

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007, AT 7:03 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Little Miss Zion Alexcias Porras called the meeting to order.

Junior Miss Zion Michaela Young called the roll. On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Flammini, Bennett, Taylor, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison.

Alexcias Porras and Michaela Young led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Under Consent Agenda, item 6.a.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes should be for the meeting of September 4, 2007 at 8:19 P.M. (instead of August 21, 2007)
- Delete Resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures for the construction of a new fire station, item 7.b.

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

JUBILEE DAYS PARADE AWARDS

Rich Walker, Executive Director of the Jubilee Days Festival Commission, presented the 2007 Jubilee Days/Labor Day parade awards as follows:

Theme Award for best theme presentation:	Zion Park District
President's Choice for most original entry:	Zion-Benton American Legion and Auxiliary
Sweepstakes Award for best animation entry:	Sheridan Health & Rehab Center
Jubilee Director's Choice for best musical entry:	Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band with Ann Stewart
Grand Marshal Award for most beautiful entry:	Zion's Queen Bees Red Hat Society
Mayor's Award for overall best:	The Festival of Lights

Mayor Harrison thanked the Jubilee Days Committee, volunteers, and all involved for a wonderful Jubilee Days weekend and parade.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on September 4, 2007 at 7:02 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on September 4, 2007 at 8:19 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Monthly Report, August 2007
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 99003 through 99124 drawn on National City Bank, \$877,701.20

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

1015 27th STREET/INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

The City of Zion owns property at 1015 27th Street, and Zion Township has expressed its interest in acquiring this property for the relocation of offices and services. The Town Board just passed an ordinance, authorizing the acquisition of the property, and an intergovernmental agreement is being prepared.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (07-R-20) be passed authorizing the conveyance of certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as 1015 27th Street, and the preparation of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Township of Zion, subject to attorney review. The vote on roll call was: Flammini, aye; Bennett, nay; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT/CAMERA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

A memo (07-DOC-112) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding a proposed TIF Assistance Grant to fund a camera surveillance system in the downtown business district. Current Technologies Corporation is already installing the server for this system via a Homeland Security Grant. The TIF Review Board recommends approval of a grant not to exceed \$90,000. Steve Daugherty, Current Technologies, stated the proposed wireless system would include four cameras in the downtown area, in order to help with evidence collection and as a deterrent to crime. Chief Booth stated this company installed the Police station's internal system, noting he is in support of these cameras.

Commissioner DeTienne stated there is a need for a camera at the Zion train station. The TIF Review Board also recommended the city consider providing this technology in other non-TIF areas. Chief Booth stated other areas are being reviewed and would be considered as funds allow. Chief Booth stated there will be some monitoring of the cameras, noting the cameras' recordings will allow for more complete evidence collection. Mayor Harrison stated the downtown TIF district is a good place to start, as TIF funding is available, noting cameras will provide extra safety in high profile areas. Commissioner Bennett questioned the City's cost after installation. Mr. Daugherty stated there is minimal maintenance with occasional service calls. Commissioner Taylor questioned whether or not Homeland Security funds are currently available. Mr. Daugherty stated such funds are not as widely available, but could be applied for both Police and Fire use, which could increase the likelihood of being awarded a grant.

Mayor Harrison asked if a private business could purchase a camera and have the city monitor it. Mr. Daugherty stated this arrangement is happening in other communities. Mayor Harrison stated the City is not interested in requiring businesses to purchase cameras. Commissioner DeTienne stated the high crime areas are not downtown. Ms. Rogers stated TIF funds are available to start this project in the downtown area. Commissioner Taylor stated he would like to see this system expanded as funds allow. Commissioner Bennett noted the high cost of the camera equipment. Mr. Daugherty stated this is state-of-the-art equipment with high quality pictures, high-powered zoom, movement capability, and digital capabilities.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve a TIF Assistance Grant to Current Technologies Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$90,000 for a camera surveillance system in the downtown business district. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE/TIF ASSISTANCE

A memo (07-DOC-113) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding a proposed TIF Assistance Grant to fund downtown landscaping. The project would include hanging baskets and liners totaling \$5,295.11. The TIF Review Board recommends approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve a TIF Assistance Grant to fund downtown landscaping in the amount of \$5,295.11. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY BROCHURES

A memo (07-DOC-114) was received from Delaine Rogers, considering an agreement for the distribution of city brochures. CTM Brochure Display would distribute the brochures, maps and event guides to several venues in Lake County and the Chicagoland area. The program would be for one year, allowing four seasonal brochure change outs. The Festival of Lights Commission’s brochure could be distributed in October through December, saving on costs. The one-year agreement with CTM Brochure Display would cost \$5,460, and would be funded through Cable Funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve entering into a one-year agreement with CTM Brochure Display in the amount of \$5,460 for the distribution of seasonal city brochures. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WALMART HIRING CENTER

A memo (07-DOC-115) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding a request by Walmart to lease city-owned property at 2655 Sheridan Road as a temporary hiring center. Walmart anticipates hiring 450 employees for a January 2008 opening. The agreement would be effective through December 31, 2007 at a rate of \$500 per week. Walmart would also carry its own insurance, as well as install any necessary electrical fixtures or signage.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve a temporary Hiring Site Rental Agreement with Walmart for the lease of 2655 Sheridan Road effective immediately through December 31, 2007. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| September 20 | Farmers Market – Homecoming Party |
| September 25 | Ribbon Cutting and Ground Breaking for 2 homes in Shepherd’s Crossing for 2 veterans through the Wounded Heroes Foundation |
| September 27 | Farmers Market – Game Day |
| September 28 & 29 | Kiwanis Peanut Days |
| October 2 | Special Town Board Meeting for swearing in of Township Assessor |
| October 2 | Regular City Council Meeting |
| October 16 | Town Board Meeting |
| October 19 | Festival of Lights Spaghetti Dinner at ZBTHS |

Mayor Harrison stated the City recently received a “Good Things in the District” award from the Zion Elementary School District for providing registration information at City Hall.

The Zion Park District’s mentor program is underway, allowing students to help run the video cameras for City Council meetings.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:33 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, 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 Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved October 2, 2007