

Unapproved
Village Council Minutes
December 11th, 2017

All those present stood and said Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular scheduled session of Freeport Village Council was called to order of Monday December 11th, 2017 at 7:38 pm by Village President Bill Andrews in the Community Center.

Present roll calls were Council Trustees: Karl Wilkins, Mollie Wilkins, and John Raymond

Absent: Mike Dougherty, Broc Reaser, Josh Endsley

Present roll call President: Bill Andrews, Treasurer: Kathy Kunde and Clerk: Shawna Hill

Public Present: Connie and Brian Albright

Prayer- none

Motion by Mollie Wilkins and supported by John Raymond to approve the agenda for December 11th, 2017.

Motion by Mollie Wilkins and supported by John Raymond to approve unapproved minutes from November 13th, 2017

Motion Carried

Police Report: Tom Steensma

Committee Report:

Administration, Budget, Grants, and Personal Reports: Report by Mollie Wilkins

Park and Recreation: Report by Mollie Wilkins

Water Report: Report by John Raymond

Streets, Building & Grounds Report: Report by Mollie Wilkins

Committee of Whole: Report by Karl Wilkins

Planning Commission: Reported by Bill Andrews

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Kunde

Pay Bills:

Motion by Mollie Wilkins and supported by Karl Wilkins to approve the "To Be Approved" bills
Roll call vote: John Raymond, Mollie Wilkins, Josh Endsley, and Bill Andrews. All Yes
Motion Carried

Public Input:

Chris Shepard would like to use the skate park this winter as an ice skating park and would like to plow a small parking spot out back for people to use that are ice skating.

John Smelker talked about Barry County Health Department voting on the TOAST and whether to stay in or chose to leave the group. Also the legislation board talked about 3 different topics marijuana, revenue, and high speed internet.

Kathy Kunde asked if there was any news on the Freeport Treasurer position. Bill Andrews makes a recommendation to have a special administration meeting for the treasures position on Monday January 8th, 2017 at 7pm before the Village Council Meeting. **Motioned by Mollie Wilkins and supported by John Raymond. Passed**

Old Business:

Mileage proposal, Treasures Position , budget: amendments

New Business:**Correspondence:**

Karl J Rewa with the Gathering Place would like to rent the building from noon on Sunday Dec 24th. Planning a big Christmas Eve service candlelight carols etc.

Motion by Mollie Wilkins and supported by John Raymond to have Karl Rewa and the Gather Place pay \$50 for the one day usage.

motion passed

Connie Albright would like to have the Community Center Contract amended that there should be a minimum 48hr up to 72hrs notice of canceled reservation, to receive their deposit back.

Motion by Karl Wilkins and supported by Mollie Wilkins to change the community center rentals to 1 week notification of cancelation to received deposit back.

Motion Passed

John McCook sent an email about road issue : With snow being on it's way, I wanted to make a small request of the snow plow people. Last year I noticed that large amounts of snow are being pushed in front of my house at 175 Cherry St. I also noticed that when that snow melts there is not a drain nearby and it ends up in my basement. This causes damage that appears to have been happening for some time, but was not addressed with the prior owners. I've been working to repair damages in my basement and would appreciate it if the snow plows can find somewhere more appropriate to put the snow this year, preferably in a spot with a drain nearby, so it does not flow into my basement. It also appears to be causing some damage to the sidewalk in that area in front of my house as well. In addition, I have been generous enough to allow additional room in my back alley for the snow plow to get through, however it was with the understanding that signs would be installed to highlight the fact that the alley is closed to thru traffic. There were never signs installed. In the mean time, I've seen a number of vehicles cutting through and they travel at high rates of speed. I would appreciate the village working with me in resolving these matters and would like to continue to allow access to my portion of the back ally for the sake of the Shamrock and Church, but family comes first and by not having a restriction on traffic it is endangering my family and pet. I would hate to have to fence off my property in back and ruin it for them because people want to use the alley as a racetrack. I know the church owned this place before me and many people took advantage of them and the property was taken over a little bit being used by the village as a dumping ground for snow, the front of my house used as a parking lot for the school bus and the yard taken over to expand the alley by about ten feet, but please understand this is my home and investment, I don't think it's unreasonable to ask to protect my assets from such abuses. No one else in the village is asked to give up property for public use without proper compensation and it is pretty unreasonable to assume I should just because the church was okay with this. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this matter. Best Regards, John.

This has been addressed and fixed by DPW Chris Shepard and has been moved to Tim Mckay and Tom Steensma for follow up

Announcements:

Next Council meeting is January 8th, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Shawna Hill
Village Clerk
Posted 12/15/17