

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006, AT 7:01 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Mayor Pro Tem Bennett called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bennett led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

The Council agreed to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Deleting the request to hire a Property Maintenance Inspector with the purchase of a vehicle, item 8.e.
- Deleting Closed Session, item 10

**NAME THAT FARMER CONTEST**

Mayor Pro Tem Bennett announced the winners of the Name That Farmer Contest for the Zion Farmer's Market:

- Michael Lambert – winning entry of “Reggie Veggie” was presented the \$100 Grand Prize
- Kyle Fitzgerald – runner up entry of “Markey Market” was presented a \$25 prize
- Reyes Roses – runner up entry of “Busy Bee Farmer McPhee” was presented a \$25 prize

**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 June 6, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on June 6, 2006 at 8:08 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Inspectors' Monthly Report, May 2006; Public Works Monthly Report, April 2006
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 94388 through 94534 drawn on National City Bank, \$1,079,244.72; A/P processing balance transfer, \$550.00; Total: \$1,079,794.72

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

**REZONING/PARCEL ADJACENT TO RT. 173 & GREEN BAY ROAD**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (06-0-34) be passed rezoning the parcel adjacent to the northeast corner of State Route 173 and Green Bay Road from R-30 Residential to HB II Highway Business. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**AUCTION OF SURPLUS ITEMS**

A memo (06-DOC-59) was received from Larry Pannell, requesting permission to conduct an auction for the sale of bicycles and surplus equipment. This auction would be held on July 15, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. with the exact place yet to be determined. This auction will be advertised in the local media.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to conduct an auction for the sale of bicycles and surplus equipment on July 15, 2006, and for an ordinance to be prepared declaring the auction items as surplus property. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**RADIOS/POLICE DEPT.**

A memo (06-DOC-60) was received from Deputy Chief Booth, requesting permission to purchase 15 mobile and 27 portable radios for the Police Department. This purchase would update more than half of the existing radios. The total cost for this purchase from Lakeland Communication Service would be \$21,793.24. Chief Malcolm stated a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant will reimburse the city for \$19,611 of this purchase. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to waive bids and purchase 15 mobile and 27 portable radios for the Police Department from Lakeland Communication Service for a total cost of \$21,793.24. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**BACKUP COMMUNICATIONS**

A memo (06-DOC-61) was received from Chief Malcolm, regarding the renewal of the contract with Backup Communications for dispatch services. The City began service with this company in 1994 at an hourly rate of \$15.00. The proposed rate would be \$31.00 per hour. This contract for temporary dispatch services only has been reviewed by the attorney. This is a one-year contract.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the Contract for Temporary Dispatch Services with Backup Communications, Inc. effective until May 1, 2007. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE VEHICLE/BUILDING DEPT**

A memo (06-DOC-62) was received from John Jones, requesting permission to purchase a pick-up truck for the Downtown Maintenance Program. The Jeep used for this program is no longer serviceable, and will be traded-in. The truck would be purchased through the State bid process, and \$18,000 was approved in the budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to purchase a pick-up truck for the Downtown Maintenance Program through the State bid process for an amount not to exceed \$18,000, trading in the Jeep. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE**

A memo (06-DOC-63) was received from Brian Usher, requesting to waive bids and accept a proposal for traffic signal maintenance. The City's former contractor, Aldridge Electric, will no longer be providing signal services to the City. The Illinois Department of Transportation recommended Meade Electric Company, who would provide the services at a monthly cost of \$1,305 or \$15,660 per year. The State does not require bidding on this contract, as this company would probably be the only bidder. Mr. Usher recommended accepting the proposal from Meade Electric Company for maintenance and repairs to the traffic signal system along Sheridan Road.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to grant permission to waive bids and accept the proposal from Meade Electric Company at an annual cost of \$15,660 for traffic signal maintenance and repairs along Sheridan Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATIONS**

