

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Harrison 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 an amendment as follows:

- Adding a payment to the Consent Agenda for T. Wallace Blacktopping, ESDA parking area, \$5,800

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION/BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

NAPA Auto Parts and the Northeastern Illinois Business Development Group presented John January, President for the Zion-Benton Boys and Girls Club, a check in the amount of \$2,500, as well as Cubs baseball tickets for raffling, to help with start-up costs. This organization also presented the Waukegan branch of the Boys and Girls Club with a check for \$250.

Mayor Harrison stated the goal is to raise \$100,000 to help establish a Zion-Benton Boys and Girls Club. Mayor Harrison noted the Boys and Girls Club is a beneficial service for the community, providing role models and a place for youth to go after school, and encouraged everyone's participation. Mr. January stated the cost per child is \$5.00 per year. Chris Finkel, Director of the Waukegan branch, stated the Zion-Benton club would be part of the Lake County organization. Mr. Finkel noted that crime rates drop significantly when there is a Boys and Girls Club in the community.

**POLICE OFFICER DAVID RAPOSO**

Mayor Harrison stated the City and the Police Department lost a valuable employee to cancer this past weekend, Police Officer David Raposo, offering condolences to David's family and fellow officers. There was a moment of silence in memory of Officer Raposo.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on April 15, 2008 at 7:43 P.M.; a Special Meeting held on April 16, 2008 at 4:22 P.M.; a Budget Workshop/Special Meeting held on April 23, 2008 at 3:38 P.M.; and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on April 23, 2008 at 4:48 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.

- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk Monthly Report, April 2008; Building Department Monthly Report, April 2008
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 101143 through 101293 drawn on National City Bank, \$1,295,415.59
- (d) **PROCLAMATION:** Building Safety Week – May 5 through 11, 2008
- (e) **PAYMENT:** T. Wallace Blacktopping, Inc., ESDA parking area, \$5,800

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

### **2016 OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES IN CHICAGO**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (08-R-6) be passed supporting the City of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

### **CONCRETE & MASONRY SEPARATION/MULTIPLE DWELLING UNITS**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (08-0-29) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Section 10-39, approving the elimination of the requirement for concrete or masonry separation in multiple dwelling housing. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, nay; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

### **ANNEXATION/101 GREEN BAY ROAD**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (08-0-30) be passed annexing certain territory to the City of Zion currently known as 43495 Green Bay Road, and upon annexation to be commonly known as 101 Green Bay Road, Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

### **ALLEY VACATION/BEULAH PARK SUBDIVISION**

A memo (08-DOC-23) was received from Clerk Mackey, regarding the vacation of an unimproved alleyway in the Beulah Park Subdivision. Although the subdivision plat was recorded, the alley vacation was not part of the original plat, so Lake County still recognizes the alley as City property. Ron Colangelo noted an easement has been maintained on this unimproved alleyway, which is only done for private property. Commissioner Bennett stated the developer was supposed to finish Gideon Avenue. Mr. Colangelo stated Gideon Avenue was paved last year.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (08-0-31) be passed vacating a portion of an unimproved alley in Beulah Park Subdivision contiguous to Lots 1 through 7. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB/RAFFLES**

The Boys & Girls Club of Lake County/Zion-Benton Unit has submitted two applications for licenses to conduct raffles in the City of Zion. The drawings for both raffles would be held in September. The Boys & Girls Club is also requesting waiver of the license fees. The funds would be directed to help establish a Boys & Girls Club in Zion-Benton.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the licenses to conduct two raffles for the Boys & Girls Club of Lake County/Zion-Benton Unit, waiving the license fees. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS LICENSES/WEAPON DEALERS**

A memo (08-DOC-24) was received from Clerk Mackey, recommending that the business license procedures regarding weapon dealers in the Municipal Code be updated to match current practice and procedures for business licenses. Clerk Mackey also recommended increasing the fee for these licenses to \$100.00 effective January 1, 2009.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve amending business license procedures for weapon dealers to correspond with current City practice, and to increase the license fees to \$100.00 effective January 1, 2009, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**VARIANCES FOR HOTEL AT 2414 SHERIDAN ROAD**

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a request for approval of variances for the construction of a hotel at 2414 Sheridan Road, as petitioned by Cancer Treatment Centers of America/Midwestern Regional Medical Center (CTCA/MRMC) – Zoning Docket 07-Z-14. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. CTCA/MRMC wishes to construct a hotel for a short-term residence for patients, and requested the following:

- Height variance to 48 feet; Section 102-60(b) allows 35 feet maximum
- Dwelling units to be located on the first floor; Section 102-61(a)(2) allows dwelling units above first floor only
- 35 parking spaces for 100 room facility; Section 102-126(1) requires 102 spaces

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant approval for the variances for building height, dwelling units and parking spaces for 2414 Sheridan Road, as requested, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ALLEY VACATION/2500 BLOCK OF ELISHA AVENUE**

A memo (08-DOC-25) was received from Delaine Rogers, recommending an alley vacation in the 2500 block of Elisha Avenue. In order to facilitate expansion at Midwestern Regional Medical Center (MRMC), the alleyway east of MRMC was vacated, however, the southern half of the alleyway was not included. Ms. Rogers recommended completing the alley vacation by including the southern portion in the 2500 block of Elisha Avenue. It was noted the City would retain a utility easement, and MRMC would need to prepare and incur costs for the plat. Chief LaBelle stated it is important that this alleyway remain as a thoroughfare with no parking allowed, so emergency vehicles have access to the hospital. Attorney Randall recommended having MRMC prepare a plat, making it subject to City approval for ingress and egress, and having the legal include a perpetual easement.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the vacation of the southern portion of the alleyway in the 2500 block of Elisha Avenue, subject to final approval by City Engineering and City Attorney, as recommended, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- May 13            Budget Hearing at 3:30 P.M.
- May 20            Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
- June 14            “Trash to Treasures” Community Lawn Sale on Shiloh Blvd. from 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
- June 17            Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:45 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, 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 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved May 20, 2008