MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

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

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

ST MARTIN DE PORRES HIGH SCHOOL

Representatives from St. Martin De Porres High School presented an overview of this new school. This private high school based in Waukegan provides college-preparatory curriculum and a work-study program for low-income students in Lake County.

PUBLIC HEARING

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

Mayor Harrison declared the public hearing open regarding the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant at 7:10 P.M.

Deputy Chief Booth explained that this grant is in lieu of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. The City is eligible to receive $11,415, which would be utilized for the mobile-data unit project.

Mayor Harrison invited questions and/or comments.

Mr. William Bremner questioned how the mobile data units operate. Deputy Chief stated this system provides an alternative way for squad cars to communicate with dispatch and car to car via computers.

Mayor Harrison invited other questions and/or comments, and there were none.

Mayor Harrison declared the public hearing closed at 7:13 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of a Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2005 at 7:03 P.M.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on May 17, 2005 at 8:42 P.M.; and approval of Minutes of a Special Meeting held on May 24, 2005 at 4:04 P.M.

(b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Public Works & Engineering, Monthly Reports for February, March & April 2005; City Clerk’s Monthly Report, May 2005

(c) BILLS: Vouchers 90528 through 90673 drawn on the National City Bank, $655,641.13
PAYMENTS: Don’s Auto Parts & Machine Shop, engine rebuild, $2,250.00; Kaestner Auto Electric Co., alternator for Fire Dept, $2,805.85; Lake County Fire Departments Specialized Response Teams, 2005 Assessment, $4,400.00; County of Lake, folding and inserting vehicle renewal notices, $5,446.38; Myers, Miller & Krauskopf, Law Enforcement Seminar, $2,700.00; Lehman Auto Body, repair of Police squad car, $2,178.87

PROCLAMATIONS: National Clean Beaches Week, June 27-July 3, 2005; Homeownership Month, June 2005

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

NOSTALGIA DAYS

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that a Resolution (05-R-14) be passed, requesting permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of Sheridan Road on June 25, 2005 between 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. for Nostalgia Days, with traffic to be detoured two blocks east and two blocks west of Sheridan Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

SHILOH ALLEY

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (05-0-16) be passed, amended as follows:

- making the portion of Shiloh alley, between Elisha Blvd and the alley west of Sheridan Road, one way for east bound traffic only,
- making the portion of Shiloh alley, between Sheridan Road and the alley west of Sheridan Road, two way traffic, and
- prohibiting left turns onto Sheridan Road from the Shiloh alley.

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

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/RAFFLES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (05-0-17) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 14, regarding the procedure for raffles. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

REZONING PROPERTY ON 27TH STREET

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (05-0-18) be passed rezoning property on 27th Street immediately adjacent to the east property line of the Public Works facility from R13 (Residential single family) to R10 (Residential single family). The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, nay; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.
PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (05-0-19) be passed ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages as determined by the Department of Labor for laborers, mechanics and other workmen in the locality of Zion employed in performing construction of public works. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

SWALCO MEMBERSHIP

Commissioner Taylor recommended approval for the Villages of Island Lake and Round Lake Heights to join the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO). Commissioner Taylor is Zion’s representative on the SWALCO Board of Directors, and SWALCO requires that a majority of the members authorize additional villages to join.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (05-0-20) be passed:

- consenting to the Villages of Round Lake Heights and Island Lake as additional members of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County,
- agreeing to waive the late membership fee, and
- agreeing to allow a payment plan for the Initial Capital Contribution fee.

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

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/TAMPERING WITH WATER SUPPLY

Brian Usher recommended the passage of an ordinance providing for penalties for persons who tamper with or damage any part of the city waterworks, supply system or any meter. Fines would be established of not less than $250 nor more than $500 for each offense.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (05-0-21) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Section 94-44, regarding tampering with the water supply system. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

TAB OF BIDS/VARIOUS CONCRETE PROJECTS

A Tabulation of Bids (05-DOC-69) was received from Brian Usher, regarding various concrete projects. Mr. Usher recommended rejecting the lowest bidder, Suburban Concrete, who could not start the projects until late August or September. Mr. Usher recommended awarding the contract to the second lowest responsible and responsive bidder, who met all specifications, D’Land Construction, for the total amount of $121,084.82.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to award the bid for various concrete projects to D’Land Construction in the amount of $121,084.82. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.
**TAB OF BIDS/TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRE-EMPTION SYSTEM**

