

# Council Minutes

**February 20, 2001**

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2001, AT 4:31 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 4:31 P.M.

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

Also present: City Clerk Mackey Attorney Robert Rolek Brian Usher Gary Thomas John Stark Bill Johansen

## **GASOLINE PURCHASING**

Options for gasoline purchasing are: 1. Continue purchasing from local gas stations, or 2. Install tanks and purchase wholesale. Commissioner Taylor stated with purchasing from local stations there are higher prices, lack of off-hour availability, possible unavailability of service with power failures, and record keeping problems. Commissioner Taylor stated with installing tanks there are lower prices, 24 hour availability, management system, no power failure concerns, and less record keeping.

Commissioner Taylor stated all of the other communities he has contacted utilize tanks. The average gasoline usage is 85,000 gallons per year. The cost for an underground 12,000 gallon tank, including a fuel management system and a canopy with lighting would be \$107,941.00. It would take approximately 5 years to break even on the cost of installing the tank vs. purchasing from local stations. Attorney Rolek noted concerns regarding warranties, which meet state requirements and the issue of liability with only one local gas station open after 11:00 p.m. Mr. Rolek also noted that the City is entitled to a rebate on a part of the MFT tax charged at the gas stations. Commissioner Bennett noted concerns for installing a tank regarding insurance costs, spillage, maintenance, contamination, theft and shrinkage of product. Commissioner Rogers introduced utilizing a special credit card system for purchasing gasoline. Mayor Harrison stated cost savings and efficiency are two main considerations. Commissioner Monk suggested establishing a cooperative effort with one tank for the City, Township and Zion Park District. Mr. Rolek stated such an agreement would need to include a clause for emergency uses. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to authorize Commissioner Taylor and Brian Usher to meet with Zion Park District, Illinois State Park and Zion Township to discuss the possibility of a cooperative effort in the purchase of a gasoline tank, whereby the City would provide gasoline at cost. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners

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

### **CONTAINERIZED WASTE COLLECTION**

The Council discussed outstanding issues regarding containerized waste collection as follows: 65 vs. 95 gallon containers: It is up to the discretion of the homeowner, as to which size is needed Financial assistance program: The Township will administer this program with details to be determined. Americart warranty program: The warranty would include either repairs or credits, as determined by Public Works with the Waste fund to be utilized for this purpose. Street pickup vs. alley pickup: Many concerns were noted, as situations are different throughout the community. There is a need to study each block. This issue is still to be discussed. Cart give-a-ways: In the past, carts have been given away for various prizes and auctions. Carts will no longer be offered for these purposes. Questions on this subject should be addressed to the following: For ordering carts - call Accounts & Finance or Onyx For Americart repairs - call Public Works For leasing a cart - call Accounts & Finance For financial assistance - all Zion Township No action was taken on this issue.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried.