

Council Minutes

October 1, 2002

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2002, AT 6:00 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 DeTienne, Taylor, Bennett, Rogers and Mayor Harrison.

PAYMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that payments be approved as follows:

- Benchmark Environmental Services, Inc., professional services performed on property at 2861 Sheridan Road, \$5,760.00,
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, services performed on Kaplan Properties, \$1,269.99
- ENSR, Zion BRG Program, \$9,256.54

Commissioner Rogers noted that a portion of these payments would be reimbursed. Attorney Rolek recommended a memo to file be prepared indicating the revenue to be reimbursed. ENSR has already filed with Lake County on the City's behalf.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Taylor stated drawings for Phase II of the Downtown Redevelopment Project will be on display during the Gypsy Days event in the former Bicket Building. Brian Usher and Baxter and Woodman representatives presented concepts and alternatives as follows:

27th Street proposed improvements from Sheridan Road to Emmaus Avenue

- Narrowing 27th Street with medians with trees and grass areas with two alternatives:
 1. No parking would be allowed on 27th Street from Sheridan Road to Emmaus Avenue, or

2. Limited parking would be allowed, eliminating parking next to corners

The Council agreed to continue limited parking along 27th Street for existing businesses and in anticipation of any new businesses.

Alley and parking lots in 2600 block west of Sheridan Road

- Changing alley in 2600 block west of Sheridan Road from southbound to northbound
- Adding signage package to indicate all directions
- Burying utility lines
- Allowing drop off and pick up areas behind certain businesses, as businesses have indicated they need vehicular access in alleyways
- Design for traffic would be more convenient for emergency purposes

Alley and parking lots in 2700 block west of Sheridan Road

- Alley would remain southbound with either the exit to be located south of the Zion-Benton News building or located in the center of the parking lot
- South portion of parking lot, along with a portion of Caledonia Blvd, would be turned into a park area

Alley and traffic access in 2800 block west of City Hall

- Option to continue improvements west of City Hall
- Possible restructuring of roadway in front of Fire Station, making it safer for emergency vehicles leaving the station
- Traffic which now turns left onto Caledonia Blvd would be rerouted to traffic signals at either 27th Street or 29th Street

Commissioner Taylor stated related costs would be presented at a later date. Commissioner DeTienne recommended showing all concept drawings during the public display, while getting feedback from businesses. Mr. Usher stated costs based on alternatives would be presented with final concepts at a future meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried.