

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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 DeTienne, Flammini, Taylor, Bennett and Mayor Harrison.

Mayor Harrison led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to accept the Council agenda with an amendment as follows:

- Deleting discussion regarding Comcast, item 7.b.

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION/EXELON/COM-ED**

Ron Schuster, Plant Manager for Zion Commonwealth Edison Plant, presented a \$5,000 check to the Zion Fire/Rescue Department and a \$5,000 check to the Zion Police Department, thanking them for their ongoing efforts and support.

**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 November 18, 2008 at 7:08 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on November 18, 2008 at 7:27 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk's Monthly Report, November 2008
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 103223 through 103350 drawn on National City Bank, \$1,008,880.52
- (d) **PROCLAMATION:** Silver Star Banner Day – May 1st

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

### **CITY TOWING**

Clerk Mackey stated proposals have been received for the City's towing contracts for 2009. Roger Whitmore's Automotive Service and Beach Park Auto Center currently provide services on alternating months. Chief Booth stated he has no objections for the continuation with both companies. Commissioner DeTienne stated he has been pleased with the services provided by the two towing firms. Commissioner Taylor stated he couldn't support awarding a contract to a business outside of Zion corporate limits. Commissioner Taylor stated he prefers to award the contract to a qualified tax-paying Zion business, noting both firms are reputable companies.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve City towing contracts for January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 with Roger Whitmore's Automotive Service and Beach Park Auto Center on alternating months. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, nay; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

### **FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF**

Mayor Harrison recognized Fire/Rescue Chief Dave LaBelle, thanking him for his many years of service with the City. Chief LaBelle is retiring after almost 40 years of service with the City. Mayor Harrison stated an open house would be held at a later date, in order to further honor Chief LaBelle. Commissioner DeTienne stated Chief LaBelle has set the standard for the Fire/Rescue Department, thanking him for his efforts and dedication.

Mayor Harrison stated interviews have been conducted for Chief LaBelle's replacement, and recommended the appointment of John Lewis as Fire/Rescue Chief.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve John Lewis as Fire/Rescue Chief effective immediately. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

### **2008-2009 LIABILITY & WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

A memo (08-DOC-86) was received from Larry Pannell, regarding the City's workers' compensation and liability insurance coverage for December 15, 2008 through December 14, 2009. Mr. Pannell recommended renewing coverage for workers' compensation through Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) for an amount not to exceed \$1,016,344 and liability coverage through Travelers for an amount not to exceed \$301,241. Workers compensation costs have increased by 23.2% due to recent loss experience, and liability expenses have increased by less than 1%. Quotes were requested from two other carriers, but both companies declined due to the City's loss experience.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the City's liability insurance coverage from Travelers for an amount not to exceed \$301,241, and the workers' compensation coverage from IPRF for an amount not to exceed \$1,016,344 for the 2007-2008 plan year December 15, 2008 through December 14, 2009. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS LICENSES**

A memo (08-DOC-87) was received from Clerk Mackey, recommending the addition of various business licenses, which are allowed by the State. Several non-home rule communities were contacted regarding their businesses and fees. Clerk Mackey also recommended increasing the license fees for dry cleaning facilities from \$20 to \$50 per year, as well as solicitors' permits from \$25 to \$50 per year. Introductory letters would be sent to all affected businesses with follow-up letters and application forms forwarded thereafter. The newly licensed businesses would be on a calendar year for renewals. Commissioner Flammini questioned how the businesses would be monitored for compliance. Clerk Mackey stated this initial year will require extensive fieldwork, but subsequent renewal years will follow the same procedures as other current licensed businesses.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the addition of various business licenses and license fee increases for dry cleaning facilities and solicitors' permits, as recommended, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December 4	Chamber of Commerce's Mixer & Coat Drive at Country Inn & Suites
December 5	Festival of Lights begins Santa's arrival and Santa Walk Kringle's Kingdom Shiloh Park Drive-thru Shiloh House
December 7	Messiah Sing-along at Grace Missionary Church
December 16	Town Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:20 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, 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 DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved December 16, 2008