



CITY OF FREEPORT

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March 24, 2026

Regular Meeting – Freeport City Hall – 7:00 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approve Agenda
- III. City Prosecution Contract Update – Janelle Kendall, Stearns County Attorney
- IV. Public Forum
- V. Consent Agenda
 - a. February 24, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes (1-2)
 - b. Claims Report (3-5)
- VI. Reports
 - a. Clerk-Treasurer Report (6)
 - b. Fire Department Report (N/A)
 - c. Public Works Report (7)
 - d. Engineer Report (8)
 - e. Attorney Report (9)
- VII. New Business
 - a. Resolution 2026-06 Approving Funds Transfer (10)
 - b. Resolution 2026-07 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids (11)
 - c. Timpy's Corner Pub Liquor License Fees (12)
- VIII. Adjourn

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 28, 2026

February 24, 2026 – Public Hearing & Council Meeting Minutes

A public hearing was convened at 6:00 pm and regular meeting of the Freeport City Council was convened at 7:00 pm by Mayor Mike Eveslage, and councilors Nick Arnzen, Sarah Blake, Tim Hennen & Jake Renneker.

Staff in attendance: Clerk-Treasurer Jon Nelson, Public Works Director Loren Goebel, Fire Chief Andy Grieve, Engineer Dave Blommel, Financial Advisor Ashley Feldewerd & City Attorney Joe Krueger

Others in attendance: Carol Moorman – Star Post, Tom Middendorf, Jason Hoeschen, Tom & Mary Kay Blommel, Al Williams, Mike Rohe, John Arnzen (St. Rosa), Jim Cremers (St. Anthony), Matt Lurken-Tvrdik, Ramona Lurken-Tvrdik, Nate Arnzen (Millwood Township), Jon Stueve (Albany Township), Randy Hartung (Krain Township), Tom Roelike (Oak Township) & Pete Welle (Oak Township)

Public Hearing

2026 Construction Project: Mayor Eveslage opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm.

Engineer Blommel presented the reconstruction plans for 2026, which includes 2nd St NE, 3rd Ave NE, the alley between 2 Ave NE & 3rd Ave NE (manor alley), and the alley between 3rd St NW & 4th St NW (fire hall alley).

Blommel fielded questions from affected property owners and Mayor Eveslage closed the public hearing at 6:25 pm.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Eveslage convened the regular Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Hennen motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Arnzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Eveslage recessed the regular meeting to open the 2027 Area Fire Service Association Budget Meeting.

2027 AFSA Budget Meeting

Nelson took roll call for the member cities and townships. All were present.

Fire Department Report – Chief Andy Grieve

Calls last month: 4 medicals, 2 car accidents, 1 mutual aid fire with Holdingford.

Firefighters renewed their EMS training, which is required every two years.

The new tanker truck chassis is here. Grieve explained to the AFSA members that \$250,000 was budgeted for the new truck, which was under budget by about \$100,000. The department decided to retrofit the tank from the old truck to the new one which put them under budget for a total around \$170,000.

Grieve was appreciative of his crew and their willingness to help with various projects and maintenance in/around the fire hall and with all the vehicles, which helps the department save even more money.

Grieve researched the pay scale of surrounding departments. Freeport is on the lower end of the hourly rate and retirement rates for many of the departments are double of Freeport. A \$3/hr. raise for personnel, and a \$200 salary increase for all officers is accounted for in the 2027 budget. Nick Arnzen motioned to approve the pay increases, seconded by Hennen. Motion carried 5-0.

Feldewerd gave the financial report and presented the 2027 budget. Welle motioned to approve the 2027 AFSA budget, seconded by Nate Arnzen. Motion carried 7-0.

Stueve motioned to adjourn, seconded by Welle. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Eveslage reconvened the regular meeting at 7:20 pm.

Public Forum

Mayor Eveslage opened and closed the public form after hearing no comment.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Clerk-Treasurer Report – Jon Nelson

- East Side Glass has installed the new automatic door openers at City Hall. About half the cost was paid for by the grant we received for accessibility in polling places.
- The Welle parcel listings are active online through realtor Neal Leagjeld.
- Nelson is interested in hiring 1-2 student election judges for this year's election.
- Rachel Tschida submitted a letter of interest for an EV charging station grant.
- Nelson has been working on the new website. Also received our .gov domain which will be used when the new website is ready to roll out.
- EDA voted in favor of creating a promo video for the City of Freeport.

Public Works Report – Public Works Director Loren Goebel

- Had a sewer backup in the alley behind Pooch's. Johnson Jet Line came and cleared the lines.

Engineer Report – City Engineer Dave Blommel

- Blommel recommended approving Resolution 2026-05 Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans for the 2026 construction project. Arnzen motioned to approve, seconded by Renneker. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Report – Attorney Joe Krueger

- Attorney Krueger had nothing significant to report on since the last meeting.

New Business.

March Meeting Date Change

- Mayor Eveslage requested to move the March meeting from March 31 to March 24.
- Hennen motioned to move the meeting, seconded by Blake. Motion carried 5-0.

