

Council Minutes

JUNE 21, 2001

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2001, AT 10:04 A.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Taylor, DeTienne, Bennett and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Rogers arrived at 10:28 a.m.

CITY'S CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In October of 2000, the City authorized Belli & Kenny to prepare the City's Conceptual Master Plan, in order to find a new source of revenue, which would provide a new tax base and job opportunities. Jim Belli stated they are proposing the creation of an industrial/commercial development coupled with recreational and conservation areas. Mr. Belli stated \$285,812 was authorized for this purpose. Senator Geo-Karis and Representative Osmond have given their support of this concept, as well as the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and the Illinois Department of Transportation. The development could bring in considerable taxable income, spur several full time jobs, as well as provide construction jobs.

Mayor Harrison noted the City's proposed budget for the fiscal year 2001/02 has a deficit of \$2,000,000. Commonwealth Edison's closure creates financial problems, not only for the City, but also for several other taxing bodies.

Mr. Belli stated the next phase of the development process is for acquisition of property.

Attorney Rolek stated he would be working to ensure that all legal procedures are followed. Attorney Rolek also stated that the Conceptual Master Plan is a draft document only, and since all negotiations have not been completed, this document is not releasable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Executive Session at 10:33 a.m. to discuss purchase of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners

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

The Council reconvened at 12:28 p.m. with all members present.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Rogers and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 12:28 p.m. Motion carried.