

Council Minutes

August 15, 2000

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2000, AT 7:03 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**

Chief LaBelle gave inspirational comments.

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Rogers, Monk, Taylor, Bennett and Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

Commissioner Rogers requested 1) adding to consider a payment to Rich Signs for the City Hall sign project, item 10.h.; 2) adding to consider approval of a license to conduct a raffle for the End of Summer Fair, item 10.i.; and 3) separating the approval of minutes of a Special Meeting held on July 5, 2000 and a Special Meeting held on July 1, 2000 into two separate votes, item 6.

Commissioner Monk requested adding a request for a stop sign at 29th Street and Bethel Blvd., item 10.j.

Commissioner Bennett requested 1) adding a resolution authorizing the purchase of property at 3033 Sheridan Road, item 10.k.; and 2) adding a discussion regarding the removal of gas tanks at the Police Administration Building, item 10.l.

Commissioner Taylor requested 1) adding a payment to the Consent Agenda for Graphic Partners, new resident folders & composting stickers, totaling \$1,822.00, item 7.d.; 2) adding to consider hiring an auditor for fiscal year ending April 30, 2000, item 10.m.; and 3) separating the approval of minutes of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on August 1, 2000 into a separate vote, item 7.a.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/YAHOO

A certificate of appreciation was awarded to YAHOO (Young Adults Helping Out Others) from the Illinois Department of Transportation for their time and efforts on the Adopt a Highway Program. YAHOO has been

helping to clean up a portion of both Sheridan Road and Route 173 within the City of Zion. Mayor Harrison presented a plaque from IDOT, thanking all of the participants for volunteering and promoting pride in our community. YAHOO volunteers are: Cheri Ditzig Dan Woods Luke Thorn Kristy Torrez Billy Ditzig Amanda Jarrett Matthew Thorn Florence Johnson Brittney Ditzig Michelle Swanson Paul Thorn Dustin Hinzman Donna Flammini Brittany Collins Lee Childs Sheryl Harrison Frank Flammini Christine Smith Jauckee Motin Lane Harrison Barry Flammini Jonathon Saunders Jauven Motin Jessica Rogers Katie Flammini Rozi Teser Louis Pilitar Delaine Rogers Bryan Flammini Michelle Teser Kiera Pracht Elizabeth Tesser Gina Flammini Jacob Teser Devin Pracht Jonathan Sanders Elisabeth Rogers Joshua Teser Katelynn Pracht Amanda Woods Nadine Thorn Brittany Pracht

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes of a Special Meeting held on July 5, 2000 at 5:03 P.M. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, pass; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, pass and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the minutes of a Special Meeting held on July 11 at 6:03 P.M. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, pass; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on August 1, 2000 at 7:04 P.M. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, pass; Bennett, aye and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Building Department Report, month ending July 31, 2000; Zion Police Department Financial Report for June, 2000 and June, 1999 comparison; Traffic Summary and Enforcement Report for June, 2000 and June, 1999 comparison; Monthly Crime Index Report; Fire/Rescue Monthly Report, July, 2000 (c) BILLS: Vouchers 72624 through 72751 drawn on the National City Bank, \$691,589.53: First Midwest Bank, \$26,121.26; Total: \$717,710.79 (d) PAYMENTS: Group 1 Resources, Inc., remote access tools for Fire Department Response, \$2,900.00; Cenni, Ambrose and Smith Tile & Carpet, carpet for Community Development office, \$1,614.17; Masterbilt Fence & Supplies, Inc., fence and gates at Public Works facility, \$15,164.00; Thelen Sand & Gravel, Inc., work

performed on sanitary sewer and water extension on Route 173, \$37,135.34; Thelen Sand & Gravel, Inc., export of old material from old Zion landfill, \$14,985.00; Graphic Partners, Inc., composting stickers, \$884.00, and new resident folders, \$938.00, Total: \$1,822.00 (e)
PROCLAMATION: Buddy Poppy Days Mayor Harrison presented the Buddy Poppy Days Proclamation to representatives of the VFW. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nancy Martinez questioned whether or not the decision to allow the SkyGen peaker power plant to locate on property south of 9th Street is a Council vote or a citizen vote. Mayor Harrison stated it is neither. The annexation and zoning of this property occurred 6 years ago. SkyGen, who then purchased the land, already has the proper zoning. At this point, the IEPA is the authority, and will make the decision regarding a clean air permit. The IEPA will make their decision in October. Ms. Martinez noted concerns regarding property values and water supply. Mayor Harrison stated SkyGen has agreed to property value guarantees, assuring that property would be appraised at fair market value, similar to like property in Zion. The City is not near the allocated water limit, and the power plant would have to establish a separate water supply, so as not to jeopardize citizens' water. Ms. Martinez also stated she is currently experiencing poor water quality. Pete Zappa stated he is aware of defective piping in certain water heaters, which would cause the problem Ms. Martinez described.

Toni Larson noted concerns regarding air pollution of peaker power plants. Mayor Harrison stated when the electrical industry became deregulated, the IEPA became the controlling agency of air quality. Mayor Harrison noted Governor Ryan has appointed a task force to discuss power plant regulations. With the loss of Commonwealth Edison, taxing bodies within Zion will lose a total of \$17,000,000. Zion Elementary School District 6 will lose 61% of this total amount. The City is currently negotiating a host fee with SkyGen to help recover this loss. Negotiations with other companies are also taking place to help defer the substantial losses. Ms. Martinez and Ms. Larson both requested the Council not consider any additional peaker power plants for Zion.

AMENDING PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that a Resolution (00-R-40) be passed amending the Personnel Authorization, adding one Code Enforcement Assistant position in the Building and Zoning Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

ZION PARK DISTRICT LEASE AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that a Resolution (00-R-41) be passed terminating the lease agreement with the Zion Park District, as adopted by Ordinance No. 84-0-62. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

SALE OF PROPERTY/2875 GALILEE AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (00-R-42) be passed granting permission to sell surplus property at 2875 Galilee Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE/HIGH-PRESSURE WASHER/PUBLIC WORKS

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (00-0-69) be passed authorizing the purchase of a high-pressure washer for Public Works with Great Lakes Distributing, Inc. in the amount of \$3,400.00 including trade-in. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE/VIDEO RECORDERS/POLICE DEPT.

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (00-0-70) be passed authorizing the purchase of 16 in-car video recorders and video accessories for the Police Department with Mobile Vision in the amount of \$63,000.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

CHURCH OF JOY/BUS PARKING

A letter (00-DOC-107) was received from Pastor Reyes, Church of Joy, requesting permission to park five buses in the City's parking lot. Pastor Reyes requested parking these vehicles in the ESDA parking lot. The church utilizes these buses several days each week, and needs them in proximity to their church. The City does allow overnight parking by permit in certain City-owned parking lots, however, the ESDA lot is not included. The overnight parking is also for passenger vehicles only. Commissioner Taylor stated he is opposed to allowing buses in a City lot, while charging residents a fee to do so. Commissioner Rogers stated the City lot on Elim Avenue, east of the Shiloh Village, has five parking spaces designated for special permit parking. Commissioner Rogers noted this would be a temporary solution only. Commissioner Bennett noted concerns regarding private citizens wishing to park trucks or other large vehicles in City lots,

and questioned whether or not an industrial site might be available for these buses. Commissioner Monk suggested that the neighbors near the Elim Avenue parking lot should be polled regarding the parking of these buses. Mayor Harrison stated he is aware of industrial sites, which could be available for a more permanent solution for parking the buses. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to authorize Commissioner Rogers to make arrangements with the Church of Joy for parking five (5) buses in a city-owned parking lot, subject to the following: 1) Overnight parking for up to five (5) buses will be temporarily allowed in the city-owned parking lot D, commonly known as 2706 Elim Avenue. 2) The \$25 fee per vehicle will be waived. 3) This arrangement will be granted for a period of ninety (90) days. 4) The Council will revisit this issue at the end of this period. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE

A memo (00-DOC-108) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission for Captain Nugent and him to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference. This conference will be held on November 11-15, 2000 in San Diego, California. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission for Chief Malcolm and Captain Nugent to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference on November 11-15, 2000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. FIRE STATION NO. 1 ROOF A memo (00-DOC-109) was received from John Jones, regarding water leaks in the roof at Fire Station No. 1. Mr. Jones stated a replacement of the roof would not be necessary, however, repairs will be needed. Commissioner Rogers stated cost estimates are being gathered. No action was taken on this item.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS/FIRE/RESCUE DEPT.

A memo (00-DOC-110) was received from Chief LaBelle, requesting permission to advertise for bids for the purchase of laptop computers for the Fire/Rescue Department. The laptop computers will allow personnel to have immediate access to all vital information during emergency responses. Four laptops are requested for the Fire/Rescue Department, with one additional laptop for the Police Department. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to grant permission to advertise for bids for the purchase of a total of five laptop computers for the Fire/Rescue and Police Departments. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PAINTING OF DOME

Commissioner Rogers originally requested advertising for bids for painting the Dome, however, companies who have been contacted have stated they are too busy to take on extra work at this time. Only one company, Nunn's Painting, indicated they were available for painting the lower structure of the Dome. Commissioner Rogers stated this company has completed the painting, and requested waiving bids and authorizing payment to Nunn's Painting in the amount of \$4,044.98 for this project. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to waive bids and authorize payment to Nunn's Painting in the amount of \$4,044.98 for painting the Dome. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

B.C. AUTOMOTIVE LEASE

Commissioner Rogers recommended a one-year renewal of the lease agreement with B.C. Automotive. The current agreement will expire on April 30, 2001. Bill Cofer of B.C. Automotive has requested a longer extension of his lease, however the City is considering possible development in the near future, which could include this property. The lease amount would remain at \$12,000.00 for one year, with all other terms also remaining the same. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve a one-year renewal of the current lease agreement with B.C. Automotive, effective May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2002. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY VEHICLE POLICY

Commissioner Rogers requested amending the Use of City Vehicles Policy, in order to authorize the Custodian, who also serves as an on-call interpreter for the Police Department, to take a city vehicle to and from work. The Custodian has contracted with the Police Department to serve on an on-call basis. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Monk to amend the Use of City Vehicles Policy, Section 3, Employees authorized to take vehicles to and from work, to include the Building and Zoning Department Custodian. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

STOP SIGNS/29TH STREET & BETHEL BLVD.

A memo (00-DOC-111) was received from Chief Malcolm, recommending the installation of a 4-way stop sign at 29th Street and Bethel Blvd. A request for a stop sign was received from Elmwood School Principal Regina Grimes, who noted concerns for the students crossing busy traffic on 29th Street. There have been multiple accidents in this area. Chief Malcolm also recommended providing "Children Crossing" signs and

crosswalks. Mayor Harrison suggested installing warning flags or markers prior to making any change to the traffic flow. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve installing a four-way stop sign at 29th Street and Bethel Blvd, as well as "Children Crossing" signs and crosswalks. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF 3033 SHERIDAN ROAD

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk that a Resolution (00-R-43) be passed authorizing the purchase by the City of Zion of certain real property known as 3033 Sheridan Road, Zion, Illinois, in the amount of \$50,000.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR/FISCAL YEAR APRIL 30, 2000

A memo (00-DOC-112) was received from John Stark, requesting permission to accept a proposal from Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs and Company for the City of Zion's audit for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2000. This proposal, excluding the Police and Firemen's Pension Funds, is in the amount of \$22,500.00. This amount is \$700.00 less than the preceding year. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk to accept the proposal from Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs and Company for the City of Zion's audit of all funds, excluding the Police and Firemen's Pension Funds, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2000 in the amount of \$22,500.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FUEL TANK REMOVAL/POLICE STATION

Commissioner Bennett stated there are two options for providing fuel for City vehicles: 1) Remove the old fuel tank(s) at the Police Station, and replace it with an above ground fuel tank, or 2) Continue to utilize service stations for fuel needs. Commissioner Taylor suggested pursuing the first option, and forming a committee to do so. Commissioner Rogers stated, if the City continues to utilize a local retailer, a credit card system for purchasing fuel should be adopted. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the removal of the old fuel tanks at the Police Station, and to form a committee for this purpose. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY HALL SIGN PROJECT

A memo (00-DOC-113) was presented by Commissioner Rogers, regarding the City Hall sign project. Rich Signs has been previously approved to construct this sign. Mr. Rich has requested an advance of \$14,000.00, which is 50% of the total cost, in order to cover his initial expenses. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to authorize an expenditure of \$14,000.00 to Rich Signs, as an advance of 50% of the total cost for the City Hall sign project. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SHERIDAN HEALTH CARE CENTER/RAFFLE

Sheridan Health Care Center has submitted an application for license to conduct a raffle in the City of Zion. This raffle would be for the End of Summer Fair on August 26, with proceeds to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Monk to approve the license to conduct a raffle for Sheridan Health Care Center and the End of Summer Fair, waiving the license fee. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

END OF SUMMER FAIR

The End of Summer Fair, co-sponsored by the Sheridan Health Care Center and the Zion Chamber of Commerce will be held on August 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event will be held on the property immediately west of Sheridan Health Care Center. All proceeds will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Harrison stated there would be meetings scheduled in the future to answer citizens' questions and concerns regarding peaker power plants. Announcements will be forthcoming through the media.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 17	Building Advisory Committee meeting
August 18	Coalition for Healthy Communities "Caddie Classic" Golf Outing
September 4	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast & Labor Day Parade
September 5	City Council Meeting
September 21	Kiwanis Golf Outing

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the Council recess to Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss personnel, possible litigation and purchase of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 10:45 p.m. with all members present.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the appointment of Brian Usher as Director of Public Works and Engineering. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SCHOOL'S OPEN SAFETY WEEK

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that a proclamation be approved for "School's Open Safety Week" for August 21 - 27, 2000 in the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 10:52 p.m. Motion carried.