Fourth Quarter Report

- Feldewerd presented the 2025 Fourth Quarter Report to Council.

Adjourn

Blake motioned to adjourn, seconded by Arnzen. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor, Mike Eveslage

City Clerk-Treasurer, Jon Nelson

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Claim Details
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For doc #s from 6780 to 6802
* ... Over spent expenditure

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6780		829 ABDO	7,181.67						
1	519502 03/01/26	Monthly Fee March 2026	6,416.67			101 41000	300		10100
2	519939 02/28/26	Payroll Prep Feb. 2026	545.00			101 41000	300		10100
3	519939 02/28/26	2025 PERA Exclusion Reporting	220.00			101 41000	300		10100
		Total for Vendor:	7,181.67						
6781		777 ANDY GRIEVE	40.00						
1	03/16/26	Chiefs Meeting Meals	40.00			225 42200	335		10100
		Total for Vendor:	40.00						
6782		40 AUTO VALUE-ALBANY	52.90						
1	26483409 02/25/26	PW Grease	52.90*			101 43100	220		10100
		Total for Vendor:	52.90						
6783		647 BADGER METER INC	27.90						
1	80229131 02/26/26	Beacon MBL Hosting Serv Unit	13.95			601 43225	433		10100
2	80229131 02/26/26	Beason MBL Hosting Serv Unit	13.95			602 43250	433		10100
		Total for Vendor:	27.90						
6784		544 COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC	20.00						
1	CTC62721 02/28/26	Office 365 Exchange	20.00			101 41000	210		10100
		Total for Vendor:	20.00						
6785		641 FREEPORT ELECTRIC, INC	389.57						
1	7092 03/03/26	Labor/material handicap door	100.00*			101 41000	220		10100
2	7092 03/03/26	Water Tower Service Call	289.57			601 43225	220		10100
		Total for Vendor:	389.57						
6786		174 GOPHER STATE ONE CALL, INC	14.85						
1	6020410 02/28/26	Email Tickets Feb 2026	14.85			601 43225	300		10100
		Total for Vendor:	14.85						
6787		187 HAWKINS, INC	20.00						
1	7360444 03/15/26	Chlorine Cylinders	20.00			601 43225	440		10100
		Total for Vendor:	20.00						

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6788		194 HENNEN LUMBER CO, INC	82.62						
1	1037044 02/24/26	Keyed Door Handle	82.62			225 42200	210		10100
		Total for Vendor:	82.62						
6790		219 JOANN TIMP	200.00						
1	03/18/26	Jan/Feb/March Cleaning	200.00			101 41000	300		10100
		Total for Vendor:	200.00						
6791		670 JOHNSON JET-LINE, INC	650.00						
1	4690 02/27/26	Jetting & Vacuum	650.00			602 43250	311		10100
		Total for Vendor:	650.00						
6792		889 LAMAR COMPANIES	515.00						
1	117934734 02/16/26	Bulletins	515.00*			101 41000	340		10100
		Total for Vendor:	515.00						
6793		929 LEGACY UPFITTERS INC.	1,370.00						
1	80698 02/13/26	Undercoating for New Truck	1,370.00*			404 42201	550		10100
		Total for Vendor:	1,370.00						
6794		269 MARCO	161.43						
1	41478963 03/11/26	Copier Agreement	161.43			101 41000	410		10100
		Total for Vendor:	161.43						
6795		875 MID-MINNESOTA EMS EDUCATION, INC	4,485.00						
1	INV-612 02/24/26	EMR Refresher	4,485.00			225 42200	330		10100
		Total for Vendor:	4,485.00						
6796		309 MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE CO	1.60						
1	60720019 03/18/26	Goebel Life Ins April 2026	1.60			101 43000	131		10100
		Total for Vendor:	1.60						
6789		928 NORTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE SALES	386.27						
1	0046996 02/05/26	Door handle- pumper 406	386.27			225 42200	210		10100
		Total for Vendor:	386.27						

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6797		930 PREFERRED FIRE PROTECTION	525.50						
1	1189 02/24/26	Fire Ext. Maintenance	120.00*			101 41000	220		10100
2	1187 02/24/26	Fire Ext. Maintenance	405.50			225 42200	210		10100
		Total for Vendor:	525.50						
6798		915 QUINLIVAN & HUGHES PA	522.50						
1	21837 03/10/26	Cncl mtg Feb & City question	522.50			101 41000	302		10100
		Total for Vendor:	522.50						
6799		782 RMB ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES	198.55						
1	D086186 03/09/26	Quarterly Influent	198.55			602 43250	460		10100
		Total for Vendor:	198.55						
6802		418 SEH, INC	15,780.00						
1	505344 03/16/26	2026 Street Improvement	15,780.00*			417 43100	300		10100
		Total for Vendor:	15,780.00						
6800		440 STEARNS CO AUDITOR-TREASURER	984.32						
1	03/18/26 2026	Prop Tax - 25.15007.0005	255.21*			601 43225	430		10100
2	03/18/26 2026	Prop Tax - 25.15007.0005	255.21			602 43250	430		10100
3	03/18/26 2026	Prop Tax- 25.15072.0005	205.03*			601 43225	430		10100
4	03/18/26 2026	Prop Tax - 25.15072.0005	205.03			602 43250	430		10100
5	03/19/26 2026	Prop Tax	63.84			300 46500	430		10100
		Total for Vendor:	984.32						
6801		809 VALLI INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC	75.00						
1	104885 02/28/26	Online Monthly Maint	75.00			101 41000	300		10100
		Total for Vendor:	75.00						
		# of Claims	23	Total:	33,684.68	# of Vendors	23		

