Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

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

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

LAKE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REFERENDUM

Barry Burton, Lake County Administrator, presented information on the Lake County Transportation Referendum. This countywide referendum is on the ballot for the April 5 General Election. The ½ cent additional sales tax would support a program of $481 million over the next 10 years. This tax would not apply to groceries and prescription drugs. Mayor Harrison stated that sales tax is an appropriate way to fund this road improvement program, noting that a portion of our sales tax income comes from people who live outside of Lake County. Commissioner DeTienne stated that the project should include widening Green Bay Road north to the state line. Mr. Burton stated the project as proposed would cost $41 million. Brian Usher noted that a portion of Green Bay Road is being considered for widening as part of the Illinois Department of Transportation plan. Mayor Harrison stated the county has agreed to assist to some extent with the transportation needs of the Trumpet Park project, noting MFT money only funds a small portion for road improvements.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

(a)  APPROVAL OF MINUTES of a Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on March 1, 2005 at 7:49 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.

(b)  DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Detailed Balance Sheet and Detailed Revenue & Expense Report, month ending February 28, 2005; Building Inspector’s Report, February, 2005

(c)  BILLS: Vouchers 89752 through 89998 drawn on National City Bank, $1,440,452.92; Add back voided checks, $7,524.00 & $144.00; Net Total: $1,448,120.92

(d)  PAYMENTS: Riggs, Inc., welcome bags, $1,025.56; BDI, services rendered for retail workshop, $1,100.00; Don’s Auto Parts & Machine Shop, rebuild of 2001 Ford long block, $2,250.00; Lark Uniform, police uniforms, $2,942.00; Ionware, consulting services on Police Department Ferris System, $3,583.75 & $3,703.80

(e)  PROCLAMATION: Women’s History Month, March, 2005

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

A memo (05-DOC-33) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting to approve Citigate’s proposal for the design and layout of the 2004 annual report for the Police Department. This report would be created for an amount of $2,650. Chief Malcolm requested that payment for this report be taken from the Cable Fund. Mayor Harrison stated he would prefer in the future that this item be placed as part of the Police Department’s budget.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the proposal for the 2004 Police Department Annual Report from Citigate in the amount of $2,650, and for the project to be paid from the Cable Fund. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/TREE PLANTING

A Tabulation of Bids (05-DOC-34) was received from Brian Usher for the purchase and planting of parkway trees at various locations throughout the City. Mr. User recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Castle Garden, Inc., who met all specifications, for a total amount not to exceed $35,000. This is a budgeted item. Commissioner Bennett questioned the size of these trees. Mr. Usher stated the trees would be 2 ½” to 3” in diameter.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to award the contract for the purchase and planting of 2005 parkway trees to Castle Garden, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed $35,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/ BITUMINOUS & MAINTENANCE MATERIALS

A Tabulation of Bids (05-DOC-35) was received from Brian Usher, regarding the annual purchase of bituminous and maintenance materials. Mr. Usher recommended awarding contracts to the lowest responsible and responsive bidders as follows:

Avalon Petroleum #2 diesel fuel
Super Trucking, Inc. #10 stone, ¾” chips, traffic bond with fines
Kirschoffer Grade #7 gravel, trench backfill, seal coat aggregate
Thelen S & G Pulverized top soil
Peter Baker & Sons Emulsified asphalt, cold patch, class I surface asphalt, binder-course asphalt, UPM patch materials
Harris Lubricants Automatic trans fluid, #30w motor oil, antifreeze, 2 cycle oil
Mid Town Petroleum SAE #10W30 oil, hydraulic fluid, all purpose grease
Lube Oils, Inc. Dex cool antifreeze
Palatine Oil 90 W gear lube

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to award contracts for various bituminous and maintenance materials, as recommended. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.
EMERGENCY WARNING SIREN SYSTEM

A memo (05-DOC-36) was received from Brian Usher, regarding the maintenance contract with Fulton Contracting Company for Zion’s Civil Defense and Disaster Warning System. Last month, this contract was approved, however it inadvertently excluded the warning siren at 17th Street and Sheridan Road. Mr. Usher recommended revising the 2005 contract with Fulton Contracting Company, reflecting the additional siren, for a total cost of $1,020.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve amending the Civil Defense and Disaster Warning System Annual Maintenance Contract with Fulton Contracting Company for a total amount of $1,020.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the City of Zion, Mayor Harrison offered his prayers and condolences to the family of Bob Rolek. City Attorney Rolek passed away a few days ago, and Mayor Harrison stated he will be sorely missed.

March 21 Absentee Voting begins at City Hall
March 25 City Offices closed for holiday
April 5 Election Day
April 5 Regular City Council Meeting
April 12 Annual Township Meeting
April 19 Township Public Hearing
April 19 Township Board Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:08 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, 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 9:08 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk