



City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 230 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman DeVine

Moment of silence for students, faculty, staff and their families of Northern Illinois University

Presentation on the [Plowing Summary](#) and an Update on Snow Removal for Winter 2007-2008 as presented by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron and Street Superintendent Tom Dole

Presentation on the status of the Freeport City Service Cab Company by owner, Franklin McGee

1. Approval of the Agenda.....Voice Vote

2. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting on Monday, February 4, 2008.....Roll Call

3. Public Comments – Agenda Items (limited to 3 minutes per person)

4. Consent Agenda.....Roll Call

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](#) [Consent Agenda A.1](#)

A. Approval to Receive and Place on File:

- 1) Treasurer's Schedule of Tax Receipts for period ended January 31, 2008
- 2) Treasurer's Report for period ended January 31, 2008
- 3) Police Department Activities for January 2008
- 4) Police Department Year End Activities Summary for 2007
- 5) Fire Department - Fire/Ambulance Activities for January 2008
- 6) Fire Department Year End Review for 2007

B. Approval of Payroll for period ended February 2, 2008 --- \$399,128.00

C. Approval of Bills Payable for February 2008 (#58, 59, 60, & 61) ---- \$346,122.67

D. Approval of Water and Sewer Disbursements as of February 2008 ---- \$158,720.08

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

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Ordinances – Second Reading

- 5. 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2008-08: An Ordinance Amending Portions of Chapter 288 Officers and Employees Generally – a change to life insurance benefit from \$15,000 to \$25,000 in term life insurance coverage for non-bargaining employees
First reading of this ordinance was held on February 4, 2008. A motion to approve was given by Alderwoman O’Neill, seconded by Alderman Helms and it was automatically laid over to tonight’s meeting

.....**Roll Call**

Ordinances – First Reading

- 6. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2008-09: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 893 (Motor Fuel Tax) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport to Extend Such Tax for a One Year Period of Time
This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole on February 4, 2008, by unanimous vote on a motion by Alderwoman O’Neill and a second by Alderman Klemm
.....**Automatic Layover**
- 7. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2008-10: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 889 (Electricity Kilowatt – Hours Use Tax) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport to Extend the Increase on Such Tax For a One Year Period of Time
This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole on February 4, 2008, by unanimous vote on a motion by Alderman Klemm and a second by Alderman Endress
.....**Automatic Layover**
- 8. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2008-11: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1052 (Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Fund) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois for a Period of One Year
This ordinance was recommended to the City Council as amended by the Committee of the Whole on February 4, 2008, by unanimous vote on a motion by Alderman Boldt and a second by Alderman Corbin
.....**Automatic Layover**
- 9. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2008-12: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 220 “Council”, Section 220.10 “Rules of Council”, Subsection (10) “Order of Business”; Chapter 220 “Council”, Section 220.11 “Council Committees” and Chapter 222 “Ordinances and Resolutions” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport
This ordinance was recommended to the City Council as amended by the Committee of the Whole on February 4, 2008, by unanimous vote on a motion by Alderwoman O’Neill and a second by Alderman Klemm
.....**Automatic Layover**
- 10. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2008-13: Special Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois, requesting a Variance to Section 1262.03 (h)(2) to allow an unpaved parking area at 1910 South Walnut, Freeport, Illinois – Freeport Raceway Park, Inc.
This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Zoning Board of Appeals on February 7, 2008, by unanimous vote based on conditions 1-6 listed on Exhibit B – Special Conditions or Provisions
.....**Automatic Layover**

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- 11. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2008-14: An Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois, requesting a Variance for the property located at 1003 South Saxby Avenue – fence around property

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Zoning Board of Appeals on February 7, 2008, by unanimous vote for item #1 for denial, items 2 & 4 for approval, and item #3 being withdrawn

.....**Automatic Layover**

- 12. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2008-15: A Special Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois, requesting a zoning change from B1-1 (Restricted Retail Business) to B2-1 (General Retail Business District) for the property located at 1121 West Empire Street

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Planning Commission by unanimous vote on February 7, 2008

.....**Automatic Layover**

- 13. 1st Reading of Ordinance #2008-16: An Ordinance for Variation, Permit or Amendment of Codified Ordinances of Freeport, Illinois, requesting a variance to allow an eleven foot front yard at 1121 West Empire Street

This ordinance was recommended to the City Council by the Zoning Board of Appeals by unanimous vote on February 7, 2008 – Community Development Director Shelly Griswold is asking the council to layover the ordinance to March 3, 2008, to coincide with the decision of Ordinance 2008-15.

.....**Requested Layover**

Action Items

- 14. Appointments: An appointment of Cheryl Kneubuehl to the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund Committee

.....**Voice Vote**

Resolutions

- 15. Resolution #R-2008-08: A Resolution Requesting Funds in Support of the Freeport Lincoln-Douglas Debate Sesquicentennial Celebration

This resolution was recommended to the City Council by the Committee of the Whole on February 4, 2008, by unanimous vote on a motion by Alderman Klemm and a second by Alderman Endress

.....**Roll Call**

- 16. Resolution #R-2008-09: A Resolution to Approve Amendments to the Final Plat for Deer Creek Subdivision Section 3

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold will present

.....**Voice Vote**

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- 17. [Resolution #R-2008-10](#): A Resolution Authorizing Request for Federal Infrastructure Funding for the Rawleigh Corridor in Downtown Freeport – request for funding to be made to Congressman Donald Manzullo by the City in the amount of \$500,000 for public infrastructure improvements in the Rawleigh Corridor

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold will present

.....**Voice Vote**

- 18. [Resolution #R-2008-11](#): A Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Artspace Projects, Inc. for Phase II of a Feasibility Study for a Proposed Artist Live-Work Development within the Rawleigh Complex

This resolution was presented to the Committee of the Whole this evening by Community Development Director Shelly Griswold and it was requested to be sent to City Council

.....**Roll Call**

- 19. [Resolution #R-2008-12](#): A Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Commonwealth Edison Transformation Grant for Phase II of a Feasibility Study for a Proposed Artist Live-Work Development within the Rawleigh Complex – grant application requesting \$10,000 be made to Commonwealth Edison through their Transformation Grant program

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold will present

.....**Voice Vote**

- 20. [Resolution #R-2008-13](#): A Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Freeport Community Foundation Grant for Phase II of a Feasibility Study for a Proposed Artist Live-Work Development within the Rawleigh Complex – grant application for \$15,000

Community Development Director Shelly Griswold will present

.....**Voice Vote**

- 21. [Resolution #R-2008-14](#): A Resolution to Authorize Approval of Agreement with Larson and Darby Group for Plan to Repair Rawleigh Powerhouse Roof and Building

This resolution was presented to the Committee of the Whole this evening by Public Works Director Craig LeBaron and it was requested to be sent to City Council

.....**Roll Call**

22. Department Head Reports

Community Development

- Consideration of revocation of 5311 grant provider status for Freeport City Service Cab Company

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22. Department Head Reports (cont.)

Fire

Library

23. Mayor's Report

24. New Business

25. Public Comments - Non-Agenda Items (limited to 3 minutes per person)

26. Adjournment