

**City of Freeport**  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
September 4, 2014 Minutes

I. Meeting Called to Order

The September 4, 2014 Special Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Russ Barley.

Council members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. New Business

Attorney Adkinson requested the DR-420 MMP Form from Councilwoman McLean for review. Adkinson stated that the Council would have to advertise both the Tentative Millage and the Budget in the local paper.

The Board discussed the Tentative Budget and the final changes. Councilwoman McLean pointed out the adjustments made to Parks and Rec., Streets, Water and Sewer, due to the Expenditure figures from the previous meeting being approximately \$22,000 over the Revenue. Councilwoman Laird questioned the Park Director salary, which she had slated for the employee raise but still showed \$52,000. Mayor Barley announced that Shane Supple had resigned and that the starting salary for a new Parks Director is \$45,000.

A. Tentative Millage Rate /TRIM: (per 7/29/14 FCC SCM: 4.7302)

Board Action: *Councilwoman Laird motioned to approve the Tentative Millage Rate at 4.7302, which is 1.3998% greater than the roll-back rate of 4.66494. Councilman Farris seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.*

B. Tentative Budget (per 8/28/14 FCC WS: \$4,089,850)

Board Action: *Councilwoman McLean motioned to approve the Tentative Budget of \$4,089,850 as the 2014-2015 Budget. Councilwoman Cuchens seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.*

The Council discussed and agreed upon September 15, 2014 7:00 pm as the Final

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Hearing date/time for the Millage Rate/TRIM and 2014-2015 Budget. Councilwoman McLean stated that the required advertising could be sent to the paper in time for a hearing on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Board Action: Councilwoman Cuchens motioned to set the final Millage Rate/TRIM/Budget hearing for September 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm, in City Hall. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.*

Mayor Barley announced that the selected candidate for the City Clerk position, Jackie Ponto, had withdrawn from consideration. The next highest ranked candidate Pamela Russell had agreed to take the position but would not start until October 15<sup>th</sup>.

IV. Adjournment

Mayor Barley adjourned the meeting by gavel at 6:18 pm.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

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Council President

ATTEST:

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City Clerk