Memo

From: Jon Nelson - Clerk-Treasurer

To: Freeport City Council

Date: 03/20/26

Re: Clerk-Treasurer Report

1. Audit week is over.
2. LRIP Grant awards will be announced by March 30. We applied for Industrial Drive reconstruction.
3. Very close to wrapping up the new website. Rachel has been working on our online presence. A Facebook post has received close to 20,000 views this week.
4. Dan Roering helped the city apply for an Xcel Energy rebate to replace the city hall lights with LEDs. The project estimate came in at \$5,116.40, and we will receive a rebate in the amount of \$1,255.54.
5. Nuisance property letters will be going out beginning of April.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Freeport City Council

FROM: Dave Blommel, PE (Lic. MN)

DATE: March 19, 2026

RE: Council Update
SEH No. FREEP GEN 14.00

2026 Street Project

In the past month SEH has primarily focused on plan development for the 2026 street project. Plans and specifications are approaching completion with limited changes from the layouts presented in the feasibility study. Some minor re-routing of storm sewer was required in the alley behind the apartments, but it appears we will have depth to make the system constructable. The alley itself was lowered to pick up drainage from the privately installed drain tile allowing the water to drain away from the garage. The system will still be shallower than ideal, but should be better than it exists today.

We are still waiting for the appraisal documents but do expect they will be delivered in the next few weeks. We will present the findings of the appraisal at the April council meeting and review the impacts on the assessment proceeds. At that time we will also have bid prices available for review.

Requested action – Approve resolution authorizing advertisement for bids.

CSAH 11 Sidewalk

As the weather warms we will review grading and seed germination with correction before final payment. We will also review the trail for cracking and any other warranty work required.

Watershed Correspondence

Staff have been working with Stearns County and the Sauk River watershed to evaluate options available to address the drainage concerns east of the Welle Addition. The watershed district is meeting with their staff and engineer to determine what is feasible and what isn't. We anticipate this will be an ongoing project for a month or two, but so far there has been good collaboration between the agencies. We will provide an update when there are options for the council to discuss.

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Enclosure

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City of Freeport

From: Joseph A. Krueger <JKrueger@quinlivan.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 2:31 PM
To: City of Freeport
Subject: RE: March Council Agenda Items

Hello Jon,

Since the last Council meeting, we have worked on the following items:

1. Ordinance amending the I-1 zoning.
2. Reviewed options for zoning outside of city limits to address wind turbines.

Thanks,

Joseph A. Krueger
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RESOLUTION 2026-06

RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDS TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport has the following transfer to be made:

Transfer from	Transfer to	Amount	Reason
Fund 333 – 2024B Taxable GO Improvement Bond (USDA)	Fund 420– 2021 Project	\$92,051.16	To reclass funds from Debt Service to Capital to cover activity in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Freeport, Minnesota, hereby approves the fund transfer.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Freeport on this 24th day of March 2026.

Michael Eveslage, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jon Nelson, Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 2026-07

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution passed by the council February 24, 2026, the city engineer (consulting engineer retained for the purpose) has prepared plans and specifications for Improvement No. 2026-01 the improvement of 2nd Street North between 2nd Avenue East and 3rd Avenue East, 3rd Avenue North from 2nd Street North to Main Street, Alley between Main Street and 2nd Street North from 2nd Avenue NE and 3rd Avenue NE, and Alley between CSAH 11 and 2nd Ave NW. Streets will be improved by Street and Utility Reconstruction and alleys improved by grading and paving such plans and specifications to the council for approval;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FREEPORT, MINNESOTA:

1. Such plans and specifications, are hereby approved.
2. The city clerk shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official paper (and on Quest CDN) an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvement under such approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published for 21 days, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be received by the clerk until 10:00 a.m. on April 23, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened via Microsoft teams by the city clerk and engineer, will then be tabulated, and will be considered by the council at 7:00 p.m. on April 28, 2026, in the council chambers of the city hall. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the clerk and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the clerk for five percent of the amount of such bid.

Mayor

City Clerk

Memo

From: Jon Nelson, Clerk-Treasurer

To: Freeport City Council

Date: 03/20/26

Re: Timpy's Corner Pub Liquor License Fees

Craig Timp purchased Pooch's Corner Pub on March 2. His liquor license has been approved through the state. In order to keep renewals easier in the future, I only applied to have his license run through the end of June, which is when all the other licenses expire.

Annual fees for on sale, off sale and Sunday sales come to a total of \$2,645.00. Since Timp's license was only approved for four months, I recommend prorating his license to one-third of the annual cost, or \$881.67.