A memo (06-DOC-64) was received from Brian Usher, considering a procedure for right-of-way vacation requests. These vacation requests would be processed through Public Works, in order to address utility needs, as well as transportation and development issues. The process and forms have been reviewed by the city attorney. Commissioner Bennett questioned the review process by Pre-Development, as well as the basis for approval. Mr. Usher stated the procedure would need review by all departments to insure there aren't any objections or concerns. Mr. Usher noted there is no current base line, and each request would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Commissioner Bennett questioned what would happen to the request, if it were to be rejected by Pre-Development. Mr. Usher stated the matter can come back to Council for reconsideration, if the applicant requests.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the Procedure for Right of Way Vacations, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**STORM WATER STUDY/PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX**

A memo (06-DOC-65) was received from Brian Usher, requesting to conduct a storm water study of the Public Works facility. Mr. Usher recommended contracting with V3 Companies for the professional engineering services necessary for this project at a cost not to exceed \$27,500. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve contracting with V3 Companies for professional engineering services for a storm water study of the Public Works complex at a cost not to exceed \$27,500. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**WOUNDED HEROES FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER**

Anna Sherony, co-chair for the Wounded Heroes Foundation, informed the Council of a special fundraiser to be held on June 29 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Hennessey's Restaurant. The purpose of this evening is to show appreciation to wounded heroes from Illinois and Wisconsin and throughout the country, as well as presenting a handicapped accessible van to Army Specialist Bryan Anderson.

**ZION MARKET DAYS**

A memo (06-DOC-66) was received from Delaine Rogers, requesting to utilize TIF funds for promotions and printing of materials for Zion Market Days. The TIF Board recommended its support of this project, approving a budget of \$5,000. Market Days has scheduled weekly events and activities centered on the Farmer's Market held every Thursday from June 22 to October 12.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to authorize up to \$5,000 of TIF funds for Zion Market Days, as requested. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**FIRST CLASS PRESS/1201 27<sup>th</sup> STREET**

A memo (06-DOC-67) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding a proposed TIF Grant for First Class Press at 1201 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Owner, Dan Monge, is relocating his printing business, formerly Stephen's Printing. The TIF Review Board recommends approval of a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for electrical upgrades, signage, awnings, and relocation expenses of the printing presses.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve a TIF Assistance Grant in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 for First Class Press at 1201 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**SEATTLE SUTTON'S HEALTHY EATING/2730 SHERIDAN ROAD**

A memo (06-DOC-68) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding a proposed TIF Grant for Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating at 2730 Sheridan Road. Owner, Paulette Child, has met with the property's landlord, agreeing to the provisions necessary for this national franchise. The TIF Review Board recommends approval of a grant in the amount of \$5,200 for electrical upgrades, signage, and awnings.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve a TIF Assistance Grant in the amount not to exceed \$5,200 for Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating at 2730 Sheridan Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**TALLIE BEANS & THUNDERING MOUNTAIN/3500 BLOCK OF SHERIDAN ROAD**

A memo (06-DOC-69) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding a proposed TIF Grant for Tallie Beans Sweet Shoppe and Thundering Mountain in the 3500 block of Sheridan Road. Businesses in this area have dated exteriors, while new development is taking place nearby. The businesses in the 3500 block of Sheridan Road have been added as a Beeline Trolley stop. The TIF Review Board recommends approval of a grant in the amount of \$5,500 for awnings and signage.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve a TIF Assistance Grant in the amount not to exceed \$5,500 for Tallie Beans Sweet Shoppe and Thundering Mountain in the 3500 block of Sheridan Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**GENERATOR/ESDA**

A memo (06-DOC-70) was received from Ken Ranta, requesting permission to advertise for bids for the purchase of a generator for ESDA. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to grant permission to advertise for bids for the purchase of a generator for ESDA. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett, aye. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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| June 22    | Farmer's Market opens, every Thursday through October 12       |
| June 22-24 | Nostalgia Days   |
| June 27    | Blood Drive at City Hall                                       |
| June 29    | Wounded Heroes Foundation fundraiser at Hennessey's Restaurant |
| July 4     | City Offices closed for Independence Day                       |
| July 5     | Regular City Council meeting                                   |
| July 18    | Township Board meeting   |

**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 7:52 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved July 5, 2006