



City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 524 West Stephenson Street, 3rd Floor ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order in council chambers by Mayor James L. Gitz with a quorum being present at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Gitz and council members Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Jodi Miller, Patrick Busker, and Andrew Chesney (6). Alderperson Sally Brashaw and Mike Koester were absent.

Staff members present: Finance Director Guary Bernadelle, Community Development Director Alex Mills, Public Works Director Tom Dole, Fire Chief Scott Miller, Chief of Police Todd Barkalow, Water and Sewer Executive Director Tom Glendenning, City Engineer Shaun Gallagher and City Clerk Zuravel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Chesney.

Mayor Gitz requested leave of council for Ms. Debbie Leininger to give an invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gitz requested leave of council to delay the appointments in item number 9, 11, and 12 until a later date. He stated Director Mills has requested leave of council to delay the presentation of Resolution 2017-09 and 2017-10 (items 21 and 22). Alderperson Klemm moved for approval of the agenda as amended delaying items 9, 11, 12, 21, and 22, seconded by Alderperson Ross. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderperson Busker moved for approval of the minutes from the meeting held on February 6, 2017 and February 13, 2017. This motion was seconded by Alderperson McClanathan. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

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Jon Staben, 1070 Canyon Drive addressed the council regarding the legal opinion of Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski as it relates to the number of council members and the newly adopted managerial form of government. He stated his dissatisfaction with the opinion.

Bernie Mrugala, 1310 S. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois, spoke about the possible demolition of the Boys and Girls Club and noted a calculation he performed on legacy costs of Public Works employees. He also stated his opposition to the Water Rate Structure and noted that he would support an increase of \$8.00. He recommended making tenants and landlords equally responsible for water and sewer bills.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda in the council packet and Mayor Gitz read the items into the record: [Consent Agenda PDF](#)

A. Approval to receive and place on file:

- 1) City Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report for January 31, 2017
- 2) City Treasurer's Report of Cash and Fund Balances for January 31, 2017
- 3) Public Works Department weekly activities for January 30, 2017
- 4) Public Works Department weekly activities for February 6, 2017
- 5) Police Department Report on Activities for January 2017
- 6) Fire Department Report on Activities for January 2017

B. Approval of Resolution R-2017-08, Resolution To Co-Sponsor Memorial Day Parade with the Allied Veterans Council - scheduled on May 29, 2017.

C. Approval of Water & Sewer Bills Payable (Registers #722 & 723) --- \$815,800.19

D. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending February 4, 2017 --- \$438,049.49 with fringe benefit payments in the amount of \$33,782.57 for a total of \$471,832.06

E. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #725,726, 727, TBA) --- \$947,767.38

If applicable – Items removed from Consent Agenda

Aldersperson Busker moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Aldersperson Ross. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (6)

Nays: None

The consent agenda items were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

Presented in the council packet was a memorandum dated February 16, 2017 from Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski regarding City of Freeport Number of Alderman and the Managerial Form of Government. Andrew Chesney as chairperson of the Managerial Form of Government Transition Committee stated Ms. Sosnowski had been requested by the committee to provide a legal opinion. Upon their review of the opinion they felt it was appropriate and prudent. He summarized the opinion as provided in the memorandum. Aldersperson Busker moved to place the opinion on file, seconded by Aldersperson McClanathan. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

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Provided in the council packet was the Gov HR USA Executive Recruitment Brochure for the City of Freeport - City Manager. Alderperson Chesney recognized the commitment and time of the public members of the Transition Committee including Todd Weegens, Chris Schneiderman and Gary Quinn. Alderperson McClanathan moved to place the report on file, seconded by Alderperson Ross. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

Connie Sorn, Executive Director presented the Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau including 2017 Budget and Marketing Plan. She explained in detail the contents of the reports and noted funds needed to be taken out of reserves to pay for additional marketing efforts. The 2017 priority projects include participation in events such as promoting the Jane Addams Trail/Tutty's Crossing/Pecatonica River, Cruise Night, Pretzel City Brewfest, Spencer Tracy Film Festival, Tour de Freeport Bike Event, and the Cheese and Cheers Tour. Ms. Sorn stated they will continue the cablevision campaign highlighting major attractions and businesses. They will begin the update and redesign of their website. The CVB will participate in the funding and continued operations of the Small Business Collaborative and Collaborate Freeport Initiative. Alderperson Klemm moved to place the reports on file, seconded by Alderperson Chesney. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Gitz noted at the beginning of the meeting appointments for Elizabeth Gridley, Nicole Bauer and Tim Davenport were removed from this agenda.

City Clerk Zuravel requested approval of an appointment of Dovie Anderson as Deputy City Clerk effective immediately. Alderperson Klemm moved to accept the appointment of Dovie Anderson as Deputy City Clerk, seconded by Alderperson Ross. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

Alderperson Miller moved for acceptance of appointment requested by Mayor James L. Gitz of Patrick McDermott to the Board of Housing Authority Commission effective immediately through October 31, 2017. This motion was seconded by Alderperson Chesney. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

Provided in the council packet was the following memorandum from City Engineer Shaun Gallagher:

“The Freeport Water and Sewer Commission has prepared the attached Ordinances, as requested by the City Council at the January 9th Committee of the Whole meeting. The Executive Director, City Engineer, and Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners agree that the following Ordinance changes are in the best interest and long-term viability of the City of Freeport.

“Understanding that there will always be difficult individual financial conditions, catastrophic failures like those witnessed on January 18, 2016, requiring a City-wide boil order will continue with regularity until these infrastructure issues are addressed. The formal recommendation by the Commission was to

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increase Service Fees that have not been adjusted since 1989 and 1996, increase the Operation and Maintenance rates by 10% to cover losses to inflation since 2007, remove the declining Tiered Water Rate Structure, and increase Capital Improvement Revenue to invest \$156 million in the water and sewer systems over the next 40 years.

“Ordinance #2017-11 Option A is proposed to increase the Capital Improvement Fund by \$7 for three (3) years for a total increase of \$21. As discussed at length at prior Council Meetings, this funding is necessary to begin replacing the current depreciated assets within the water and sewer systems. This increase would result in a 46.2 year replacement program to complete \$156 million in capital improvements recommended by the Commission. This does not account for inflation over that program lifespan.

“Ordinance #2017-11 Option B proposed to increase the Capital Improvement Fund by \$8 for three (3) years for a total increase of \$24. This would result in a 41.3 year replacement program to complete \$156 million in capital improvements recommended by the Commission. This does not account for inflation over that program lifespan. For clarification, only one Ordinance will be approved regarding the Capital Improvement Fund.

“Ordinance #2017-12 is proposed to increase the existing Fee Schedule for services performed by the Water & Sewer Commission. This Ordinance increases security deposit fees to cover two months billing of the average water and sewer bill and increases shutoff/turn-on fees to the equivalent personnel costs to perform the task. Service connection fees are also increased to match the construction costs for replacement services. Additional sections concerning connections and metering that are no longer applicable have also been removed.

“Ordinance #2017-13 is proposed to replace the existing Tiered Rate Structure with a single usage rate for residential, commercial and industrial water usage. The production cost to the Water & Sewer Commission does not decrease with the volume of water used, therefore this has a negative impact on the Operations and Maintenance side of the budget, theoretically losing money the more a customer uses. A Tiered Rate Structure does not promote water conservation, but rather consumption at the cost of the rest of the utility users.

“Ordinance #2017-14 & #2017-15 are proposed to increase the existing usage fees for water and sewer consumption by ten percent (10%) to counter 42% inflation from 2007-2016 of Operations and Maintenance Expenses, prior to the passage of the annual CPI increase this past fall.

“It is important to note that a history of political and economic influences have taken a toll on the Water & Sewer Commission over the past 50 years. These proposed Ordinances promote the long-term infrastructure maintenance and replacement plan needed to ensure public health and environmental safety within the City. However, these proposed Ordinances have already been reduced from the prior recommendations of the Executive Director and City Engineer that proposed a 30-year Capital Improvement Plan at a \$30 increase, due to the level of deterioration within the existing water and sewer systems.

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“Although many in our community simply view these ordinance changes as another tax on an already taxed-out local economy, this should be viewed as an investment in the future of Freeport. Passage of these ordinances will aid in rebuilding our neighborhoods, increase opportunities to attract new businesses with 21 Century infrastructure, improve health and sanitation for our residents, as well as creating and retaining construction jobs within the City.”

Also provided in the council packet was a letter from superintendent of Freeport School District #145.

Aldersperson McClanathan moved to defer action on the ordinances listed as items 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 on the agenda until the first council meeting in March. This motion was seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. Motion prevailed by a voice vote without dissent.

