

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2003, AT 7:11 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

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

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Adding a discussion pertaining to rehabbing the Hebron garage, item 9.m.
- Adding Arbor Day proclamation to the Consent Agenda, item 6.d.
- Adding the discussion of collective bargaining to Closed Session, item 11

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

ZBTHS BASKETBALL TEAM

The Zion-Benton Township High School Varsity Boys' Basketball Team was honored for their outstanding performance and athletic achievements, having won several titles during their 2002/03 season. Mayor Harrison presented a plaque to the players, Coach Don Kloth and Athletic Director Lonnie Bible.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that a Resolution (03-R-15) be passed honoring the 2002/03 Zion-Benton Township High School Varsity Boys' Basketball Team and coaches. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Winfrey that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- (a) **MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting and Closed Session held on April 1, 2003 at 7:02 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Detailed Balance Sheet and Detailed Revenue & Expense Report, period ending March 31, 2003; Building Inspector's Monthly Report, March, 2003
- (c) **PAYMENTS:** Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Rolek, P.C., legal services, \$13,250.00; Zion Park District, legal services for Calpine tax litigation, \$1,945.30
- (d) **PROCLAMATIONS:** Zion Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month – April, 2003; Volunteer Week in Zion – April 27 – May 3, 2003, Arbor Day, April 29, 2003

- (e) **RECEIVE & PLACE ON FILE:** Proclamation of the Local Canvassing Board declaring the results of the April 1, 2003 Consolidated Election for City Offices

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation certificate to Dan Friedlander, representing the Lake County and National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, proclaiming April 2003 as Zion Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve proclaiming April 2003 as Zion Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

William C. Bremner stated that freedom of speech is allowed per the U.S. Constitution, as well as the right of people to peaceably assemble.

PURCHASE OF 2655 SHERIDAN ROAD

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that a Resolution (03-R-16) be passed authorizing the purchase of 2655 Sheridan Road, Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

LAWN MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

The Township Board did not pass this agreement, therefore this item is deleted.

AUDIT SERVICES

A memo (03-DOC-96) was received from Greg Schneider, requesting authorization for an additional payment in the amount of \$5,400.00 to Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs and Company for setting up Excel templates and generating year-end adjustments. This item would be paid from the Consultant line item.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to authorize payment to Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs and Company in the amount of \$5,400.00, as requested. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

COMPUTER SERVER

A memo (03-DOC-97) was received from Greg Schneider, requesting permission to purchase a replacement computer server from Dell Company in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00. This server would replace two older servers, which are beginning to fail. Although this is not a budgeted item, funds are available in the technology budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to purchase a computer server from Dell Company in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE POSITION

Commissioner Bennett recommended changing the title of Assistant Comptroller to Assistant Director of Finance. Commissioner Bennett stated there is a current vacancy for this position, and requested posting and advertising for it.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve changing the title of Assistant Comptroller to Assistant Director of Finance, amending the Personnel Authorization accordingly, and granting permission to post and advertise for this position. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Commissioner Bennett presented the proposed health and life insurance rates for 2003/04, effective May 1, 2003, as follows:

<u>Monthly Payment for COBRA Coverage</u>		<u>Monthly Payment for Retirees with Medicare</u>	
Single:	\$ 717.71	Single:	\$412.00
Single + One:	\$1,323.72	Single + One:	\$824.00
Family:	\$1,929.72		

The monthly rate for retirees' life insurance would be \$13.00.

Mayor Harrison stated these rates reflect the City's costs effective May 1. Commissioner Winfrey questioned a recent court ruling regarding disability retirees. Attorney Rolek stated he is reviewing this case, however, if it does apply, it would only be for those who retire after the date of the ruling and would not be retroactive. Retiree Ron Levin stated, besides the monthly insurance premium, prescription costs have also risen. Retiree Don Williamson stated costs keep escalating, and he has never received extra benefits. Allan Town stated if the Illinois Supreme Court decision affects future retirees, it could cause firefighters to not be able to retire, which could place a financial burden on the City. Commissioner Bennett stated that money is not available in the budget to subsidize these costs, which may mean reducing future benefits or services. Mayor Harrison stated new revenue sources may be available next year, and unencumbered money is available in the General Fund under working cash. Commissioner Bennett noted the state hasn't fully paid the City its tax revenue, which may mean using part of the working cash. Mayor Harrison stated early retirement benefit incentives could be reviewed. Mr. Town requested the Council table this matter, so as to research possible options and alternatives that have been discussed by employees in his department. Commissioner Bennett stated the new rates would start May 1, however this matter could be amended at a later date. Commissioner DeTienne stated it is difficult for retirees to obtain secondary insurance, and since he is directly affected, he won't be voting on this issue.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the health and life insurance rates for 2003/04, effective May 1, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, pass; Winfrey, nay; and Mayor Harrison, nay. Motion failed.

