



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

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 3, 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 Jodi Miller with a quorum being present at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 3, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Miller and Council members Alderperson Art Ross, Bob Smith, Patrick Busker, Sally Brashaw, Mike Koester, Andrew Chesney, Tom Klemm, and Peter McClanathan (8).

Staff members present: City Manager Lowell Crow, Finance Director Guary Bernadelle, Director of Community & Economic Development Nancy McDonald, Director of Information Technology Curt Suttman, Public Works Director Tom Dole, Fire Chief Scott Miller, Chief of Police Todd Barkalow, City Engineer Shaun Gallagher and Deputy Clerk Dawn Pontius.

Others Present: Legal Counsel Roxanne Sosnowski Esq.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Ross.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Miller asked for motion to approve July 3, 2017 Agenda, Alderperson Brashaw moved, Alderperson Ross second.

Alderperson Chesney requested leave of Council to move item number 7 for immediate consideration, voice vote approved to move item 7 after item 4.

Approval of Agenda motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderperson Busker moved for approval of the minutes from the meeting held on June 19, 2017, seconded by Alderperson Busker. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda. [Consent Agenda PDF](#)

- A. Approval of Resolution R-2017-39: Temporary Closure of Streets for Colby Smith Memorial 4-Mile Classic – August 26, 2017
- B. Approval to receive and place on file Minutes of the June 21, 2017, Sky Concert Committee
- C. Approval of Water & Sewer Bills Payable (Registers #792, 795, 799) --- \$381,232.15
- D. Approval to receive and place on file: City of Freeport Police Department Report of Activities – May 2017
- E. Approval of Finance Bills Payable (Registers #793, 794, 797, 798, 800 and TBA) --- \$528,500.67
- F. Approval of Payroll for pay period ending June 24, 2017 --- \$438,087.17 with fringe benefit payments in the amount of \$36,882.91 for a total of \$474,970.

Upon no further discussion, Alderperson Chesney moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Alderperson Klemm. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

Recognition of retirees, promotions, and new hires in Fire Department was presented by Fire Chief Scott Miller

Freeport Fire Department new hires, promotions and retirees. **New Hires:** Firefighter/EMT - Mark Schweertman; Firefighter/Paramedic - Brandan Sanders; Firefighter/EMT - Christopher Gessner. **Promotions:** Tom Korte – Lieutenant; Randy Seffrood – Lieutenant; Blair Senneff – Captain; Brian Bruce – Battalion Chief. **Retirements:** Lieutenant Tim Brannick; Battalion Chief Jim Blackburn

Appointments to Boards and Commissions by Mayor Miller

The following was read into the record: “Matthew Moyer to be appointed to the Planning Commission, effective immediately through October 31, 2017. Nita White to be appointed to the Library Board, effective immediately through May 31, 2020. Katie Ludwig to be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission, effective immediately through February 28, 2020. Jennie DeVine to be appointed to the Library Board, effective immediately through May 31, 2020.”

Appointment approvals were grouped into one, Alderperson Klemm made a motion to accept all appointments and Alderperson Smith seconded. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

Appointments of Department Heads by City Manager Crow

- Todd Barkalow to be appointed as Police Chief for the City of Freeport
- Scott Miller to be appointed as Fire Chief for the City of Freeport for a term of one year
- Nancy McDonald to be appointed as Community and Economic Development Director for the City of Freeport
- Tom Dole to be appointed as Public Works Director for the City of Freeport
- Shaun Gallagher to be appointed as City Engineer for the City of Freeport

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- Curt Suttman to be appointed as Director of Information Technology/GIS Specialist for the City of Freeport
Oath of Office was completed at this time.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE – #2017-29: An Ordinance Amending Section 202.99 (General Code Penalty; Complicity; Schedule Of Fines.) of Chapter 202 (General Provisions) and Section 694.99 (Penalty) of Chapter 694 (Weeds and Grass) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois.
Note: Presented at 4-3-2017 Council Meeting motion to approve Alderperson Klemm, seconded by Brashaw.

Chief of Police Todd Barkalow stated when reviewing this City ordinance, it was discovered that the minimum fines were very minimal. Based on this information fines were raised to \$50.00 across the board. Nuisance violators, such as large dogs, disturbing noise the fine was raised to \$100.00. Then for such offenses a step was added, if you have a second offense the fine was raised to \$150.00, with a cap of \$500.00.

Upon no further discussion, the motion for passage of the Ordinance 2017-29 prevailed by a roll call vote:

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan (8)

Nays: None

Ordinance #2017-29 was passed.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE – #2017-50: An Ordinance Amending Title Two, Business Regulation, Chapter 876, Residential Real Property Regulation, Section 867.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois Regarding Annual Registration Fee.

Alderperson Brashaw requested confirmation regarding pre-registration application would no longer be charged between April 30 through June 1st. Any registration application received after the June 1 date will then be charged a \$50.00 application fee. City Manager Lowell Crow confirmed. This Ordinance will be effective in 2018.

Upon no further discussion, the motion for passage of the Ordinance 2017-50 prevailed by a roll call vote:

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, McClanathan (7)

Nays: Klemm (1)

Ordinance #2017-50 was passed.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-51: An Ordinance Amending Title Ten, Employment Provisions, Chapter 290, Compensation and Benefits, Section 290.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois Regarding Classification Plan

City Manager Crow stated the ordinance presented does not have the agreed upon changes.

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Please note: 290.01(d)(3) Professional Group (40 hrs./week* ~~with the exception of the Rental Property/Crime Free Housing Specialist~~) should read, 290(d)(3) Professional Group (40 hrs./week* **with the exception of the Transit Program Compliance Oversight Monitor Rental Property/Crime Free Housing Specialist**)”

Second change was to this ordinance was 290.01(d)(6) Police Department Group (171 hrs./28 days* ~~with the exception of the Residential Rental Registration Police Liaison and Evidence Officer~~), should read 290.01(d)(6) Police Department Group (171 hrs./28 days* **with the exception of the Residential Rental Registration Police Liaison and Evidence Officer**).

Manager Crow apologized to the Council that these changes were not made prior in the Council’s packets being distributed.

Upon no further discussion, the motion for passage of the Ordinance 2017-51 prevailed by a roll call vote:

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, McClanathan (6)

Nays: Koester, Klemm (2)

Ordinance #2017-51 was passed.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-52: An Ordinance Amending Various Sections Within Title Six-Administration of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois to Provide a Residency Requirement For City Department Heads and to Provide For the Appointment of Department Heads By the City Manager

Clerk note: Alderperson Busker moved to approve this Ordinance as amended, Alderperson Koester seconded at the June 19, 2017 Council Meeting.

Alderperson McClanathan stated that requiring department heads to reside in the City is a shift as to what had been done in the past. He questioned if the direction would have any negative effects for the City or qualified personnel for any department. He expressed his concern if this would be the best practice moving forward for the City.

City Manager Crow confirmed based on his research that this direction would not have a negative impact on the City to fulfill positions with qualified individuals. He stated that newly appointed Community and Economic Development Director Nancy McDonald will be moving into the City of Freeport, once her daughter graduates from high school. He explained going forward we will make this part of the City hiring requirements. The two new deputy chiefs have committed to moving into the City. In addition, all four of our fire chief candidates have agreed to move into the City, if hired. This Ordinance included the effective date of August 1, 2017.

Alderperson Koester expressed concerns that this might limit the pool of qualified people by requiring them to live within the City. He also asked if any wording was included in the ordinance to allow for any exceptions. City Manager Crow confirmed that no exceptions are currently included in this ordinance.

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Aldersperson Klemm stated he had spoken against requiring department heads to live in the City and maintained his position and does not support the ordinance.

Upon no further discussion, the motion for passage of the Ordinance 2017-52 prevailed by a roll call vote:

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, McClanathan (6)
Nays: Koester, Klemm (2)
Ordinance #2017-52 was passed.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-55: Appropriation Ordinance, Fiscal Year 2017-2018 for the City of Freeport, Illinois.

City Manager Crow explained that this is the first reading of the Appropriation Ordinance. He stated that once the first reading is passed, the budget will then be locked for 10 days for public comments. After the 10 days, modifications could be made from any public comment received. A Public Hearing would be held 15 minutes prior to the next Council meeting. He recommended moving this Ordinance forward, as it had been discussed in the last two Committee of the Whole meetings.

Aldersperson Brashaw made a motion to move forward, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-56: An Ordinance of the City of Freeport, Illinois Amending Various Provisions of the City Code of Ordinances to Reflect City Manager Form of Government.

City Manager Crow stated that this is a comprehensive Ordinance which he and Roxanne had been working through. He explained that this ordinance defines the role of the City Manager according to the Council's wishes and State requirements. He also stated that Legal Counsel, Roxanne Sosnowski, Esq. would be assisting with wording and answering questions as they work through this docket. Manager Crow advised that at least three Commissions in the current Ordinance had not been active for the last five years and would be eliminated. Manager Crow recommended that this Ordinance be moved to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and clerical corrections within the Ordinance.

Aldersperson Klemm made a motion to move forward to the next Committee of the Whole meeting on July 10, 2017, seconded by Aldersperson Brashaw.

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-57: An Ordinance Amending Title Six-Administration of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois to Create a New Chapter 254 Providing For the Position of Director of Information Technology/GIS Specialist.

City Manager Crow stated in the past each department was doing their own purchases for IT equipment and cell phones. He stated centralizing the IT function will control the overall costs and would bring the

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City Information Technology Systems into the 21st Century. The newly appointed Director of Information Technology/GIS Specialist Curt Suttman is currently working towards his undergraduate degree in Management Information Systems. Curt had already identified \$17,000 of cost savings. Manager Crow emphasized that the IT system had become so specialized and this Ordinance will bring the City in line with other communities' infrastructure.

Aldersperson Chesney stated that this Ordinance was not actually adding bodies, instead was realigning the City's priorities and asked Manager Crow to explain the structure and duty changes in more detail.
Clerk note: Aldersperson Busker moved to approve this Ordinance as amended, Aldersperson Koester seconded at the June 19, 2017 Council Meeting.

Manager Crow stated Director Suttman was the GIS Specialist Coordinator on the staff. In his new position, he would spend 25% of his time continuing to provide the GIS Coordinator work for the City Engineer, the other 75% of his time would be coordinating and structuring the City's IT Infrastructure. Manager Crow commented that some of the City staff is still using XP operating systems. He also stated that the City servers were overloaded and going forward they would be considering 3-year lease refresh program on computers.

Aldersperson Klemm made a motion to move Ordinance 2017-57 forward for approval; seconded by Aldersperson Koester. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-58: An Ordinance Amending Section 694.05(B) and Section 1060.13(G) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois Regarding the Timeframe to Record Mowing Liens and Garbage Clean-Up Liens.

City Manager Crow stated this is part of an aggressive move to clean up the City. He commented that in the past, the City was given 60 days to file any lien and it was an administrative burden. He stated that this would give us more time to file liens allowing us time to work with Attorney Steve Cox establishing the correct lien action on the property, foreclosure or demolition.

Aldersperson McClanathan inquired if there were any alternative options to find resolutions to these types of issues quicker. Manager Crow responded, yes, we're researching some IT solutions that could expedite this process, give us more time to for court and bundle liens together, and would result in a cost savings.

Aldersperson Klemm inquired if the City was filing the liens against the State to recoup the taxes. Director of Finance Guary Bernadelle stated that it was done in the past, but was not very successful. He continued to advise, going forward, clean data being downloaded in the State website should provide a quicker return.

