

CITY OF FREEPORT

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July 25, 2025 - Regular Meeting Agenda Freeport City Hall - 7:00 pm

Call to Order

- I. Approve Agenda
- II. Public Forum
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. June 24, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes (1-3)
 - b. Claims Report (4-5)
 - c. Sheriff's Report (6)
- IV. Reports
 - a. Clerk-Treasurer Report (7)
 - b. Fire Department Report (N/A)
 - c. Public Works Report (8)
 - d. Engineer Report (9)
 - e. Attorney Report (N/A)
- V. New Business
 - a. CEDA Presentation (10)
 - b. Lawn Tractor Repair or Replacement (11)
 - c. Parking Lot Striping (12)
- VI. Adjourn



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June 24, 2025 - Council Meeting Minutes

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

Staff in attendance: City Clerk-Treasurer Jon Nelson & City Attorney Scott Dymoke

Others in attendance: Carol Moorman – Star Post, Tom Middendorf – EDA President, Leah & Raymond Ley, & Brooke Rademacher.

Approval of Agenda

• Nelson removed claim #6424 for Teal's and added claim #6427 for Abdo. Also added Attorney RFP Review to New Business, item c. Renneker motioned to approve the agenda with these additions, seconded by Blake. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Forum

• Raymond & Leah Ley expressed their concerns about speeding in the Welle Development. Mayor Eveslage mentioned that the topic would be covered in new business and closed the public forum.

Consent Agenda

• Arnzen motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0

Reports

- a. Clerk-Treasurer Report Jon Nelson
 - EDA agreed to split the cost of the Welle lots billboard.
 - Closed on two more Welle lots. Have a couple more lots scheduled to close on before the end of summer and also have one more lot we are close to signing an agreement for.
 - Nelson will look into options for virtual meeting equipment in the small conference room.
 - Waiting on more quotes for the water fountain replacement in Lions Park
 - Nelson and Mayor Eveslage will be attending the annual LMC Conference in Duluth.
- b. <u>Fire Department Report</u> Chief Andy Grieve
 - Chief Grieve was absent and had nothing to report.

c. <u>Public Works Report</u> – Public Works Director Loren Goebel

• Goebel was absent from the meeting. Nelson mentioned that Goebel was working on a collapsed drain pipe that has been fixed a couple weeks back but had nothing else significant to report.

d. Engineer Report – City Engineer Dave Blommel

- Blommel was absent from the meeting but submitted a report that Council reviewed.
- Arnzen motioned to approve requested pay application No. 5 to Kuechle Underground for the Welle IV project in the amount of \$55,742.27, seconded by Blake. Motion carried.
- Blommel also provided repair estimates for the heaved culvert on Industrial Drive. Arnzen motioned to approve the more extensive repair option 2, seconded by Blake. Motion carried 4-0.
- Still waiting to hear on which funding source the state will be using for our CSAH 11 sidewalk project.

e. Attorney Report – Attorney Scott Dymoke

• It is Dymoke's final meeting with the City before he retires. Dymoke had nothing significant to report other than working with Nelson for a purchase agreement in the Industrial Park.

New Business

- a. Welle Street Signs & Traffic Control
 - Council made the decision to install four additional stop signs in the Welle Addition so that all avenues have to stop where they intersect a street, with the exception of 2nd Ave SE and 11th St SE where the roads curve together. Also approved installing a temporary speed bump on 9th St SE & 10th St SE.
 - Renneker motioned to approve purchasing 4 stop signs, seconded by Blake. Motion carried. 4-0.

b. Engineering Firm Discussion

- Council discussed SEH & ISG engineering firms. Blake, Renneker, & Arnzen stated that they would like to continue working with SEH. Mayor Eveslage expressed that he enjoys working with Dave and SEH, but that he was hoping to see if a change of engineering companies would be beneficial for the City.
- The City will continue to use SEH for engineering services moving forward.

c. Attorney RFP Reviews

- When Attorney Dymoke announced he would be retiring at the end of June, Council motioned to send RFPs out to prospective law firms for services.
- Nelson reached out to numerous law firms and received returned RFPs from the Kennedy & Graven, Town Law Center, & Quinlivan & Hughes offices.
- Arnzen motioned to appoint Joe Krueger from Quinlivan & Hughes for city attorney services, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn Arnzen motioned to adjourn, seconded	by Blake. Motion carried 4-0.
Mayor Mike Eveslage	Attest: Clerk-Treasurer Jon Nelson

