	JL
clean plow truck & ton truck & council -	Tue 12/19/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, HR. Kurt Halverson meeting, turf cut light	Wed 12/20/23	JL
shop maint - ordered blade tractor	"	JL
Well, tower, liftstation, pond checks, water samples, shop, meeting, bugs	Flush hydraulic Thu 12/21/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, garbage, maint on equip	Fri 12/22/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks	SAT 12/23/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks	SUN 12/24/23	JL
Well, tower, liftstation, pond checks, garbage, water samples, check slippery roads -	MON 12/25/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks	"	JL
Well, tower, pond checks	Tue 12/26/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, went thru data safety sheets, check roads	Wed 12/27/23	JL
Well, tower, liftstation, pond checks, water samples, bugs at ponds, received new water sampling bottles for 2024	Thu 12/28/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, garbage, water meter reading -	"	JL
Well, tower, pond checks	FRI 12/29/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks	SAT 12/30/23	JL
Well, tower, pond checks	SUN 12/31/23	JL
Well, tower, liftstation, pond checks, water samples	MON 1/1/24	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, garbage, shop equip maint.	Tue 1/2/24	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, got lift, well house heater replace,	Wed 1/3/24	JL
Well, tower, liftstation, pond checks, water samples, x-mas decorations down -	Thu 1/4/24	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, started putting decorations away -	"	JL
Well, tower, pond checks, - sanded street intersections	FRI 1/5/24	JL
Well, tower, pond checks -	SAT 1/6/24	JL
Well, tower, pond checks -	SUN 1/7/24	JL
Well, tower, liftstation, pond checks, MWH reports, garbage, push	MON 1/8/24	JL/SM
Well, tower, pond checks, push snow, water samples, plow truck to pump	Tue 1/9/24	JL/M

Job Duty	Date	Initial
Well, tower, pond checks, got plow truck back from pving, had well sweeper bar as well,	Thurs 1/10/24	RJ
Well, tower, lift station, pond checks, water samples, used sweeper on sidewalks up town + wells, metrics to shop -	Thurs 1/11/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks, MACA reports, garbage, blew snow by Fischall + back street up town + shop. -	FRI 1/12/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks, clean up drifts main street -	SAT 1/13/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks,	SUN 1/14/24	RJ
Well, tower, lift station, pond checks, water samples, big ponds, sanded	MON 1/15/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks, garbage, shop, snow cleanup -	TUE 1/16/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks, filed paperwork, Turfcat wiring, swept in front of Fischall, sidewalks, -	Wed 1/17/24	RJ
Well, tower, lift station, pond checks, water samples, garbage, fixed blower spot, started paperwork for end of year reports. -	Thurs 1/18/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks, Rural water meeting, garbage, clean shop. -	FRI 1/19/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks	SAT 1/20/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks	SUN 1/21/24	RJ
Well, tower, lift station, pond checks, water samples, garbage, trim trees by Senior Center -	MON 1/22/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks, water reports, went thru + put x mas lights away at Senior Center, shop maint. -	TUE 1/23/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks, reports, turfcat hydraulic leak, static Draw	Wed 1/24/24	RJ
Well, tower, lift station, pond checks, water samples, trim trees behind Fischall -	Thurs 1/25/24	RJ
Well, tower, pond checks, garbage,	FRI 1/26/24	RJ, SM



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Freeport City Council

FROM: Dave Blommel, PE (Lic. MN)

DATE: January 19, 2024

RE: Council Update
SEH No. FREEP GEN 14.00

I will be unable to attend your meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, as I will be on vacation and out of the country for that week. I have written a bit more detail in the entries below since I will be unable to answer questions in person at the meeting.

Street Lighting

The bids for the streetlights need to be awarded so the products can start being ordered and arrive in time for spring installation. The project bids are more than the City had planned, but still represent a \$50,000 savings if we rebid the same plans again today due to the manufacturers oversight on the new fixtures vs the LED retrofit.

The difference in our funding comes down to the product Design Electric had provided to the City for its budgetary cost estimates. The poles Design had provided were a basic aluminum pole with modifications to be made to hang our Christmas decorations, banners, and flags. There would have still been pipe clamps, drilling into the poles, new brackets, and other modifications needed to accommodate the accessories that were not included in the budgetary quote. Also excluded in the budgetary quote was removal and replacement of sidewalk, and the addition of conduit. Those 3 primary items make up the difference in cost for the total project.

The project that was bid represents a high-quality product that meets the needs of the City. Additionally, the poles bid include brackets that are customizable (without drilling) giving the City the ability to change banner sizes, locations, and styles in the future without having to abandon old brackets.

At the meeting the council will need to decide to either accept the bid and award the project to the low bidder, or to reject the bids and come up with an alternate strategy to replace the light poles. The bids we have received will not get better if we re-bid with the same materials. Even switching to a straight pole (cheaper pole, but will require modifications) will likely result in higher costs as the light retrofit vs replacement issue will increase the costs. It is my recommendation that the city award the contract as bid to Design Electric as bid if the funding can be found.

Welle 4

The revised funding package for Welle 4 was provided by USDA on our area specialist's last day. We are again getting a new staff person on the project for the 3rd time in the recent past. The good news is that the interest rate remains unchanged from the 3.8% (now 3.75%) that we were planning. This rate is capped at 3.75% but can go down if rate change between now and loan closing. Assuming the predicted

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