

Council Minutes

January 29, 2002

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2002, AT 5:00 P.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 Bennett, Rogers, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Taylor was absent.

ZION PARK DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Bennett presented an agreement with the Zion Park District, which would allow for the sharing of golf fees at Shepherd's Crook Golf Course. The Park District would pay the City fifty cents (\$0.50) for each round of golf for the first ten thousand (10,000) rounds, and one dollar (\$1.00) for each round of golf played over the first ten thousand (10,000) rounds played in each calendar year. Al Hill, Park District Director, stated everyone who steps off the first tee is considered to be playing a round of golf, regardless of how many holes are played. Rounds of golf will also be logged for people who participate in golf outings or charity events. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that an Ordinance (02-0-5) be passed authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Zion Park District for the payment of golf fees at Shepherd's Crook Golf Course. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ZION'S EAST SIDE/GENERAL INDUSTRIAL ZONING

John Jones stated multiple variance requests for building appearances have been received for Zion's General Industrial area, east of the railway tracks, north of 29th Street, and south of 25th Street. Mr. Jones suggested reviewing the zoning requirements for this area, in order to help eliminate further variances. Mayor Harrison noted the current ordinance requires 75% of the front of an industrial building and 50% of all other sides must be of some other material other than metal. Mr. Jones stated he was presented with a suggestion utilizing fencing, which would eliminate being able to view the majority of a building. Commissioner Bennett questioned whether or not Mr. Jones was suggesting changing General Industrial zoning requirements for all such areas throughout the city. Mr. Jones stated his recommendations would be for all General Industrial zones.

Mayor Harrison noted there are special finishes and features currently available, which could be utilized to enhance these buildings. Attorney Rolek stated such finishes and features could be included for certain specified zoning areas. Mr. Jones stated he would also like to include certain fencing requirements. Attorney Rolek stated he would work with Mr. Jones, drafting an ordinance, which would include these recommendations and a list of options for the Council's consideration. It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to direct Attorney Rolek and John Jones to prepare a draft ordinance with a list of options regarding zoning requirements for the General Industrial area. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Ted Otterbacher stated concerns regarding dumping of debris and materials in the industrial area east of the railway tracks. Mr. Jones stated he will check into this matter, and Attorney Rolek stated he would pursue the owners, if necessary.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of personnel, purchase of real estate, pending litigation and probable litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Special Council meeting at 6:48 p.m. with Commissioners Bennett and DeTienne and Mayor Harrison present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPUTY CLERK PRO TEM

Mayor Harrison stated Clerk Mackey will be out of the office for the February 5 Council meeting, and Deputy Clerk Burkemper may possibly be unable to attend. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint a Deputy Clerk Pro Tem to serve at the February 5 meeting, if needed. It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to appoint Pauline Thorsen to serve as Deputy Clerk Pro Tem for the February 5 Council meeting, if necessary. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, 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

DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.