For the Accounting Period: 7/25

For doc #s from 6440 to 6460

* ... Over spent expenditure

Claim	Check	Vendor #/Name/	Document \$/	Disc \$					Cash
Line #		Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Line \$		PO #	Fund	Org Acct	Object Proj	Account
6440		829 ABDO	8,928.75						
1		6/30/25 Payroll Prep - May 2025	828.75			101	41000	300	10100
2		7/01/25 Monthly Fee - July 2025	8,100.00			101	41000		10100
6441		581 ALEX AIR APPARATUS, INC	867.23						
1	9737 06/	17/25 Annl Compressor Air Qtly	867.23			225	42200	210	10100
6443		777 ANDY GRIEVE	20.00						
1	07/08/2	5 Chief Meeting Meals	20.00			225	42200	335	10100
6444		647 BADGER METER INC	26.91						
1	80200650	06/28/25 Beacon MBL Hosting Unit	13.45			601	43225	433	10100
2	80200650	06/28/25 Beacon MBL Hosting Unit	13.46			602	43250	433	10100
6445		641 FREEPORT ELECTRIC, INC	766.62						
1	6678 07/	07/25 Srv Call/Reset Lift Station	80.00			602	43250	311	10100
2	6663 06/	23/25 Labor/Material-Wire Shop Door	686.62			101	43100	220	10100
6446		174 GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, INC	13.50						
1	5060408	06/30/25 Email Tickets - June 2025	13.50			601	43225	300	10100
6447		187 HAWKINS, INC	30.00						
1	7131595	07/15/25 Chlorine Cylinders	30.00			601	43225	440	10100
6448		194 HENNEN LUMBER CO, INC	149.80						
1	INV10047	50 06/20/25 Tap	4.94*			101	43100	210	10100
2	INV10032	08 06/10/25 Concrete Mix	37.80*			101	43100	210	10100
3	INV10031	04 06/10/25 White Caulking	9.54*			101	41000	366	10100
4	INV17309	4 05/01/25 Supplies	97.52			225	42200	210	10100
6449		219 JOANN TIMP	250.00						
1	07/24/2	5 June/July Cleaning	250.00			101	41000	300	10100
6450		910 JORDAN SCHMIESING CONSTRUCTION	435.21						
1	200 06/2	5/25 Replace Gable Steel	435.21			225	42200	210	10100
6451		889 LAMAR COMPANIES	515.00						
1	11724442	4 07/07/25 Bulletins	515.00*			101	41000	340	10100

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Claim	Check Vendor #/Name/	Document \$/	Disc \$					Cash
Line #	Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Line \$		PO #	Fund	Org Acct	Object Proj	Account
6452	269 MARCO	155.86						
1	39659371 07/11/25 Copier Agreement	155.86			101	41000	410	10100
6453	666 MIKE EVESLAGE	245.00						
1	07/15/25 Mileage - LMC Conference	245.00			101	41000	335	10100
6454	615 MAOSC	459.50						
1	07/24/25 2025-2026 Membership Dues	459.50			101	41000	433	10100
6455	309 MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE CO	3.20						
1	07/24/25 Goebel-Life Ins-Jul/Aug 2025	3.20			101	43000	131	10100
6456	389 RAMLER TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR,	208.38						
1	CI043123 06/26/25 AD-9 Air Dryer	208.38			225	42200	210	10100
6457	896 REVERMANN LAW, P.A.	391.00						
1	8976 07/14/25 June General Matters	391.00			101	41000	302	10100
6458	782 RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	711.94						
1	D075358 06/24/25 Quarterly Influent	182.88			602	43250	460	10100
2	D075769 06/26/25 Predischarge	140.03			602	43250	460	10100
3	D076464 07/09/25 Discharge	209.00			602	43250	460	10100
4	D076272 07/09/25 Discharge	140.03			602	43250	460	10100
5	D077012c 07/09/25 Courier Charge	20.00			602	43250	460	10100
6	D077343c 07/15/25 Courier Charge	20.00			602	43250	460	10100
6459	418 SEH, INC	7,352.40						
1	491577 07/15/25 2020 Freeport Facility	7,352.40*			420	41000	300	10100
6460	809 VALLI INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC	75.00						
1	101180 06/30/25 Online Monthly Maintenance	75.00			101	41000	300	10100

