Council Minutes

March 20, 2001

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001, AT 7:01 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,
Bennett, Monk and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Taylor was absent.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Harrison requested 1) deleting to consider donation of Fire
Department vehicle to Lake County High Schools Technology Campus,
item 10.a.; 2) adding to consider addendum to Onyx Waste Services
Agreement, item 10.a.; 3) adding a payment to the Consent Agenda for
United Environmental Consultants, Inc., professional services rendered,
$9,835.00, item 6.d.; 4) adding to consider amendment for fuel storage
tanks, item 10.l.; and 5) adding an Executive Session for the discussion of
pending litigation, item 12.a.

Commissioner Rogers requested adding a discussion regarding the
purchase of real estate to Executive Session, item 12.a.

ZION-BENTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Zion-Benton Township High School students were recognized for
designing and setting up the City’s Internet web site. Along with
Technology Coordinator, Jason Powell, students involved in this project
are Ajna Cackovic, Pete Ower and Rakel Hjelmeseth. Chief LaBelle
presented the web site, which can be reached at www.cityofzion.com
Mayor Harrison presented a $1,500 donation to Zion-Benton Township
High School for the purchase of additional computer software.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner
Rogers that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (a) MINUTES of
a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on March 6, 2001 at 7:01
P.M. and Special Meeting held on March 8, 2001 at 5:17 P.M., with all members having previously received copies. (b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Detailed Balance Sheet and Detailed Revenue & Expense Report for period ending February 28, 2001; Zion Fire/Rescue Department Monthly Report, February, 2001; Zion Police Department Monthly Reports, January & February, 2001; Zion Public Works Department Monthly Report, February, 2001 (c) BILLS: Vouchers 74545 through 74695 drawn on the National City Bank, $636,782.96; First Midwest Bank, $7,870.59: Total: $644,653.55 3/20/01 (d) PAYMENTS: Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Rolek, P.C., legal services for February & March, 2001, $22,500.00; Business Districts, Inc., services rendered on downtown redevelopment project, $1,320.00; Computer Help Key, Inc., computer services rendered, $210.00; Teska Associates, Inc., services rendered on downtown redevelopment project, $10,782.07; Belli & Kenny, L.L.C., economic development consultant services rendered, $19,133.59; MSI Communications, public relations services rendered, $16,779.40; New World Systems, software for Zion Police Department, $52,260.00; United Environmental Consultants, Inc., professional services, $9,835.00 (e) PROCLAMATION: Fair Housing Month - April, 2001 The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, pass; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ronald Harper questioned why he would need to purchase a new garbage container. Commissioner Rogers stated the City’s containerized garbage program would help beautify the city minimizing animal, vandalism and loose garbage problems. Mr. Harper also noted concerns regarding the clean up of the nuclear power plant. Mayor Harrison stated Congressman Kirk is diligently working to clean up this plant. Mayor Harrison reminded the public that citizen comments should be kept to 3 minutes per issue.

HOUSE BILL 282/ILLINOIS ENTERPRISE ZONE

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (01-R-3) be passed supporting House Bill 282, amending the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, providing for the creation of additional Enterprise Zones and allowing for special assistance in implementing economic development initiatives. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

RECONSTRUCTION OF GALILEE AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk that a Resolution (01-R-4) be passed for the reconstruction of Galilee Avenue from 21st Street to 33rd Street under the Illinois Highway Code of the Illinois Department of Transportation, appropriating $908,000 for the improvement. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers,
aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY REIMBURSEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (01-0-15) be passed requiring reimbursement for supplies and equipment used by the City of Zion Fire Department, while responding to a hazardous materials emergency incident. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ONYX WASTE SERVICES AGREEMENT

Onyx Waste Services has requested that their agreement with the City be amended to reflect the containerized garbage cart program, prior to ordering the containers. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the Addendum to the Agreement by and among the City of Zion, Illinois and Onyx Waste Services, Inc. regarding containerized garbage, subject to the City Attorney’s review. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

A Tabulation of Bids (01-DOC-33) was received from Clerk Mackey, regarding the 2001 Mosquito Control Program. Clerk Mackey recommended awarding the contract to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. for a total of $7,425 as follows: 2 citywide misting treatments at $3,255 per treatment Misting treatments of downtown area and Shiloh Park: 1 treatment prior to Nostalgia Days at $305 1 treatment prior to July 4th at $305 1 treatment prior to Jubilee Days at $305 It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to award the contract for the 2001 Mosquito Control Program to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $7,425.00, as recommended. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ESDA CENTER/ICE MACHINE

A memo (01-DOC-34) was received from Jack Diliberti, requesting permission to purchase an ice machine for the ESDA Center. Three quotes were received, with the lowest quote from Ames Refrigeration in the amount of $1,848.00. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to authorize the purchase of an ice machine for the ESDA Center from Ames Refrigeration in the amount of $1,848.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.
SQUAD CAR FOR POLICE DEPT.

A memo (01-DOC-35) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to purchase a squad car for the Police Department. This purchase would be a budgeted item. A 2001 Ford Crown Victoria is available through a State of Illinois bid from Terry's National Fleet Sales in the amount of $21,283. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to grant permission to purchase a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria for the Police Department from Terry's National Fleet Sales in the amount of $21,283. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2100 BLOCK OF ELISHA ALLEY

A memo (01-DOC-36) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to install a "No Left Turn" sign in the alley west of the 2100 block of Elisha Avenue. This request is in response to traffic concerns in the area surrounding The Zion Plaza. Chief Malcolm stated, with this sign, vehicles would not be allowed to turn left or south into the alley. Customers leaving the plaza would be able to exit either onto Route 173 or Elisha Avenue. This would help eliminate traffic and parking problems in the alley. Toni Larsen stated the exit onto Elisha Avenue is very steep. Chief Malcolm noted that customers can continue to exit onto Route 173. Commissioner Rogers questioned whether or not there is a "No Parking" sign in the alley. Chief Malcolm stated there was a temporary sign, and a permanent sign is now being installed. Commissioner Monk recommended monitoring the traffic in the plaza, in order to ascertain whether or not the problems become resolved. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to install a "No Left Turn" sign in the alley west of the 2100 block of Elisha Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WATER & SEWER CONNECTION/40295 GLENDALE

A memo (01-DOC-37) was received from Clerk Mackey, regarding a resolution approved by the Village of Beach Park, authorizing the residents of 40295 Glendale Avenue to connect to the City of Zion's water and sewer system. Beach Park indicated they have no objection to these connections. The property owners are aware they are responsible for all fees. Attorney Rolek stated an agreement would be needed with the property owners, stating all requirements and conditions. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk to approve the request to connect 40295 Glendale Avenue to Zion City water and sewer, subject to an agreement stating all requirements and conditions. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.
A Tabulation of Bids (01-DOC-38) was received from Brian Usher, regarding the Jethro alley sanitary sewer and water main extension. Mr. Usher recommended awarding the contract to the sole bidder, Campanella & Sons, Inc. in the amount of $38,923. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to award the contract for the Jethro alley sanitary sewer and water main extension to Campanella & Sons, Inc. in the amount of $38,923. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WATER SAMPLE PROGRAM

A memo (01-DOC-39) was received from Brian Usher, regarding the water sample program. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requires testing of water samples for water quality. The City’s current program expires on March 31, 2001. Mr. Usher recommends participating in the Community Water Supply Test Fund, administered by the IEPA. This is a three-year program with costs paid on an annual basis. The cost for this testing from April 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002 would be $4,785, plus $638 for the Brighton Ponds Subdivision. Samples would be taken to the North Shore Sanitary District laboratories. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve participation in the Community Water Supply Test Fund for a three-year period for potable water testing as required by the IEPA at a cost not to exceed $5,423 for April 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2400 BLOCK OF JOPPA/SEWER & WATER MAIN

A memo (01-DOC-40) was received from Brian Usher, regarding an emergency sewer and water main repair in the 2400 block of Joppa Avenue. This emergency repair necessitated immediately obtaining the services of an outside contractor. Deimer Plumbing conducted the repair and corrected the problem. Mr. Usher recommended approving payment to Deimer Plumbing in the amount of $8,598.06. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk to authorize payment to Deimer Plumbing in the amount of $8,598.06 for the emergency sewer and water main repair in the 2400 block of Joppa Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

1700 BLOCK OF GILBOA/CURBS & STORM DRAINS

A memo (01-DOC-41) was received from Brian Usher, requesting permission to advertise for bids for the installation of curbs and storm drains along the 1700 block of Gilboa Avenue. The Planning Commission
recommended approval of the Beulah Park Subdivision, subject to the developer being required to contribute toward the installation of curbs and storm drains in the 1700 block of Gilboa Avenue. The estimated total costs of the improvements are $66,717. Based on the frontage of the subdivision, the developer would be responsible for $14,911.33. If the approved bid is less than the estimate, then the developer would be credited accordingly. Fees would need to be paid at the time of permit approval. The City would be responsible for repairing existing road problems. Also, this project may not begin by the end of this fiscal year, May 1; therefore, Mr. Usher requested that funds be available in next year's budget to finish the project. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk to grant permission to advertise for bids for installation of curbs and storm drains along the 1700 block of Gilboa Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BEULAH PARK SUBDIVISION

The Beulah Park Subdivision is the resubdivision of 8 lots of the Sheridan Hills Subdivision on the east side of Gilboa Avenue between 17th Street and 18th Street. The subdivision is zoned R-8 Residential. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Beulah Park Subdivision, subject to the developer being required to contribute toward the installation of curbs and storm drains. The alley behind the lots would be revoked, and an easement would need to be established for utilities. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk to approve the Beulah Park Subdivision, subject to the City Attorney's approval of the development agreement. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FUEL STORAGE TANKS

The Zoning Board of Appeals considered an amendment placing restrictions on the amount of fuel that may be stored in fuel storage tanks - Zoning Docket 01-Z-4. The Zoning Board recommended approval of this request. This restriction would apply to principal uses as well as accessory uses. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve restrictions placed on the amount of fuel in all fuel storage tanks, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

A citizen questioned the speed limit in alleys, noting the potential for accidents. Chief Malcolm will check into this matter. Commissioner Rogers suggested posting speed limit signs in alleys upon completion of paving and repairs. Mayor Harrison noted several blocks have paved alleys now,
and requested that Chief Malcolm check into the accident reports in those areas.

Commissioner Rogers stated Bridgeview Bank has made a donation to the Christmas in April Program.

Mayor Harrison stated the Business Development Council is looking for interested persons to serve on committees for the downtown redevelopment project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 3 Election Day City Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that the Council recess to Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and the purchase of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 8:54 p.m. with same members present.

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 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.