A Tabulation of Bids (05-DOC-70) was received from Chief LaBelle, regarding the installation of a traffic signal vehicle pre-emption system. Chief LaBelle recommended awarding the contract to the sole bidder, who met all specifications, Brown Traffic Products, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $136,000. The City has received Community Development Block Grant funds for this system.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to award the bid for the traffic signal vehicle pre-emption system to Brown Traffic Products, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $136,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**TAB OF BIDS/DEMOLITION OF 2900-2964 SHERIDAN ROAD**

A Tabulation of Bids (05-DOC-71) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding the demolition of 2900, 2910, 2920, 2924 and 2964 Sheridan Road. Ms. Rogers recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, who met all specifications, Pickus Construction and Equipment Company, in the amount of $88,887.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to award the bid for the demolition of 2900, 2910, 2920, 2924 and 2964 Sheridan Road to Pickus Construction and Equipment Company in the amount of $88,887. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**TAB OF BIDS/SALE OF 2924, 2926 & 2964 SHERIDAN ROAD**

A Tabulation of Bids (05-DOC-72) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding the sale of 2924, 2926 and 2964 Sheridan Road. Ms. Rogers recommended awarding the contract and sale of these properties to the sole bidder, who met all specifications, Zion Building Ventures, LLC, in the amount of $552,500.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to award the bid for the sale of 2924, 2926 and 2964 Sheridan Road to Zion Building Ventures, LLC in the amount of $552,500, and for the city attorney to prepare the necessary sales contract. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**2800 BLOCK OF ELIM AVENUE**

A memo (05-DOC-73) was received from Commissioner Taylor, relative to the zoning of the west side of the 2800 block of Elim Avenue. Commissioner Taylor stated the owner of 2808 Elim Avenue has been unable to sell his duplex, as the west side of the 2800 block of Elim Avenue is currently zoned highway business. It was noted this property has been zoned highway business since 1965. Property owner, Gary Scheve, stated lending institutions are looking at zoning before financing properties. Commissioner Bennett stated the zoning prior to 1965 was probably single family, so 2808 Elim Avenue would still be non-conforming for a duplex use. Mr. Scheve stated he received an offer to purchase for a single-family use. Commissioner Taylor noted a lender would be more likely to finance the property if zoned residential. Mayor Harrison recommended and the Council agreed for staff to research this issue, and bring their recommendations back to the Council. No action was taken on this item.
HVAC UNITS/TOWNSHIP OFFICES

A memo (05-DOC-74) was received from John Jones, requesting permission to replace the HVAC units in the Township Supervisor and Township Assessor’s offices. Mr. Jones stated both furnace/air conditioner units have failed. The City’s HVAC service contractor, Olson Heating, can replace these units for a total cost of $11,333.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission for the replacement of two HVAC units in the Township Supervisor and Township Assessor’s offices with Olson Heating for a total cost of $11,333. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

INSERTING SYSTEM & MAILING MACHINE

A memo (05-DOC-75) was received from Eric Ekkela, Assistant Finance Director, requesting permission to enter into a lease agreement for an inserting/folding system and mailing machine. This 63-month lease with Pitney Bowes would be at a cost of $468 per month. The current folding machine can’t keep up with the volume needed for water bills. The current mailing machine will be obsolete in 2006 due to new U.S. Postal Service regulations.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to enter into a lease agreement with Pitney Bowes, as requested, for an inserting/folding system and mailing machine at a cost of $468 per month. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TRUMPET PARK/FEASIBILITY STUDY

A memo (05-DOC-76) was received from Delaine Rogers, requesting approval to conduct a feasibility study to determine the suitability of a project for Trumpet Park. A company is interested in locating their facility along a parcel on 9th Street, formerly considered unsuitable for development. STS Consultants could perform the engineering study for a cost of $5,500. Ms. Rogers stated this project would be paid from the Economic Development consultant budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve that a feasibility study be conducted in Trumpet Park, as requested, by STS Consultants in the amount of $5,500. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ADRIAN FLOORING

A memo (05-DOC-77) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding a proposed TIF Grant for Adrian Flooring. This grant is for building improvements, including windows, doors, landscaping, awnings and other exterior upgrades at 2719 Elisha Avenue. The TIF Review Board recommends approval of a $25,000 TIF Grant. Ms. Rogers stated the Zion-Benton News would continue to occupy a portion of this building.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve a TIF Grant for Adrian Flooring at 2719 Elisha Avenue in the amount of $25,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 9   Liquor Control Commission Meeting
June 14  Special City Council Meeting
June 21  Regular Township Board Meeting
June 21  Regular City Council Meeting
June 23-25 Nostalgia Days

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and the purchase and sale of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:48 p.m. with same members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, 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 Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk