

Minutes- Regular Council Meeting

October 2, 2023

Council President Clint Warnick opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Josh James, Stephanie VanTine, Rich Macura, Chad Westerman; Mayor Zack Gent, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Greiser, Solicitor Matt Kalina, KLH Engineering Rob Horvat, and Secretary Mariah Jones. Jacob Whitlock and Zachary Filous were absent.

The regular Council Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Minutes- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the September 11, 2023, Regular Council Meeting minutes. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion Carried.

Borough Manager Report- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the Borough Manager report. Motion was 2nd by Josh James. Motion Carried.

Public Safety Report- Motion was made by Josh James to approve the Public Safety Report. Motion was 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion Carried.

Police Report- No report submitted.

Invoices- Motion was made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the invoices. Motion was 2nd by Clint Warnick. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report- Motion made by Stephanie VanTine to approve the treasurers report. Motion 2nd by Clint Warnick. Motion carried.

Mayor Report- Mayor Zack Gent has continued talks with Senator Casey's office with intentions to help grow relations for future projects. Met with Commissioner Fabian to discuss making Freeport a priority in the new year.

Planning Commission Report- Motion made by Josh James to approve the Planning Commission Report. Motion 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion Carried.

Solicitor Report- Solicitor had court hearing on 10/3 to discuss 67 main street. Looking to have deed transferred to Freeport Borough.

Citizen Comments- Tom Binz requested the Borough to sell the alley behind Washington street to the property owners. Moved to next month's agenda. Allan Kepple expressed his desire to buy alley behind Washington Street. Tyler Huth showed same interest and wants to add approval of 2024 Halloween Carnival to agenda next month.

Public Works- Rob Horvat of KLH Engineering reported that the HOP has been moved to November. The wastewater treatment plant improvement project closed on its bond on 10/27. EPA has discussed concerns for environmental waste issues. Stephanie VanTine motion to

approve the reimbursement resolution for wastewater project costs. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Stephanie Vantine motioned to amend the agenda to approve the engineer to consult with and engage with an environmental expert if necessary for federal grant money. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

Public Safety, Property, & Ordinance- Josh James is in the process of revising blighted property list. Re-zoning the Central Business District has been tabled. 67 Main Street as already been addressed in Solicitors comments. Josh James motions to approve adding a handicap sign at 126 Stewart Street. Motion 2nd by Stephanie Vantine. Motioned carried. Hiring a tree trimming service for cherry way has been tabled. Stephanie VanTine motions to approve sending Public Safety employee to Fire Inspector 1 State Pro Board classes not to exceed \$500. Motion 2nd by Clint Warnick. Motion carried.

Parks, Recreation, & Community- Stephanie VanTine motioned to approve Freeport Halloween Trick or Treat night for Tuesday, October 31 from 6 to 8 pm. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Stephanie VanTine motion to approve removing the Allegheny River docks in October depending on weather. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Stephanie VanTine motions to approve supporting Orphans of the Storm building project. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Stephanie VanTine motioned to approve Dark Lock Productions to rent the 2nd concession stand at Market Street Park for \$50 a month for one year. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

Finance- 30 Current delinquent accounts. Sharp Collections recovered \$2.25 for August. Rich Macura motioned to approve the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Ordinance. Motion 2nd by Clint Warnick. Motion carried. Rich Macura motioned to approve a resolution that states intent to reimburse its general fund of any construction improvement costs for wastewater plant from Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority. Motion 2nd by Clint Warnick. Motion carried. Stephanie VanTine motioned to approve using Witherel Kalina Law Group to provide legal services for PennVest Loan. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Stephanie Vantine motioned to approve a resolution to appoint liaison between Freeport Borough and Berkheimer for purpose of sharing tax information. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Stephanie VanTine motioned to approve using US Bank to publicly invest our bond proceedings. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Stephanie VanTine motion to approve reimbursing Borough Manager's retirement withholdings until October 3rd due to 6-month service requirement. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried. Stephanie VanTine motioned to approve moving all non-rotating funds to US Bank with wealth management capabilities. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

Electronics, Web- No report at this time.

Personnel- Stephanie VanTine motioned to approve hiring Justin Phillippi for open public works position. Motion 2nd by Josh James. Motion carried.

Move to executive session at 6:56 pm. Returned at 7:01 pm with no straw votes.

Josh James motion to end meeting. Motion 2nd by Stephanie VanTine. Motion carried at 7:02 pm.