

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2006, AT 6:31 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 Bennett, Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison.

**BASEMENTS IN SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS**

Mayor Harrison stated the requirement of basements for single-family homes would increase property re-sale values and improve building standards for the city. Commissioner Taylor questioned the requirement for basements in tri-level, split-level and raised ranch homes. Commissioner Flammini stated, if there are no basements, basement apartments can't be established, noting basements are not a visible upgrade to a home's appearance. Mayor Harrison agreed that this requirement should only apply to ranches and two-story homes. Commissioner DeTienne noted that builders would only pass along the costs for basements. Commissioner Bennett stated the 8-foot height requirement needs to be verified.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve amending the Municipal Code, adding Section 10-53, requiring basements in single family ranch style and two story dwelling units, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**BUDGET**

Larry Pannell stated the General Fund has a beginning budget deficit of \$517,726. If all requests are granted, the deficit at the end of this fiscal year would be \$3,838,398. Commissioner Bennett stated requests need to be reduced, particularly in Police, Public Works and Fire/Rescue. Mayor Harrison stated all departments should be responsible in reducing their budgets.

**Police/Public Health & Safety**

Chief Malcolm requested increasing personnel as follows:

- 3 Police Officers – If approved, since these officers would not start until the fall, the personnel services budget of \$140,000 for these officers could be reduced to \$70,000.
- 1 part-time Accreditation Clerk – This part-time clerk position for \$31,200 would allow a sworn officer to return to the street.
- 1 part-time Administrative Assistant Clerk

Requests for capital outlay purchases include:

- 18 Verizon wireless cards - \$18,000
- 4 Wireless surveillance cameras - \$54,629
- 4 replacement cars & equipment -\$113,052

**Citizens Law Enforcement Advisory Commission**

Chief Malcolm noted the CLEAC budget has increased, due to the successful Explorers Program, City of Miracles event, and the new Chaplain Program.

Chief Malcolm noted the following budget changes:

- Deleting New Body Armor - \$4,000 from line item 10-03-1-03-380, as this is a duplicate item
- Deleting 10 New Hire Uniforms - \$4,000 from line item 10-03-1-03-380, as this is a duplicate item
- Decreasing the number of Wireless Surveillance Cameras to be purchased from four (4) to two (2), changing line item 10-03-1-05-960 from \$54,629 to \$30,000

Animal Warden

Requests for capital outlay purchases include:

- Animal Control van - \$27,350

Fire & Police Commission

There were no recommended changes or requests for capital outlay.

Administrative Adjudication

The Council noted the Administrative Adjudication program does not appear to be as successful as originally proposed, questioning the revenue that this program has generated. Commissioner Taylor recommended, and the Council agreed to allow this program one more year, also expanding it to include code enforcement violations.

The Council agreed that departmental cuts are necessary before approving the budget. It was noted that in E-911 Telephone System, line item 11-00-7-00-610 reflects a transfer from the General Fund of \$682,697. This line item should be funded through financing methods and not through the General Fund.

The Council agreed that budget cuts should be based on priorities and needs. Mayor Harrison stated all budgets and requests are to be reviewed, with recommendations to be submitted to Larry Pannell. A special meeting/budget workshop will be scheduled for June 14 at 2:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved June 6, 2006