Aldersperson Klemm made a motion to move Ordinance #2017-58 forward, seconded by Aldersperson Smith. The ordinance was automatically laid over to the next meeting.

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1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2017-59: An Ordinance to Ascertain the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed In Public Works of the City of Freeport, Illinois.

City Manager Crow stated this is time sensitive; we must get this to the State Controller, it needed to be approved by July 15, 2017.

Aldersperson Brashaw made a motion to move forward for approval of Ordinance #2017-59, seconded by Aldersperson Klemm.

Aldersperson Smith made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance #2017-59, seconded by Aldersperson Busker, which is non-debatable and must pass by 2/3 vote, motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan (8)
Nays: None

Upon no further discussion, the motion for passage of the Ordinance #2017-59 prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan (8)
Nays: None
Ordinance #2017-59 was passed.

RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2017-40: Resolution of the City Of Freeport, Illinois Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Aldersperson Brashaw moved for Adoption of Resolution #R-2017-40, seconded by Aldersperson Koester. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan (8)
Nays: None

Adoption of Resolution #2017-40 was passed.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2017-41: Resolution of the City Of Freeport Relating to Termination of Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Aldersperson Chesney moved for Adoption of Resolution #R-2017-41, seconded by Aldersperson McClanathan. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan (8)
Nays: None

Adoption of Resolution #2017-41 was passed.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2017-42: A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Firefighters Charitable Foundation Grant Award

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Fire Chief Scott Miller stated that Director McDonald applied for a grant for \$9,352.00 for the purpose of outfitting both of our frontline ambulances with computers for paramedics to record patient care reports. City was awarded the sum of \$300.00.

Upon no further discussion, Alderperson Chesney moved for Adoption of Resolution #R-2017-42, seconded by Alderperson Busker. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan (8)

Nays: None

Adoption of Resolution #2017-42 was passed.

Letter of Agreement regarding Multi-Use Path Plan with Highland Community College Foundation and Freeport Park District

City Manager Crow stated that the purpose of this Letter Agreement is to establish outlines for the memorandum of understanding between the Highland Community College Foundation ("Foundation"), the Freeport Park District ("Park District") and the City of Freeport ("City") regarding the Highland Bicycle Path, the extension of the multi-use path between Park Boulevard to Sullivan Drive, and a prospective path across the Highland campus on the northern edge of HCC property and beyond. It is understood and agreed that this Letter Agreement is essentially an outline of a tentative agreement that will be subject to discussions with the respective governing boards of the Foundation, Park District and City. The Highland Community Foundation and Park district are ready to sign this letter upon approval by the City Council to allow the City Manager to sign the agreement. The basic tenants of this agreement are as follows:

Highland Foundation:

- Pay \$30,000 towards the creation of an enhanced multi-use path system through and near the HCC campus and for the future rebuild and maintenance of the Highland Path (see Exhibit "A").
- Provide an easement across Highland CC campus to NW corner of property for multi-use path purposes.
- Provide an easement across HCCF property PIN #08-13-34-376-001 for multi-use path purposes.
- Work with the Park District to reach mutually acceptable terms for the treed, NE corner of this parcel to the Park District for recreational purposes at a future time.
- Assume the lead role in securing title of the eastern portion of the current Highland Path from third parties. City of Freeport
- Accept title of Highland Path and easements from the Foundation.
- Rebuild current Highland Path via the City's water infrastructure program or RTP grant 80/20 funding.
- Finish the multi-use path link between Park Boulevard and Sullivan Drive for connection to the Highland Path, sharing the cost with the Park District. Freeport Park District
- Provide \$53,000 toward the cost of building the multi-use path from Park Blvd. to Sullivan Dr.
- Help fund the local match for an RTP grant to rebuild the current Highland Path.
- Assume the lead role in acquiring grants and expediting the extension of the Highland Path through the HCC campus and north and west of the campus over easements provided by the Foundation.

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- Use its best efforts to accomplish these additional path links within ten years or sooner.

Discussion was held, City Manager Crow stated with our approval of this Letter of Agreement, the Highland Foundation has approved payment of \$30,000 to City of Freeport and \$53,000 to the Freeport Park District for the building of this path. When the Council approves this, the next step would be City Engineer Gallagher and Manager Crow developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the maintenance and ownership of the bike path. This will also allow us to then take the bike path through Highland Community College, this would be a separate discussion as the Highland Foundation Board does not represent Highland Community College. This allows Highland Foundation to pay us for work that has already been done. Manager Crow will provide status updates to the Council on the Multi-Use Path Plan. Any expenditures will be presented to the Council for approval.

Aldersperson Klemm made a motion to accept Letter of Agreement, seconded by Aldersperson Koester. The motion prevailed by a voice vote without dissent.

Aldersperson Smith requested clarification, the passage of this letter does not obligate the City to any extent. Mayor Miller stated that it just places it on file.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance

Director Bernadelle had no additional comments

Community Development

Director Nancy McDonnell had no additional comments

IT Technology

Aldersperson Brashaw asked for clarification that Director Suttman would you be spending 25% helping in the engineering department. Director Suttman responded, 25% of his time would be spent running the GIS program for the engineering department.

Public Works

Director Tom Dole stated that his report was given to City Manager.

Fire

Fire Chief Miller had no additional comments.

Police

Police Chief Barkalow stated that the fireworks went off successfully last night. He wanted to remind everyone that the Stephenson County Fair is this week, and they planned to have a lot of police presence. Aldersperson Brashaw complimented Chief Barkalow and the Police department and stated that the visibility of the officers at the fairgrounds during the fireworks as well as directing the traffic after the fireworks, made the event function smoothly. Chief stated that they had help from Stephenson County Sheriff Reserves and a lot of Auxiliary volunteers. Aldersperson Chesney requested an update on

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the Safe-Trade Zone Project. Chief Barkalow stated that it is ready to roll out. Alderperson Chesney stated that it was difficult to identify the difference between an auxiliary police versus fulltime officer and would like to see what the cost and process would be to arm the auxiliary police, similar to the Sheriff Reserve. Chief Barkalow stated that the Sheriff Department does not fall under a municipality, therefore they fall into a different subgroup regarding carrying arms. He explained that arming auxiliary police would be different from the 40 hours mandatory fire-arms qualifications that a fulltime officer attends. He then stated that the auxiliary police are equipped with vests and are kept close to the armed fulltime officer.

City Engineer/Water and Sewer

Shaun Gallagher stated that the budgeted road funding of \$275, 000 was not used for the bike path. He stated that the money spent on the bike path to Pearl City Road came out of the trail money that was allocated out of the capital fund, therefore the \$275,000 that the Council put towards the roads had not been used. He reminded everyone that because of the State budget, potentially we will not receive the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT). With what we have in reserve, that's what will front our street program that would start in approximately a week. Once there is a State budget and MFT funding begins to flow again, that money would be going into design projects and early construction next year. Due to the lack of a State budget, work on US 20 is shutdown.

Alderperson McClanathan expressed concern about traffic continuing past Lincoln-Douglas School on Laurel Street when school resumed. City Engineer Gallagher agreed that is certainly going to be an issue. The local detour should not be used by the main traffic flow. Detour traffic route is Highway 20 to Illinois 26.

Library

Library Director Dickerson presented a new incentive program to encourage students to read over the summer months. Students that continue to read over the summer retain what they learned during the school year. State Representative Brian Stewart has challenged 1st through 5th grade students to read 8 books over the summer. The students that send this information to Rep. Stewart's Office completing the 8 books, will be treated to an ice cream party by Rep. Stewart and receive an Illinois State House of Representative Certificate. Students must complete the 8 books and submit to the office by July 29, 2017. Flyers are available at the Library.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

A pre-bid meeting for Old City Hall will be next week and the hope is to get some contractors and developers to come in for the bidding. He will be talking and working with some realtors on the Old City Hall. He wanted to remind the public that Music on Chicago will be on Friday Night at 9:00, he will be introducing the first band.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Miller provided a brief update on the Public Safety Task Force, stating that this would be an ongoing project. Many people had joined and sub-committees were being assigned. Mayor stated she wanted to encourage the community to be involved and look out for our neighbors. If you see any

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suspicious activity, please contact the police to investigate. When we all work together, the community is safer.

City Manager Crow interrupted and apologized to the Mayor. He stated Director of Finance Guary Bernadelle would be leaving the City and this was his last Council meeting. He thanked Director Bernadelle for his outstanding work and dedication to the City of Freeport.

Mayor Miller thanked the Council for all that had been accomplished in a short period with the one goal of moving the City forward.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS

Aldersperson Ross announced the Neighborhood Watch meeting July 21, 2017 at the VFW at 6:00 p.m.

Aldersperson Smith had no announcements or comments.

Aldersperson Busker had no announcements or comments.

Aldersperson Brashaw addressed Director Bernadelle and thanked him for his time served with the City of Freeport.

Aldersperson Koester had no announcements or comments.

Aldersperson Chesney addressed Director Bernadelle and echoed Aldersperson Brashaw's sentiments and wished him well in his new position.

Aldersperson Klemm thanked the Council, City Manager Crow, City Engineer Gallagher and Director Tom Dole for the quick work on the flag pole project, which was installed at the round-about on Pearl City Road. He listed the veteran groups that donated the flag pole: Northern Illinois Chapter of Korean War Veterans, American Legion Post #139, Amvets Post #32, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #998, Freeport Chapter of VietNow. Three of these veteran groups also made donations towards the July 4th fireworks but were not listed on the donations list. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #998 donated \$250, Amvets Post #32 donated \$250 and Northern Illinois Chapter of Korean War Veterans donated \$125. He stated that July 4th celebrates our independence that many veterans fought and died for us, to keep our freedom. He just wanted to acknowledge thanking our veterans for what they did and what they continue to do. In closing, Klemm thanked Director Bernadelle for his leadership, hard work and wished him the best in his new position.

Aldersperson McClanathan concurred with all his constituent's comments, flag pole installation, honoring our veterans, success of the fireworks. He addressed Director Bernadelle thanking him for his excellent service and wished him good luck in his new position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Tom Teich Invited everybody to the RAMP, Wheel-a-thon that is coming up July 27, 2017.

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Janice Crutchfield stated that she was very proud of the firefighters that have been hired, promoted and retired. She asked is there a plan in place to hire any minorities for the Fire Department? Mr. Brian Bruce was the last minority hired and that was 28 years ago. If there is anything in place or that can be put in place, and, if so, can we move that further? She was very happy for the infrastructure that has been done on the west side of town. She asked when would updates be done on the east side of town. The third ward has many streets that are like off-roading. The only infrastructure improvement was done around the fire station. She had a building just across the street and we have put a lot of money into improvements. She was taken back that the only improvements were done right there. She asked in going forward, would you please consider doing more infrastructure improvements on the east side of town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION) PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2

The following exceptions were read into the record to enter an Executive (Closed) Session pursuant to:

- Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
- 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.
- Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts. This exception shall not apply to the investment of assets or income of funds deposited into the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund.

At 7:47 p.m., Alderperson Busker made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Alderperson Brashaw. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Koester, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan (8)

Nays: none

At 9:03 p.m., Alderperson McClanathan made a motion to return from executive session, seconded by Alderperson Ross. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of;

Yeas: Ross, Smith, Busker, Brashaw, Chesney, Klemm, McClanathan (7)

Nays: none

Absent: Alderperson Koester

Alderperson Smith made a motion to adjourn, Alderperson Busker seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

s/ Dawn E. Pontius

Dawn E. Pontius
Deputy City Clerk