

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2004, AT 7:00 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 Bennett, DeTienne, Flammini, Taylor 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 Proclamation for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, item 5.e.
- Deleting to consider Façade Grant Program reimbursement for Palu-ay Building at 2671 Sheridan Road, item 11.b.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on December 16, 2003 at 7:59 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk's Monthly Report, December, 2003; Public Works Dept. Monthly Report, November, 2003
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 85605 through 85787 drawn on National City Bank, \$2,267,983.46; Add back voided check, \$278.48; Total: \$2,268,261.94
- (d) **PAYMENTS:** DEM Services, Inc., remediation services rendered at old cookie factory, \$54,364.00; Lake County Partners, membership fees, \$1,750.00; Modern Heating, Façade Grant Program reimbursement for 2429 Sheridan Road, \$32,303.93; Cenni Ambrose, Inc., Façade Grant Program reimbursement for 2770 Sheridan Road, \$94,750.00
- (e) **PROCLAMATION:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19, 2004

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

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (03-R-37) of Commendation be passed recognizing Sharon Mirr for 20 years of dedicated service to the Police Department and the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**ABATING TAX/WATERWORKS & SEWERAGE SYSTEM**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (04-0-1) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2003 to pay the principal of and interest on \$3,500,000 taxable general obligation bonds (Waterworks & Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), series 2001, of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ABATING TAX/MIDWESTERN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (04-O-2) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2003 to pay the principal of and interest on \$30,000,000 taxable general obligation bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), series 2002 (Midwestern Regional Medical Center Project), of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ABATING TAX/SHERIDAN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (04-0-3) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2003 to pay the principal of and interest on \$4,975,000 general obligation bonds, series 2002-A, (Special Tax Allocation Fund Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (04-0-4) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2003 to pay the principal of and interest on \$5,000,000 general obligation bonds, series 2002-B, (Combined Zion Energy LLC Agreement Fees and Motor Fuel Tax Receipts Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ABATING TAX/ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (04-0-5) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2003 to pay the principal of and interest on \$3,000,000 general obligation bonds, series 2003, (Combined Zion Energy LLC Agreement Fees and Motor Fuel Tax Receipts Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**HAZ MAT EQUIPMENT**

A memo (04-DOC-1) was received from Chief LaBelle, regarding the purchase of Haz-Mat equipment needed to meet the requirements of the Calpine/Zion Energy LLC Host Agreement. Total cost for the equipment is approximately \$17,357, and Calpine/Zion Energy will reimburse \$15,000. As this was not a budgeted item, Chief LaBelle requested setting up the necessary accounts for the purchase and reimbursement of this equipment.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to authorize the purchase of Haz-Mat equipment for the Fire/Rescue Department, per the Calpine/Zion Energy LLC Host Agreement, and for an account to be set up for the purchase and reimbursement of the equipment and supplies. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**POLICE OFFICER VACANCIES**

A memo (04-DOC-2) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to hire three police officers to fill vacancies. The Fire and Police Commission would be notified to appoint the next eligible candidates from the Police Officer Eligibility List.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to hire three police officers based on the Police Officer Eligibility List. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS UNIFORMS**

A memo (04-DOC-3) was received from Brian Usher, requesting permission to waive bids and purchase uniforms for Public Works. Mr. Usher recommended purchasing uniforms from a local vendor, American Outfitters, who is the current provider for a cost not to exceed \$4,700.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to grant permission to waive bids and authorize purchasing Public Works uniforms from American Outfitters, Ltd. for a total cost not to exceed \$4,700.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**TAB OF BIDS/DEMOLITION OF CANDY FACTORY**

A Tabulation of Bids (04-DOC-4) was received from Brian Usher, regarding the demolition of the Candy Factory. Mr. Usher recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder who met all specifications, Champion Environmental Services, Inc., in the amount of \$91,000.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to award the contract for the demolition of the Candy Factory to Champion Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$91,000.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**TAB OF BIDS/DEMOLITION OF COOKIE FACTORY**

A Tabulation of Bids (04-DOC-5) was received from Brian Usher, regarding the demolition of the Cookie Factory. Mr. Usher recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder who met all specifications, Land & Lakes Company, in the amount of \$141,870.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to award the contract for the demolition of the Cookie Factory to Land & Lakes Company in the amount of \$141,870.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**2602 33<sup>rd</sup> STREET/MINOR RESUBDIVISION**

A memo (04-DOC-6) was received from John Jones, considering the minor resubdivision of a parcel at 2602 33<sup>rd</sup> Street into 2 lots. Each lot would be approximately 21,100 square feet, which exceeds the R-13 residential zoning.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minor resubdivision of 2602 33<sup>rd</sup> Street into 2 lots, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**TRUMPET PARK/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

A memo (04-DOC-7) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding proposals for the environmental assessment needed for marketing Trumpet Park. Rick Delisle, Trammell Crow Company, stated they received 3 proposals for geo-technical, environmental, wetland delineation and survey work as follows:

STS Consultants	- \$59,000
Versar, Inc.	- \$96,700
DEM Services, Inc.	- \$125,190

Mr. Delisle stated the company who submitted the lowest proposal, STS Consultants, is a Lake County based firm who visited the site on several occasions and is very familiar with the project. The contract would be between the City of Zion and the successful company.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to award the contract for the environmental assessment of Trumpet Park to STS Consultants, subject to preparation of the contract by the City Attorney. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner DeTienne voiced his concerns regarding the removal of the drop box for mail across from the post office. Mayor Harrison stated he has talked with the new Zion Postmaster, and the post office is interested in relocating this mailbox in the City parking lot in the 2700 block west of Sheridan Road. This would allow mail to be placed in the box from the driver’s side of a vehicle. Mayor Harrison stated the City will continue to request that the federal government consider building a new post office in Zion, noting federal funds are currently available.

January 19	City Hall closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 20	Township Board Meeting
January 20	City Council Meeting

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss personnel and purchase and sale of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:33 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**CATASTROPHIC INJURIES POLICY**

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed adopting a policy regarding catastrophic injuries. Commissioner Bennett stated legal counsel has prepared a policy based on the Illinois Public Safety Employee Benefit Act, with a couple of Council recommended amendments.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to adopt the Catastrophic Injuries Policy, as amended, providing police officers and firefighters who are injured or killed under certain circumstances, along with their families, lifetime medical insurance benefits. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, 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 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved January 20, 2004