

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 24, 2005, AT 4:04 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 and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Flammini was absent.

**SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

John Jones, Director of Building & Zoning, and Brian Usher, Director of Public Works, presented proposed amendments to the Zion Sign Ordinance. Mayor Harrison stated that the goals in amending the ordinance are to allow a CSO to see inside businesses from the sidewalk as a matter of police security and to eliminate distasteful signs and complete window coverage. Mayor Harrison questioned if it is necessary to specifically define “workmanlike construction” in Section 70-118 in order to eliminate hand drawn signs on tag board. It was noted that these amendments would apply only to new signage. Existing signs are grand fathered. Commissioner DeTienne stated that he does not have a problem with temporary sale signs covering an entire window as such advertising is a part of doing business. He is not in favor of causing the business any hardship by restricting these signs. Commissioner Bennett stated that requiring a permit for window signs would require a considerable amount of time and paperwork for staff. Director Usher stated that restricting window signs by duration would be difficult to enforce.

The Council agreed to table discussion on amending Section 70-126 “Window Signs”. Staff will meet with legal counsel and bring the amendment back to the Council at a future workshop.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (05-0-15) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, (“Sign Ordinance”), Sections 70-37 “Temporary Permits”, 70-65 “Coverage”, and 70-118 “Portable Signs”. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, 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 Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried.

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Deputy City Clerk

Approved June 7, 2005