

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008, AT 7:03 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 Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Moving item 8.a. to after Closed Session, item 13.a.
- Moving item 10.a. to after Closed Session, item 13.b.
- Moving item 10.b. to after Closed Session, item 13.c.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX LEVY

Mayor Harrison opened the public hearing for the 2008, payable in 2009, City of Zion tax levy at 7:08 P.M.

Mayor Harrison stated the corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2007 were \$6,294,795. The proposed taxes to be levied for 2008 are \$6,202,762. This represents a 1.4% decrease over the previous year.

Mayor Harrison invited questions and/or comments from the public, and there were none.

Mayor Harrison declared the hearing closed at 7:10 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Special Meeting held on December 1, 2008 at 12:13 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on December 1, 2008 at 12:13 P.M.; a Regular Meeting held on December 2, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on December 2, 2008 at 7:34 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Monthly Report, November 2008; Public Works Department Monthly Reports, October & November 2008
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 103351 through 103423 drawn on National City Bank, \$919,486.98

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

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the minutes of a Special Meeting held on November 25, 2008 at 3:02 P.M., and approval but not release of the Closed Session minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 25, 2008 at 3:03 P.M. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, pass; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAX LEVY – CORPORATE PURPOSES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (08-0-57) be passed providing for the levy of taxes for corporate purposes in the total amount of \$6,202,762 for the tax levy year 2008 to be collected in the year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009 for the City of 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.

TAX LEVY-STREET AND BRIDGE

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (08-0-58) be passed providing for a 2008 tax levy in the amount of \$332,477 for street and bridge purposes for the City of 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.

1712-1713 GILBOA AVENUE/ALLEYWAY VACATION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (08-0-59) be passed vacating a portion of the north/south alleyway situated between 1712 and 1713 Gilboa Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, nay; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE/VARIOUS BUSINESS LICENSES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (08-0-60) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 14, Sections 14 – 7, 154, 552, 553, 663 and adding Sections 14-761 through 14-777, regarding various business licensing procedures. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE/PROHIBITING TRUCK & SEMI-TRAILER PARKING

Mayor Harrison stated the proposed ordinance, prohibiting trucks and semi-trailer parking on private and public parking areas in residential districts, will bring police regulations in line with the building regulations in the Municipal Code. Commissioner Bennett questioned where trucks could park in the City. Commissioner Taylor noted that trucks can park in commercial areas with consent of the owners. Commissioner Bennett questioned whether or not these trucks could park in church parking lots. Commissioner Taylor stated most churches are in residential districts, so parking would be disallowed.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (08-0-61) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Section 90-139, prohibiting truck tractor and semi-trailer parking on any private or public parking area in any residential zoning district, except for the purpose of making a delivery or picking up a load. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ANNEXATION/400 GREEN BAY ROAD

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (08-0-62) be passed annexing certain territory to the City of Zion currently known as 42810 and 42840 Green Bay Road, and upon annexation to be commonly known as 400 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.

COMCAST TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The Comcast Cable Television Franchise Agreement renewal has been reviewed by the City Council and City Attorney. The term of the Franchise Agreement is for ten years. Mayor Harrison stated the agreement allows the City to collect the maximum amount as allowed by law, which is 5% of the gross revenues.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Comcast Cable Television Franchise Agreement. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thru December 30 th	5:00 to 9:00 p.m.	<u>Festival of Lights</u> Kringle's Kingdom Shiloh Park Drive-thru Shiloh House Holley Trolley
December 24 & 25		City Offices closed for Holiday
December 31 & January 1		City Offices closed for Holiday
January 6		Regular City Council Meeting
January 20		Town Board Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:24 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 Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:15 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.

AMEND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION/FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed the reorganization of the Fire/Rescue Department.

A memo (08-DOC-88) was received from Chief Lewis regarding the reorganization of the Fire/Rescue Department. Chief Lewis recommended the following changes:

- Deleting the Assistant Fire Chief position, replacing it with a Civilian part time Fire Inspector
- Changing the full time Administrative Assistant to a part time position
- Deleting one Firefighter/Paramedic

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (08-R-14) be passed amending the Personnel Authorization regarding Fire/Rescue Department positions, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve posting, and advertising if necessary, for the part time Civilian Fire Inspector and the part time Administrative Assistant positions in the Fire/Rescue Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPT. PROMOTIONS

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed the reorganization of the Fire/Rescue Department, which includes promotions to assist with overtime and required manning issues.

A memo (08-DOC-89) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting to authorize the Fire and Police Commission to promote Lieutenant Al Town to Battalion Chief and Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Troy to Lieutenant. Both firefighters are next in line on the eligibility list for these positions.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to authorize the Fire and Police Commission to promote Lieutenant Al Town to Battalion Chief and Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Troy to Lieutenant in the Fire/Rescue Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPT. SERGEANT

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed the reassignment of positions in the Police Department, which includes promotions to assist with overtime issues.

A memo (08-DOC-90) was received from Chief Booth, requesting adding a Sergeant position for the Police Department, deleting a patrol officer. This addition is due to recent retirements and the reassignment of command officers. Chief Booth requested authorizing the Fire and Police Commission to promote the next available candidate for Sergeant effective January 5, 2009.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the addition of a Sergeant position for the Police Department, the deletion of a Patrol Officer position, and to amend the personnel authorization accordingly. 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 DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to authorize the Fire and Police Commission to promote the next eligible candidate for Police Sergeant effective January 5, 2009. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2904 EZRA AVENUE

Commissioner DeTienne stated the owner of 2904 Ezra Avenue wishes to donate this property to the City.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to accept the donation of property at 2904 Ezra Avenue, Zion, Illinois, directing the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents. 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 Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:36 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved January 6, 2009