Mayor Gitz stated the following ordinances will be on second reading at the meeting on March 6, 2017:

- Item #13; 2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-11 (Option B): An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1052 (Water And Sewer Capital Improvement Fund) Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport, Illinois
- Item #14; 2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-12: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1042 (Water Generally) and 1046 (Sewers Generally) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois
- Item #15; 2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-13: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1044 (Water Rates and Revenues) of the Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport, Illinois
- Item #16; 2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-14: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1044 (Water Rates and Revenues) Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport, Illinois
- Item #17; 2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-15: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1048 (Sewer Rates and Revenues) Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport, Illinois

ORDINANCES

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FIRST

READING

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-16:

An Ordinance Amending Title Six Administration, Chapter 226 Mayor, Section 226.07 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport, Illinois Regarding The Powers And Duties Of Mayor

Aldersperson Chesney as chairperson of the Managerial Form of Government Transition Committee presented the Ordinance stating that it was recommended unanimously by the committee. He explained the ordinance as written is driven by State Statutes and the committee recommended the wording used under emergencies. The ordinance as presented included the following text under Section 2 and 3:

“Section 2. Effective as of May 15, 2017, Title Six, Administration, Chapter 226 Mayor, Section 226.07 Powers and Duties shall be amended as follows:

The Mayor shall:

- (a) ~~Be the chief executive and administrative officer of the City Government, enforce the laws of the City and require the faithful performance of all administrative duties.~~ **Be considered on a**

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part-time basis in carrying out the duties of the office of Mayor, and before entering upon the duties of office, take and subscribe to the oath prescribed by law for city officers.

(b) Perform all such duties as are, or may hereafter be, imposed upon him or her by statute or ordinance, and take care that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed.

~~(c) Supervise the conduct of all officers of the City, examine all reasonable complaints made against any of them and cause all violations of duty and other neglect to be punished promptly or reported to the proper tribunal for correction.~~ **Be hereby authorized to attend tax sales in the county and bid there at, in behalf of the City, on any real or personal property offered for sale, to enforce the collection of any tax or special assessment in which the City is interested; and may purchase at any such sale in behalf of the City.**

(d) Have the power, at all times, to examine and inspect books, records and papers of any agent, employee or officer of the City.

~~(e) Have the power, either by himself or herself or by any officer or person designated by him or her, to investigate and inquire into the affairs or operation of any department, division, board or office. When so authorized by Council, he or she may employ consultants and professional assistants to aid in such investigations, examinations or inquiries.~~ **Appoint all members of boards, commissions, committees of the City of Freeport, with the advice and consent of the City Council, except as otherwise provided in this Code.**

~~(f) Appoint competent and qualified officers and employees and have the power to dismiss, suspend and discipline all officers and employees under his or her control. He or she may also require a department head or officer responsible to him or her to appoint or remove subordinates.~~ **Following authorization from the City Council, the Mayor or a designee thereof shall be authorized to sign, approve and enter into intergovernmental agreements on behalf of the City.**

~~(g) Designate himself or herself, or some other officer or employee, to perform the duties of any office or position which is vacant, or which lacks administration, due to the absence or disability of the incumbent.~~ **Annually, and from time to time, give Council information relative to the affairs of the City, and recommend, for its consideration, such measures as he or she may deem expedient.**

~~(h) Assemble estimates of the financial needs and resources of the City for each ensuing year, and prepare a program of activities within the financial power of the City.~~ **Have the power to administer oaths on all lawful occasions.**

~~(i) Have the power to assign any employee of the City to an office or department requiring services appropriate to the ability of the employee so assigned.~~ **Whenever an emergency exists or is reasonably anticipated, the Mayor may, by executive order, exercise the powers and authority of the corporate authorities of the City which are set forth in this Chapter; provided**

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however, that the Mayor shall not exercise such powers and authority except after signing under oath a statement that an emergency exists. Such statement shall set forth facts substantiating that an emergency exists, shall describe the nature of the emergency and shall declare that an emergency exists. Such statement shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

~~(j) Prescribe such rules and regulations as he or she shall deem necessary or expedient for the conduct of administrative agencies subject to his or her authority, and have the power to revoke, suspend or amend any rule or regulation of any such agency, except where prescribed by ordinance.~~

~~(k) Have the power to set aside any action taken by a department head under his or her control, and to supersede him or her in the functions of his or her office.~~