of Claims 20 Total: 21,605.30



Freeport Monthly Report Results



Agency: SCSO

Agency #: MN0730000

Print Date/Time: 07/25/2025 09:53
Total Records: 18

Agency	Location City	Call Date/Time
SCSO	FREEPORT	06/03/2025 18:20
MRPD	FREEPORT	06/03/2025 18:20
scso	FREEPORT	06/03/2025 21:07
scso	FREEPORT	06/04/2025 02:44
scso	FREEPORT	06/05/2025 10:43
scso	FREEPORT	06/10/2025 15:39
MRPD	FREEPORT	06/11/2025 11:07
scso	FREEPORT	06/11/2025 13:13
SCSO		06/12/2025 01:47
scso	FREEPORT	06/12/2025 14:13
MRPD	FREEPORT	06/14/2025 21:45
scso	FREEPORT	06/17/2025 09:32
scso	FREEPORT	06/18/2025 09:15
scso	FREEPORT	06/18/2025 16:42
ALPD		06/20/2025 06:17
SCSO		06/20/2025 20:37
SCSO	FREEPORT	06/25/2025 05:57
SCSO	FREEPORT	06/25/2025 08:13

Incident Number	Incident Type
2025-25012352	Driving Complaint
2025-25001423	Agency Assist
2025-25012374	Alarm
2025-25012389	Lift Assist
2025-25012502	Traffic Stop
2025-25013027	Civil Matter
2025-25001496	Field Contact
2025-25013114	Dispute
2025-25013197	Agency Assist
2025-25013255	Patrol
2025-25001525	Alarm
2025-25013654	Warrant
2025-25013734	Assault
2025-25013807	Medical Emergency
2025-25000776	Suspicious Incident
2025-25014035	Traffic Stop
2025-25014437	Alarm
2025-25014442	Abandoned Vehicle

From: Jon Nelson - Clerk-Treasurer

To: Freeport City Council

Date: 07/25/25

Re: Clerk-Treasurer Report

1. Scheduled to close on another lot in Welle Addition on July 30.

2. Last month we touched on new accessibility requirements needed for websites. Government websites must comply with the new ADA accessibility requirements by April 26, 2027.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Freeport City Council

FROM: Dave Blommel, PE (Lic. MN)

DATE: July 24, 2025

RE: Council Update

SEH No. FREEP GEN 14.00

Welle Country Acres Plat 4

The final wear course pavement has been placed on the project and the cracked curb replaced. We have begun final paperwork and are looking to close out the project in August. We will have a final compensating change order and the final payment for your review and approval at that time. Final payment will start a 1 year warranty period on the work. The inlet protection on the catch basins has now also been removed and should help the storm system function as planned.

CSAH 11 Sidewalk

I was notified of funding approval for the sidewalk project on July 22nd. The formal funding letter arrived from Central Office the following day. I would like to discuss the completion dates with the council at your meeting. There is likely and advantage to giving the contractor options of fall construction or spring construction. With all the rain this summer the contactors in general are behind on work and may result in higher bid prices if we don't offer flexibility. Concrete contractors seem to have been the most impacted, and our sidewalk is concrete.

The funding package does require payment of prevailing wages on the project and those will be included in the bid package. Many of the contractors in the area already pay prevailing wages as a standard, so the only increase in cost is due to the reporting requirements, not the actual wages themselves. I anticipate it will only result in perhaps a 1% higher project cost.

Once the project is bid, we will submit the project to state aid for a final grant agreement. This agreement requires a resolution from the council that we can't pass until the final bid prices are known. We should be able to have that in time for the August meeting.

Future Street and Utility Projects

We should start planning for a future street project to determine its funding source, schedule, and project limits. The capital improvement plan put together by Abdo is a great starting point. I would like to start this discussion at the meeting or at least give staff direction to start the planning.

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From: Jon Nelson, Clerk-Treasurer

To: Freeport City Council

Date: 07/25/25

Re: Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) Presentation

We will be welcoming Jordan Grossman from CEDA as she shares results of an analysis CEDA performed on the City of Freeport.

From: Jon Nelson, Clerk-Treasurer

To: Freeport City Council

Date: 07/25/25

Re: Lawn Tractor Repair or Replacement

Our lawn tractor was brought into the shop earlier this week and I just received a quote today for repair in the amount of \$7,300. Quoted trade-in value as-is for \$2,500, or repaired for \$10-11,000. I do not have the cost of a new tractor at the moment but hoping to have something by the meeting.

From: Jon Nelson, Clerk-Treasurer

To: Freeport City Council

Date: 07/25/25

Re: Parking Lot Striping

Prepare to discuss restriping the Main Street parking areas. I think fresh set of lines could energize the feel of downtown. I will bring quotes from three companies for us to consider at the meeting.