

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008, AT 3:35 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 Taylor, Bennett, DeTienne, Flammini and Mayor Harrison.

2008 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A memo (08-DOC-6) was received from Ron Colangelo regarding the 2008 MFT Street Improvement Program. It is expected that the City will receive \$73,000 from a Lake County CDBG grant. Mr. Colangelo stated he plans to fund the project by using previous MFT funds and the grant. This would allow Street and Bridge and MFT funds to grow for utilization next year. Bids would be let with two options. Proposed streets near 33rd Street and 21st Street qualify for CDBG grant funds. Commissioner Taylor stated bids would also be related to oil prices. Mayor Harrison asked if there are any state plans for improvements to Sheridan Road. Mr. Colangelo stated he is not aware of any such state plans.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to:

- authorize the execution of the work order for engineering services with Baxter and Woodman for the 2008 Street Improvement Program, and
- grant permission to advertise for bids for the 2008 Street Improvement Program.

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

CHIPPER PROGRAM

Commissioner Taylor and Ron Colangelo informed the Council that there would be a change to the chipper program. Commissioner Taylor stated most nearby communities either do not have chipping services or are very limited. The recommendation is to change chipping service to twice a year; once in the spring and once in the fall. Over the years, the chipping program has become a non-stop operation, and unfortunately, many property owners and/or contractors have misused the program for the removal of entire trees or lot clearings.

The new program would be as follows:

1. One pick up in the spring as follows:
 - a. Monday garbage pickup on April 13
 - b. Tuesday garbage pickup on April 20
 - c. Wednesday garbage pickup on April 27
 - d. Thursday garbage pickup on May 4
 - e. Friday garbage pickup on May 11
2. One pick up in the fall to be scheduled in September
3. Guidelines for size and material to remain
4. Branches will only be allowed to lie out two weeks prior to the scheduled pick up
5. If the scheduled pick up is missed, property owner is responsible to make other arrangements for disposal
6. No fines would be implemented the first year, but notices would go to property owners of non-compliance
7. Public notifications will be forthcoming:
 - a. Spring newsletter
 - b. Attachment to water bills
 - c. News releases
 - d. Website

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 4:24 p.m. to discuss personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Special Council meeting at 6:04 p.m. with Commissioners Taylor, Bennett, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison present. 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 6:04 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved March 4, 2008