

Council Minutes

May 2, 2000

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2000, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Rev. Mayfield gave inspirational comments.
Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.
On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Monk,
Rogers, Taylor, Bennett and Mayor Harrison.
Mayor Harrison led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

Commissioner Rogers requested adding to consider conducting a public hearing for exchange of property at 2819 31st Street, item 8.i.

Commissioner Taylor requested 1) adding to consider final budget for fiscal year 2000/01, item 8.j.; 2) adding payments to the Consent Agenda for Treasurer, State of Illinois, Lewis, Galilee & Gilead Avenue project, \$26,352.56 and Lake County Division of Transportation, traffic signal maintenance, \$611.08 & \$514.92, item 6.d.; 3) adding to consider a tuition reimbursement policy, item 8.k.; 4) adding to consider wage step increases for various employees, item 8.l.; and 5) moving discussion item 8.h. to item 8.n.

Mayor Harrison requested 1) adding to consider appointment to Fire and Police Commission, item 8.m.; 2) deleting Executive Session, item 12; and 3) deleting to consider intergovernmental agreement with the Zion Park District for donation of a water main, item 8.g.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION/CHIEF OHMSTEAD & CHIEF MCADAMS

Plaques with keys to the City were presented to Police Chief Gordon Ohmstead and Fire/Rescue Chief David McAdams, recognizing and thanking them for their dedication and many years of service to the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (a) MINUTES of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on April 18, 2000 at 7:00

P.M., with all members having previously received copies. (b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Police Department Financial Report and comparison with February, 1999; Traffic Summary and Enforcement Report and comparison with February, 1999; Index Crime Summary Report for February, 2000; Community Service Officer Activity Report; ZBTHS Resource Officer Activity Report; Monthly Patrol Summary (c) BILLS: Vouchers 71544 through 71675 drawn on the National City Bank, \$754,926.56; First Midwest Bank, \$7,930.13; Total: \$762,856.69 5/2/00 (d) PAYMENTS: Daniels, Mauro & Pinsel, legal services, \$10,000.00; Kane, McKenna & Associates, Inc., professional services rendered on South Sheridan Road TIF District, \$3,877.50; Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc., concrete work performed at various locations, \$5,685.70; Belski Electric, JULIE locates & underground wire repair, \$3,118.00; Joseph & Lorrie Krusa, North Shore Investment, Robert L. Richards, Jr., Peter & Rae Markobrad, George Franklin, Robert & Donna Gross, Victor Smith, reimbursement for 30th Street and Lewis Avenue drainage study, \$250.00 each; Treasurer, State of Illinois, Lewis, Galilee & Gilead Avenue project, \$26,352.56; Lake County Division of Transportation, traffic signal maintenance, \$611.08 & \$514.92; Total: \$1,126.00 The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE/SIGN MATERIALS

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that an Ordinance (00-0-26) be passed authorizing the purchase of various sign materials for Public Works with Lyle Signs, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,871.65. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE/EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (00-0-27) be passed authorizing the purchase of employee uniforms for Public Works with Royal Uniforms. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/JANITORIAL SERVICE/POLICE DEPT

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (00-0-28) be passed authorizing a contract for janitorial services for the Police Administration Building with TLC Custom Cleaning in the annual amount of \$22,152.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

VARIANCE/NON-CONFORMING USE/1022 27TH STREET

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (00-0-29) be passed granting a variance from Article VII, Section 102-206, regarding non-conforming use for a furniture restoration and auction business at 1022 27th Street. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

FOP CONTRACT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk to approve the contract agreement with Fraternal Order of Police, David M. Parker Memorial Lodge No. 91 and the Illinois FOP Labor Council, for May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003, and to authorize the signing of the May 1, 2000 contract. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIREFIGHTERS CONTRACT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the contract agreement with the Zion Professional Firefighter's Association for May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2003, and to authorize the signing of the May 1, 2000 contract. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SALE OF SQUAD TRUCK/POLICE DEPT.

A memo (00-DOC-54) was received from Chief Ohmstead, requesting permission to accept bids and sell the 1972 International squad truck. This vehicle is currently being stored at Public Works. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to grant permission to accept bids and sell the 1972 International squad truck. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

LIGHT & SIREN EQUIPMENT/POLICE SQUADS

A memo (00-DOC-55) was received from Chief Ohmstead, requesting permission to purchase equipment for the installation of portable computers and necessary light and siren equipment. Chief Ohmstead recommended waiving bids and purchasing these items through KSPC, Inc. for the total amount of \$4,479.08, including installation. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk to waive bids and grant permission to purchase equipment for the installation of portable computers and light and siren equipment with KSPC, Inc. for the total amount of \$4,479.08, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye;

Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

GARBAGE CONTAINERS

A memo (00-DOC-56) was received from Chuck Gleason, requesting permission to purchase garbage containers. Mr. Gleason stated the city has been purchasing the AmeriCarts, but have found their quality to be inferior to the Zarn containers. Mr. Gleason recommended purchasing a total of 408 Zarn containers at \$46.00 per unit, for a total of \$18,768.00. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to waive bids and grant permission to purchase 408 Zarn garbage containers with D & B Fabricators and Distributors, Inc. for the total amount of \$18,768.00, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2875 GALILEE AVENUE

A proposal has been received to purchase property at 2875 Galilee Avenue. The City can obtain this property by agreement with Bromark Financial Company for \$7,500. Commissioner Rogers stated, if this hazardous property is purchased, demolition would be scheduled as soon as possible. This property has been in court for many years. Attorney Lombardo would be able to finalize the transfer and secure title within the next two weeks. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that Resolution (00-R-20) be passed authorizing the purchase by the City of Zion of certain real property located at 2875 Galilee Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

CONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING/2819 31ST STREET

In order to consider the exchange of personally owned property at 2819 31st Street with city-owned property, a public hearing needs to be scheduled. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve conducting a public hearing for the purpose of considering an exchange of property at 2819 31st Street on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. at Zion City Hall. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY BUDGET/FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001

Commissioner Taylor presented a summary of the City's budget for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2000 and ending April 30, 2001. Proposed budgeted expenditures total \$21,100,732. This budget is based upon revenues of \$19,586,500. The General Fund is based upon revenues of

\$9,124,500 and expenditures of \$9,107,360. These anticipated General Fund revenues represent a decrease of approximately \$325,000. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the City's budget in the amount of \$21,100,732 for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2000 and ending April 30, 2001. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

A Tuition Reimbursement Policy was presented by Clerk Mackey for full-time, non-union, non-management employees. Courses taken must be directly related to an employee's current job classification. Reimbursement would be for 50% of eligible tuition, books and class fees, up to a maximum expenditure of \$4,000 for mid-management and \$4,000 for other non-union, non-management employees per fiscal year, and dependent upon the grade of "C" or better. A committee comprised of the Finance Commissioner, City Clerk and Comptroller will review all applications. Courses would need to be taken on the employee's own time. Should the employee leave the City, prior to completing 36 months service beyond completion of the course, the employee must refund this money to the City. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the Tuition Reimbursement Policy for non-union, non-management employees, as presented. Commissioner Bennett stated he is opposed to employees competing for a maximum pool of funds. Commissioner Taylor stated this policy is similar to police and fire contracts, allows for an amount to be placed in the budget, and could always be re-evaluated next year. Mayor Harrison recommended changing the maximum amount to \$8,000. Commissioner Monk amended his motion and Commissioner Rogers amended her second to approve the Tuition Reimbursement Policy for non-union, non-management employees, increasing the maximum annual expenditure to \$8,000 for mid-management and \$8,000 for other non-union, non-management employees. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, nay; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE WAGE/STEP INCREASES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk to approve wage/step increases, effective May 1, 2000, for the following employees.

Ernest Abbott	7-5	to	7-6
Diane Burkemper	14-5	to	14-6
Ron Colangelo	8-3	to	8-4
Bill Johansen	15-5	to	15-6
Jim Kelley	11-5	to	11-6

Victor Ransom	7-3	to	7-4
Jeff Rendall	7-3	to	7-4
Stuart Romig	7-3	to	7-4
Nelu Turcu	7-4	to	7-5

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

Mayor Harrison recommended appointing Virginia Adams to fill a vacancy in the Fire and Police Commission. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to appoint Virginia Adams to the Fire and Police Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, nay; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Commissioners' areas of responsibility as follows:

Jim E. Taylor	Commissioner of Accounts and Finance and Mayor Pro Tem
J. Delaine Rogers	Commissioner of Building and Public Property
L. Howard Bennett	Commissioner of Public Works
Amos J. Monk	Commissioner of Public Health and Safety

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CITY OFFICIALS

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to appoint the following Department Heads and City Officials:

Law Firm of Daniels, Mauro & Pinsel	City and Prosecuting Attorneys
Judy Mackey	City Clerk
John Stark	Comptroller
Peter Cioni	Director of Community Development
John Jones	Director of Building & Zoning
Charles Gleason	Director of Public Works &

Jack Diliberti	Engineering
Ken Anderson	ESDA Coordinator
Rachel Fisher	Asst. ESDA Coordinator
Rev. Willis Mayfield	Treasurer
David LaBelle	Emergency Assistance Officer
Douglas Malcolm	Fire/Rescue Chief
	Police Chief

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIREFIGHTER VACANCY

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve hiring the next eligible firefighter from the Fire and Police Commission list, also allowing for eligible replacements for Lieutenant and Captain. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rhonda Janus noted concerns regarding the responsibility of dog owners to clean up after their pets and the proposed extension of a runway at Waukegan Airport. Mayor Harrison noted there is an ordinance addressing the responsibility of pet owners. Mayor Harrison stated he is also opposed to the runway extension at Waukegan Airport, stating the City Council will follow up and attempt to stop this extension.

Jim Weidner stated the Christmas in April project held on April 29 was a huge success. The national Christmas in April organization is considering including as many as ten homes in Zion next year. Commissioner Rogers thanked everyone involved for their time and efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3	Zoning Board of Appeals meeting
May 4	Downtown Redevelopment meeting
May 11	Building Advisory Panel meeting
May 16	City Council meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved May 16, 2000