



## City Council

City Council Chambers ◊ 314 West Stephenson Street ◊ Freeport, IL 61032

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### MINUTES

### COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The special 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 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present on roll call: Mayor Gitz and council members Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Jodi Miller, Patrick Busker, and Mike Koester (6).

Aldersperson Brashaw and Andrew Chesney were absent. See notation at 6:36 p.m. when Aldersperson Chesney entered council chambers.

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, City Clerk Zuravel and Deputy Clerk Anderson.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Aldersperson Koester.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Gitz explained the resolution for the USDA planning grant will be withdrawn until a later date because it needs Stephenson County action to join in the application. At this time, he is removing item number seven from the agenda. He also stated there will not need to be an executive (closed session) unless it is requested by the City Council. Aldersperson Koester moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Aldersperson Miller. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

The following item was placed on the agenda with no action by the City Council this evening:  
Executive Session (Closed Session) pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2017-26:**

**Resolution To Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement With The International Association Of Firefighters (IAFF), Local No. 441**

Fire Chief Miller presented the resolution stating that since the City Council's discussion at the last meeting there have been no material changes and the Fire Union was satisfied with the version of the distributed document.

Aldersperson Klemm moved for adoption of Resolution R-2017-26, Resolution to Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local No. 441 and the accompanying agreement. This motion was seconded by Aldersperson Koester.

At 6:36 p.m., Aldersperson Chesney entered council chambers. City Clerk Zuravel explained that the motion on the floor was for Resolution R-2017-26, the fire union agreement.

Upon no discussion, the motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, Koester and Chesney (7)

Nays: None

Resolution #R-2017-26 was adopted.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2017-27:**

**Resolution To Enter Into A Month-To-Month Lease For The Vacant Fire Station On South West Avenue With An Option To Purchase (As Amended 5/4/17)**

Aldersperson Chesney made a motion to refer the resolution to the May 15, 2017 City Council meeting. This motion was seconded by Aldersperson Miller. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, and Chesney (5)

Nays: Klemm and Koester (2)

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2017-28:**

**Resolution Approving First Modification to the Memorandum of Understanding with the City Engineer**

Provided in the council packet was the first modification to the memorandum of understanding with the City Engineer and the cover resolution. Mayor Gitz stated prior discussions with the City Engineer indicate extension of his contract. He attended the meeting with the Water and Sewer Commission and at this time there are a lot of moving parts. He recommended layover of a week or two.

Aldersperson Chesney moved to layover the resolution to the first meeting in June, seconded by Aldersperson Ross. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2017-29**

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The following resolution was placed on the council agenda and withdrawn by Mayor Gitz prior to approval of the agenda: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2017-29, A Resolution Authorizing Application to the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration for the Planning and Local Technical Assistance Program

**OTHER**

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION) MINUTES**

The following was written on the council agenda as an action item “action on Executive Session (Closed Session) Minutes lawfully closed under this act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06.”

Aldersperson Koester moved and it was seconded by Aldersperson Busker to approve the minutes of the following Executive Sessions (Closed Sessions) with specific notice that their tapes are not released:

- September 6, 2016 in regard to subject #1 Review of Closed Session Minutes under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)
- September 6, 2016 in regard to subject #2 Litigation under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)
- October 3, 2016 in regard to subject #1 Collective Negotiating Matters under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) ( 2)
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- November 7, 2016 in regard to Collective Negotiating Matters under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) ( 2)
- December 5, 2016 in regard to subject #1 Collective Negotiating Matters under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) ( 2)
- December 5, 2016 in regard to subject #2 Litigation under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)
- December 19, 2016 in regard to subject #1 Collective Negotiating Matters under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) ( 2)
- December 19, 2016 in regard to subject #2 Litigation under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)
- January 3, 2017 in regard to subject #1 Collective Negotiating Matters under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) ( 2)
- January 17, 2017 in regard to subject #1 Collective Negotiating Matters under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) ( 2)
- January 17, 2017 in regard to subject #2 Litigation under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)
- January 30, 2017 in regard to subject #1 Collective Negotiating Matters under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) ( 2)
- March 20, 2017 in regard to subject #1 under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (8) Security procedures and subject #2 Collective Negotiating Matters under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) ( 2)
- April 17, 2017 in regard to subject #1 Collective Negotiating Matters under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) ( 2)

The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, Koester and Chesney (7)

Nays: None

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Aldersperson Koester moved and it was seconded by Aldersperson Klemm to make the determination that the need for confidentiality no longer exists as to the minutes from the closed session on September 6, 2016, subject #1, and these portions should be made available for public inspection. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, Koester and Chesney (7)

Nays: None

Aldersperson Busker moved and it was seconded by Aldersperson Koester to make a determination that the need for confidentiality still exists in relation to all other closed session minutes and tapes identified as not released. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, Koester and Chesney (7)

Nays: None

Aldersperson Koester moved and it was seconded by Aldersperson Busker to authorize destruction of verbatim recordings of the closed sessions all of which are over 18 months old and the written minutes of these closed sessions have been previously approved by this City Council as provided below:

Date	Subject	Minutes Approved on:
October 19, 2015	5 ILCS 120-2 (c) (1) Appointment Employment Compensation	Yes 1/4/2016
October 13, 2015	5 ILCS 120-2 (c) (1) Appointment Employment Compensation	Yes 1/4/2016
October 5, 2015	Subject #1 - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation	Yes 1/4/2016
October 5, 2015	Subject #2 (c) (21) Approval of Minutes of Closed Session	Yes 1/4/2016
September 21, 2015	5 ILCS 120-2 (c) (1) Appointment Employment Compensation	Yes 10/5/2015
September 8, 2015	Collective Negotiating Matters	Yes 10/5/2015
July 20, 2015	Subject #1 Collective Negotiating Matters	Yes 10/5/2015
July 20, 2015	Subject #2 - 5 ILCS 120-2 (c) (1) Appointment Employment Compensation	Yes 10/5/2015
July 6, 2015	Subject #1 Appointment Employment	Yes 10/5/2015
	Subject #2 Collective Negotiating Matters	Yes 10/5/2015
June 1, 2015	Subject #1 - 5 ILCS 120-2 (c) (1) Appointment Employment Compensation	Yes 10/5/2015
June 1, 2015	Subject #2 Litigation	Yes 10/5/2015
June 1, 2015	Subject #3 Collective Negotiating Matters	Yes 10/5/2015
May 4, 2015	Subject #1 Collective Negotiating Matters	Yes 10/5/2015
	5 ILCS 120-2 (c) (1) Appointment Employment Compensation	Yes 10/5/2015
April 6, 2015	Collective Negotiating Matters	Yes 10/5/2015

The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

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Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, Koester and Chesney (7)  
Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Tom Teich, Freeport Illinois stated he won the softball throw in the Special Olympics last week.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

*s/ Meg Zuravel*

Meg Zuravel  
City Clerk