~~(l) Have the power to direct any department, office or board to perform the work of any other department, office or board.~~

~~(m) Have the power to appoint such committees as he or she shall find necessary for the proper consideration of administrative problems. Such committees shall make recommendations on matters referred to them for the best interests of the City.~~

~~(n) Have the power to release any person imprisoned for the violation of any City ordinance. The Mayor shall report such release, with the reason, to Council at its first meeting thereafter.~~

~~(o) Have the power to exercise, within the City limits, the powers conferred upon sheriffs to suppress disorder and keep the peace. He or she may, when necessary, call upon every male inhabitant of the City, over eighteen years of age, to enforce the laws of the State and the ordinances of the City, and call out the militia to aid in suppressing riots and other disorderly conduct subject to the authority of the Governor, as the Commander in Chief of the militia.~~

~~(p) Annually, and from time to time, give Council information relative to the affairs of the City, and recommend, for its consideration, such measures as he or she may deem expedient.~~

~~(q) Have the power to administer oaths on all lawful occasions.~~

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective as of May 15, 2017, and upon its passage by the City Council, its approval by the Mayor, and its publication as provided by law.”

Upon the first reading of this ordinance, Alderperson Busker moved to adopt Ordinance #2017-16. This motion was seconded by Alderperson Klemm. Alderperson Chesney recommended review by the contract attorney. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

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1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-17:

An Ordinance Designating The Location Of The Freeport City Hall And The City Council Chambers As 314 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois And Amending Section 213.06 Of Chapter 216 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Freeport, Illinois

Contract Attorney Michael Phillips, Esq. presented the ordinance and stated due to the move of City Hall offices and Council Chambers, the address of 314 W. Stephenson is designated officially as the office of City Hall. He noted although the City is obligated to publicize a notice when a change in the date of a regular meeting takes place, we felt that it was logical to publicize a notice as to the change in location of the meetings. He noted there were also amendments made to Section 216.03 to comply with the Open Meetings Act and the posting on bulletin boards as recommended by the City Clerk. He noted this section was amended to refer to a bulletin board which will be placed at 314 W. Stephenson Street.

Aldersperson Klemm motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Aldersperson Ross.

Mayor Gitz stated this item is time sensitive due to the move of City offices beginning this week through the end of the month.

Aldersperson Klemm moved for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration, seconded by Aldersperson Busker. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (6)

Nays: None

Mayor Gitz stated the ordinance is now on the council floor for immediate consideration.

The motion for passage of Ordinance #2017-17 prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (6)

Nays: None

City Clerk Zuravel noted the effective date of the ordinance will be March 1, 2017.

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-18:

An Ordinance Of The City Of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, Providing For The Issuance Of A Note, The Meadows TIF Redevelopment Note, 2017, In The Amount Of \$950,000

Mayor Gitz and NIDA Director Dave Young presented the TIF Note regarding redevelopment agreement between City and JJ Freeport Ventures I LLC. Administration requests suspension of rules for final passage.

Aldersperson McClanathan noted he was able to review Exhibit D as part of the redevelopment agreement and it contained improvement costs totaling \$852,000. Mayor Gitz noted the additional amounts will be taken up with a connecting road to a local grocery store and water improvements on Youngs Lane and those costs could exceed a dollar amount of \$1.2 million.

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Aldersperson Klemm motioned to move forward the ordinance for approval, seconded by Aldersperson Miller.

Mayor Gitz stated this item is time sensitive due to the developer moving forward with sale of property with a dental office and coffee chain.

Aldersperson Busker moved for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (6)

Nays: None

Mayor Gitz stated the ordinance is now on the council floor for immediate consideration.

The motion for passage of Ordinance #2017-18 prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (6)

Nays: None

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Gitz stated as mentioned at the beginning of the meeting we will at this time delay action on:

- [ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2017-09](#): Resolution To Approve The Preliminary Plat For Smithville Subdivision
- [ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2017-10](#): Resolution To Approve The Final Plat For Smithville Subdivision were requested to be removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Community Development Director Mills noted the future action will be dependent on a survey change and there was no error on the part of the City.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

City Engineer

City Engineer Gallagher provided an overview of the City's 2017 MFT Street program and stated in 2016 the City Council approved to spend \$102,567.09 of our 2017 allotments for the milling and repaving of Knox Drive, Carthage Drive and Platteville Court after completion of the water project. The 2017 MFT allotment is estimated at \$630,000, leaving an approximate balance of \$527,500 for this year's program. At the March 6th Council meeting, we will open bids for public works materials estimated at \$147,250 along with our biennial bridge inspections for \$2,500. The total balance available for our crack sealing, micro-surfacing and mill & overlay program will be \$377,682.91. Typically we have tried to bid at least \$300,000 worth of work (8 City Blocks) within the mill & overlay program to receive competitive bid prices. Once again, we have also tried to bid at least \$100,000 worth of work (or 15 City Blocks) within the micro-surfacing program to receive complete bid prices. Due to completing much of our work within the crack sealing program over the past three years, this program is better served on a semi-annual basis and is not necessary in the 2017 program. Since our funds are so limited, we have not been

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able to start design of several needed reconstruction projects, let alone the actual construction. Given the limited amount of funds we have available this year, there are four possible options in this year's street program:

1. Allocate the full amount of our remaining funds towards the mill and overlay program only.
2. Allocate \$300,000 of our remaining funds towards the mill and overlay program and select one or two design projects to complete.
3. Allocate \$150,000 towards micro-surfacing and begin design of several projects such as Young's Lane, Monterey Street, Cherry Street, Lincoln Boulevard and the Gladewood Bridge within the remaining funds.
4. Complete internal plans and bid curb & gutter and driveway replacements along the opposite side of the watermain routes completed last year.

City Engineer Gallagher stated it is his recommendation to stay outside the new pressure zone this year due to potential main failures during the startup of the new pressure zone, unless those projects are completed on routes that received new watermain. The City also has several routes within TIF Districts that are in need of reconstruction or repaving. Those include State Avenue, Cherry Street, Meadows Drive, Rosenstiel Drive, Hance Drive, and Youngs Lane. This has been discussed previously, however the spending of TIF funds appears to be under review of multiple agencies and planning groups. Finally, future Federal projects are likely to include the repaving of Empire Street from IL 26 to the Pearl City Roundabout and the reconstruction of Adams Avenue and the Hancock Bridge which should be considered for design approval and submittal to IDOT later this fall.

It is understood that the Council has expressed interest in allocating additional funding to the street program, however the City Engineer bids projects in March, April and May for summer construction. In 2016 we received some of lowest construction prices in the last decade and it appears that 2017 will be similar. Prior to finalizing the 2017 street program, it is requested that Council provide feedback on the direction they wish to pursue as this will shape the preparation of the next 5-year plan. Since starting with the City in 2012, it has always been expected that 2017 would be a year in transition (given the depletion of resources, completion of numerous longstanding projects, and the next Mayoral election), which is why this discussion, along with the outcome of the proposed Water & Sewer Ordinances, will begin to form not only our annual program, but likely state of our infrastructure for the next decade.

Aldersperson McClanathan moved to recommend bidding \$300,000 for Mill & Overlay Program and continue the plan for micro surfacing as recommended by City Engineer Gallagher. This motion was seconded by Aldersperson Chesney. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (6)

Nays: None

City Engineer request for approval of the purchase of General Electric LED Luminaires as approved through the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grant Program incentives through Lighting Solutions of Illinois, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.

City Engineer Gallagher reviewed the purchase of General Electric LED Luminaires as approved through the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grant Program incentives through

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Lighting Solutions of Illinois, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,500. He noted that he could have the lights installed by May 8, 2017. Discussion was held on the difference in illumination and the light poles used in the downtown areas. City Engineer Gallagher explained Com Ed replaces with LED when they have a defective luminaire.

Aldersperson McClanathan moved for approval of purchase of General Electric LED Luminaires as approved through the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grant Program incentives through Lighting Solutions of Illinois, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,500, seconded by Aldersperson Busker. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (6)

Nays: None

City Engineer Gallagher finalized his report by stating the Water and Sewer Department move went well and they are accepting payments in their office. The best location to pay a water bill is to enter the building on Exchange Street.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Miller presented a request for approval of purchase contract through CDS Office Technologies for eight (8) Panasonic Toughbook Model #CR-54 Laptops, with extended warranty, docking stations, and various accessories, in the amount of \$40,078 through the Fire Department Capital Improvement fund budget line item #32-00-741. He noted this was presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting and his memorandum is provided in the council packet.

Aldersperson Busker moved for approval of the purchase as requested by Chief Miller, seconded by Aldersperson Chesney. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (6)

Nays: None

Fire Chief Miller presented a request for approval of repair estimates in the amount of \$19,179 to refurbish Engine 3, 2007 Emergency One Typhoon Pumper. He noted this was presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting and his memorandum is provided in the council packet.

Aldersperson Busker moved for approval of the repairs and repainting in the amount of \$19,179 to refurbish Engine 3, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (6)

Nays: None

Police

Chief of Police Todd Barkalow provided information on the Civilian Police Academy beginning on March 8. This is a ten-week program designed to give the participants a working knowledge of the Freeport Police Department. It consists of a series of classes and discussions held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The classes meet at the Freeport Police Department, with

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several trips to other law enforcement facilities. Applications are available at the Police Department, on the FPD Facebook page, or on the City's website.

Water and Sewer

Director Glendenning had no report.

Finance

Director Bernadelle had no report.

Public Works

Director Dole stated that Com Ed has contracted with Asplundh Tree Experts as the contractor performing the tree work in 2017. They will be taking down ash trees which affect primary power lines.

Aldersperson Ross thanked the Public Works crews for clean up on Iroquois.

Public Works and Community Development

Director Mills presented a report and request for potential action on asbestos abatement and demolition of the Former Boys & Girls Club - 633 E Crocker Street. This item was requested to be on the agenda by Aldersperson Ross and Chesney. Director Mills presented a quote from Fischer Excavating in the amount of \$28,903 for the demolition. He also secured another quote on the asbestos abatement which was lower than the quote presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting (\$8,900 down to \$7,400). Public Works Director Tom Dole stated he calculated the cost of the Public Works crew and it was within that amount plus they would need to tear out the parking lot and reseed the property.

Mayor Gitz stated per the purchasing policy the City Council can elect by two-thirds majority vote to allow selection of a vendor for demolition services. It was noted there are obvious dangers in allowing the building to sit longer waiting for the bid process and the building should come down as soon as possible. Aldersperson Ross moved to accept the quote from Fischer Excavation in the amount of \$28,930.08 for the demolition to proceed at 633 E. Crocker Street. This motion was seconded by Aldersperson Busker. Motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (6)

Nays: None

Community Development

Community Development Director Mills presented two sample ordinances to facilitate discussion of Food Trailer Regulation. He asked for council members to review the materials and report to him their suggestions for the March Committee of the Whole. His concerns were for the public health and safety.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gitz provided a report on the Water and Sewer Rate Structure meetings as a means of communicating the changes. He stated there are many meetings scheduled around the Neighborhood Watch schedules. Locations for these meetings will be the Central Fire Station, Schwarz Funeral Chapel, Lincoln Mall, a couple of schools and a church and the public is welcome to attend any meeting. He will post the meeting schedule on the website.

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Mayor Gitz noted the City Hall offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday to allow for the move. They have divided the equipment to be moved between the Public Works department and Two Men and a Truck.

Mayor Gitz provided information on a grant received from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) of the State of Illinois for the second round of the Abandoned Properties Program. In February 2017, IHDA notified us that we were awarded \$71,000 for the Abandoned Property Program grant. The City was competing for \$1.5 million in grant dollars.

Mayor Gitz stated if the electrical circuits and microphones are installed the next City Council meeting will be held March 6 in the new City Hall building. If all is working, he will present the "State of the City" at that meeting.

Aldersperson McClanathan asked Mayor Gitz about publicizing the Water and Sewer Rate meetings. Mayor Gitz stated he has sent notice to the media and will post them on the internet.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

Aldersperson Klemm stated he has heard exciting comments on the move of the City Hall offices to 314 W. Stephenson, the former Carnegie Library building. He stated this was a wise move on the part of this City Council.

Council members provided the schedule by ward of the Water and Sewer Rate and Budget Information meetings. The public may attend any of the meetings based on their schedules.

- Aldersperson McClanathan stated there will be a meeting at the Lincoln Douglas School on February 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Aldersperson Ross stated there will be a meeting at Center School on March 1 at 6:00 p.m.
- Aldersperson Miller stated there will be a meeting at the Lincoln Mall on February 27 at 6:00 p.m.
- Aldersperson Busker stated there will be a meeting at the First Church of the Nazarene on March 2 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

s/ Meg Zuravel

Meg Zuravel
City Clerk