

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008, AT 3:30 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.

**BUDGET**

Recommended changes to the May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 budget were presented as follows:

Commissioner Bennett recommended eliminating various budget items as follows:

- Manpower changes and/or eliminations
- Festival of Lights program
- Positively Zion program
- Trolley
- City Page published in Zion-Benton News
- Miscellaneous promotions not identified

**Festival of Lights:**

Mayor Harrison noted, if the Festival of Lights program were deleted for one year, it would make it difficult to start it up again the following year. It was noted storage expenses would remain.

The Council agreed to delete \$6,000 for Midwest Living Magazine, line item 78-00-1-02-125

**Public Works:**

Ron Colangelo noted higher than anticipated winter related expenditures, including extra salt and manpower expenses. Mr. Colangelo noted the need to have \$151,000 in motor equipment, 10-04-1-05-995, for the replacement of 5 plows. These plows could be installed on existing trucks, and a chipper truck could be converted to serve as a plow truck.

Mr. Colangelo stated, if it were possible to do so, he would suggest moving \$100,000 from Street and Bridge to the General Fund.

**Police:**

Due to a personnel change, Chief Booth recommended changing 10-03-1-01-030 from \$210,000 to \$215,000 and 10-03-1-01-050 from \$191,680 to \$177,510.

Commissioner Bennett recommended reducing the number of squad cars requested.

**Fire/Rescue:**

Commissioner Bennett recommended eliminating a new vehicle for the Chief, 14-00-1-05-950 in the amount of \$38,000. Chief LaBelle noted he had this vehicle in last year's budget, and removed it at that time.

**TIF Districts:**

Delaine Rogers stated she is still waiting on obtaining extensions from Lake County, so she suggested retaining the same budget figures as the current year. Ms. Rogers noted she did shift one-fourth of her salary into TIF Districts 1 and 3.

TIF District #2 is listed in the budget just for the purpose of finishing the redistribution to the taxing bodies.

ESDA:

Commissioner Bennett recommended eliminating the new vehicle for ESDA, line item 67-00-1-05-990. Chief LaBelle stated he had already changed this request from \$30,000 to \$20,000 to consider purchasing a used vehicle.

Citizen Tim Glover stated he didn't feel that eliminating employees would be the City's best option, noting he would suggest cutting all salaries to save money.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 4:57 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 DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Special Council meeting at 6:40 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, 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 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved April 15, 2008