

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 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, Taylor, Flammini and Mayor Harrison.

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

LAKE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REFERENDUM

Brent Paxton introduced Barry Burton, Lake County Administrator, who presented information on the Lake County Transportation Referendum. This referendum is on the ballot for the March 2 Primary Election. The revenue would be used for 1) road widening, 2) intersection improvements, and 3) traffic signal synchronization. This is a countywide referendum. Residents would pay 25 cents more in sales tax for every \$100 spent. This tax would not apply to groceries, prescription drugs and retail sales of cars and boats. It would raise approximately \$15 million annually in additional funds, and would help enable bonding and leveraging of state and federal funds.

Abe Goldsmith questioned whether or not funds would be used for mass transportation. Mr. Burton stated this tax would not be used for mass transportation, but for the purpose of transportation congestion relief. Commissioner DeTienne questioned whether or not specific areas of concern had been targeted. Mr. Burton stated specific areas have not been targeted for the referendum, however the county's 2020 plan has targeted roads.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2004 and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on February 17, 2004 at 7:00 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk's Monthly Report, February, 2004
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 86102 through 86379 drawn on National City Bank, \$652,319.50 & \$1,464,541.40; (Manual checks: Check #86101 - \$91,344.22); Total: \$2,116,860.90
- (d) **PAYMENTS:** Illinois State Police Academy, enrollment for two recruits, \$4,939.02; Salem Laundromat, 2439 Galilee, façade grant reimbursement, \$50,000.00; Salem Market, 2435 Galilee, façade grant reimbursement, \$50,000.00; Roger's Interiors, 2271 Sheridan Road, façade grant reimbursement, \$42,069.15

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

SALE OF PROPERTY/2384 SHERIDAN ROAD

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that a Resolution (04-R-3) be passed granting permission to sell surplus property at 2384 Sheridan Road. Mayor Harrison noted the buyer is responsible for all environmental issues on this property. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

ZION BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that a Resolution (04-R-4) be passed creating the Zion Business Development Council as a Zion City Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

PROCEDURES FOR RECORDING CLOSED SESSIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (04-0-8) be passed establishing procedures for the recording of closed sessions for the City Council of the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/WATER SERVICE

Attorney Puma stated it was necessary to amend the City's water service ordinance in order to comply with the IEPA requirements for issuing No Further Remediation (NFR) letters. This proposed ordinance requires that all improved property must connect to the City's water supply system where water service is available.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (04-0-9) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Sections 94-47 and 94-48 relative to the provision of water service. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATION HEADSETS/POLICE DEPT

A memo (04-DOC-28) was received from Chief Malcolm requesting approval to purchase fourteen (14) microphone communication headsets for the Police Department SWAT Team. The total cost would be \$4,015 from Pro-Tech. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the purchase of fourteen (14) microphone communication headsets for the Police Department from Pro-Tech for a total cost of \$4,015. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

STREETSCAPE/2003 ROAD PROGRAM

A memo (04-DOC-29) was received from Commissioner Taylor recommending the allocation of funds to close out the Streetscape/2003 Road Program. In February 2003, the Council authorized the expenditure of funds for the improvement of 27th Street from Emmaus Avenue to Sheridan Road. In May 2003 the Council approved contracts for this work. During the budget approval in June 2003, the Council reduced the funding for this project, even though contracts were already approved, leaving an overage of \$377,478. Commissioner Taylor stated final costs are now available, and recommended the following:

- allocating \$672,959 from the 2002/03 Road Bond funds,
- paying \$377,478 from the Street & Bridge fund balance, and
- providing closure of the projects, including a 5% retention.

Mayor Harrison noted the Council had already approved the contracts for these projects prior to reducing the amount in the budget. Commissioner Bennett stated necessary transfers would have to extend into the next fiscal year in order to make these payments.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the allocation of funds for the Streetscape/2003 Road Program, as recommended by Commissioner Taylor, subject to the necessary transfer of funds being extended into the 2004/05 fiscal year. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WATER SAMPLING PROGRAM

A memo (04-DOC-30) was received from Brian Usher requesting continued participation in the Community Water Supply Testing Program. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requires testing of water samples for water quality. The cost for continuing this state program for the period of June 2004 to June 2007 would be \$6,100 per year, including mandatory testing for the Brighton Ponds Subdivision.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve continued participation in the Illinois Community Water Supply Testing Program for June 2004 to June 2007 at a cost of \$6,100 per year. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FACILITY PLANNING AREA/TRUMPET PARK

A memo (04-DOC-31) was received from Brian Usher regarding the Facility Planning Area (FPA) application process. Mr. Usher recommended that Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers prepare the documentation for the Northeast Illinois Planning Commission, as well as attend the application meeting with the City. The proposal from Baxter & Woodman for this work plan would be at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. Mayor Harrison noted the FPA area is bordered on the east by Green Bay Road, on the west by the Union Pacific rail line, on the south by Route 173 and on the north by the state line. Mayor Harrison thanked Brent Paxton and the Lake County Board for their assistance in obtaining approval to change the FPA, which will allow the City to have sewer service throughout Trumpet Park.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the work plan with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers at a cost not to exceed \$7,000 for documentation to change the FPA for Trumpet Park. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ALLEY VACATION/WEST OF SHERIDAN ROAD

A memo (04-DOC-32) was received from John Jones regarding a request for vacation of an unimproved alley between 20th Street and Wilson Court, west of Sheridan Road. Preferred Development is planning a project at this location including a bank building with a drive-through. The vacation of this alley would be needed for parking and traffic flow. Mr. Jones stated the unimproved portions of the alley to the north and south have already been vacated. Mr. Jones also requested direction regarding the value of this alley. Commissioner Bennett suggested using the comparable value of adjacent property as the cost for this parcel.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the vacation of the alley between 20th Street and Wilson Court, west of Sheridan Road, as requested, subject to determining the value and cost based on the comparable adjacent property. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

NEW RESIDENT GUIDE

A memo (04-DOC-33) was received from Delaine Rogers regarding a proposal for a new resident guide entitled "My New Home". This guide would serve as an introductory tool to allow new residents to become familiar with community services and businesses, as well as providing city information and contacts. The City's cost would be \$600 per mailing, with the guide to be distributed twice a year. August would be the target date for the initial mailing.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve contracting with the publishers of My New Home for the new resident guide, authorizing an annual expenditure of \$1,200 for the mailings. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 8	Special City Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
March 13	Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at ZBTHS
March 16	Zion Township Board Meeting
March 16	City Council Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase of real estate and probable litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:52 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, 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 Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved March 16, 2004

City Clerk