NO PARKING SIGNS/VARIOUS LOCATIONS

A memo (03-DOC-98) was received from Chief Malcolm, recommending that "No Parking" signs be installed as follows:

- On Elisha Avenue, between the boulevards from Shiloh Blvd. North to Shiloh Blvd. South, due to concerns regarding traffic safety
- On Gabriel Avenue; the portion in line with the Library front entry walk, allowing to accommodate the loading and unloading of bus patrons

It was moved by Commissioner , seconded by Commissioner to approve the installation of "No Parking" signs, as recommended, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

JEWEL FOOD STORE/RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Mayor Harrison stated the Liquor Control Commission approved Jewel Food Store's application for a Class C Retail Liquor Dealer's License. The Commission reviewed the final floor plans, and the project is scheduled to start in October.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant approval of Jewel Food Store's application for a Class C Retail Liquor Dealer's License. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, pass; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner Taylor stated the current sprinkler system requirements need to be reviewed, noting buildings such as churches and doctors' offices should not have the same regulations as residences. Commissioner Taylor stated usage, rather than size, should determine the requirements, as current regulations are cost prohibitive. Attorney Rolek stated an organization could apply for a variance while this matter is being resolved. Commissioner Taylor recommended conducting a workshop to discuss this issue.

The Council agreed to conduct a workshop on May 8, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss sprinkler system requirements.

ARCINFO SOFTWARE/PUBLIC WORKS

A memo (03-DOC-99) was received from Brian Usher, requesting permission to purchase an Arcinfo software package for Public Works. This software upgrade would allow staff to enter information regarding the City's boundaries, parcel plats and utilities, avoiding outside costs and delays. Through the Illinois Joint Purchase bid process, this package is available from ESRI, Inc. in the amount of \$7,100 plus delivery costs. Mr. Usher stated the purchase of this software would be paid from the Water Consultant fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Winfrey to grant permission to purchase an Arcinfo software package for Public Works, through an Illinois Joint Purchase bid, from Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,150. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PARCEL IN 2600 BLOCK OF 27TH STREET/SIMPLE SUBDIVISION

A memo (03-DOC-100) was received from John Jones, considering the resubdivision of property located in the 2600 block of 27th Street, on the corner of 27th Street and Hermon Avenue into two lots. The owner wishes to divide the 153 foot by 605 foot lot into two 76.39 foot by 605 foot lots, which would also incorporate 30 feet of vacated 28th Street. The current zoning is R-8 Residential, and the intent is to build a single-family residence on each lot.

It was moved by Commissioner Winfrey, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the simple subdivision of the parcel in the 2600 block of 27th Street, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY BROCHURE

A memo (03-DOC-101) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding a promotional City brochure. The brochure was created through the Organizational Committee and Citigate Communications. If this draft version is approved, Citigate would have the final version ready within two to three weeks. Mayor Harrison stated, once the brochure is completed, the City could go to bid for competitive printing costs.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the draft of the promotional City brochure. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DREYER'S AUTO SERVICE

A memo (03-DOC-102) was received from Delaine Rogers, considering a revised license agreement with Dreyer's Auto Service, Inc. This lease allows Dreyer's Auto to use the city-owned property at 3003 Sheridan Road for parking. Should the City have an offer to develop this parcel, Dreyer's Auto is requesting a first option on the property. The lease would remain in effect for 20 years, but may be terminated with a 90-day notification. The termination clause was questioned, and Attorney Rolek stated he would amend Section 1.(f) to read that the City shall have the right to cancel the lease.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the License Agreement for Use of Property with Dreyer's Auto Service, Inc., as amended. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

MEDIA PROMOTIONAL PROJECTS

A memo (03-DOC-103) was received from Delaine Rogers, proposing the promotion of the City through media projects. Ms. Rogers stated these projects would maximize publicity with funding from the Cable Commission receipts. The projects to be considered are as follows:

- Zion-Benton News contract for a full-page weekly message at an annual cost of \$10,400
- Cooperative advertising between the Village of Winthrop Harbor and the City through joint utilization of the shuttle service at an annual cost of \$3,000
- Zion Police Department annual report and template at a cost of \$3,800

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the media promotional projects, as presented, with funding to be provided through the Cable Commission funds. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

HEBRON GARAGE

Commissioner DeTienne stated the Police Department is requesting the utilization of the Hebron garage for the police impound facility. Grant money in the amount of \$35,000 is anticipated to help cover improvement costs for this project. Commissioner DeTienne stated the issues of screening and fencing in this residential area are being addressed.

The Council agreed to utilize the Hebron garage as a police impound facility, and to take action at the May 6 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 18	City Hall closed for Holiday
April 26	Christmas in April project
April 30	City of Zion Blood Drive at City Hall
May 6	Regular City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Swearing-in Ceremony for Newly Elected Officials
May 16	Fine Arts Council "Bowling Ball" fundraiser at former Ehler's Lanes
May 20	Township Board Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:59 p.m. to discuss purchase and sale of real estate, probable litigation, personnel and collective bargaining. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 11:56 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Winfrey, 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 DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 11:56 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk