MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009, AT 7:00 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 Bennett, DeTienne, Taylor, Flammini 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 DeTienne to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Under Consent Agenda, item 5.a., approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of the Special Meeting should be for January 27, 2009 (instead of January 5)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES of a Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2009 at 7:03 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on January 20, 2009 at 8:03 P.M.; a Special Meeting held on January 27, 2009 at 5:12 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on January 27, 2009 at 5:15 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.

(b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: City Clerk’s Monthly Report, January 2009; Public Works Department Annual Report 2008

(c) BILLS: Vouchers 103757 through 103877 drawn on National City Bank, $859,344.19

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

CONDOMINIUM CONVERSIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (09-0-7) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Sections 10-381 and 10-384, regarding requirements and regulations for condominium conversion projects. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.
WORK STUDY STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM

A memo (09-DOC-4) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting approval to establish a Work Study Student Intern Program with the Fire/Rescue Department. The program would involve students performing internships learning the roles of firefighter/paramedics. Currently two individuals have expressed interest in such a program. A College of Lake County student has requested participating, with the City being responsible for providing workmen’s compensation insurance. A Zion-Benton Township High School student has requested participating through the school’s “Jobs for Bees” program.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve establishing a Work Study Student Intern Program with the Fire/Rescue Department, as recommended. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DONATION OF BUS FOR ESDA

A memo (09-DOC-5) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting approval to accept a donation of a 16-passenger bus from Midwestern Regional Medical Center for ESDA. John Schultz, ESDA Field Director, stated this 2000 Ford E450 Econoline bus is in good condition, and would be utilized for several purposes during emergencies and special events.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to accept the donation of a 2000 Ford E450 Econoline 16-passenger bus from Midwestern Regional Medical Center for ESDA. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TRUMPET PARK/NORTH WATERMAIN LOOP

A memo (09-DOC-6) was received from Ron Colangelo, recommending a watermain extension for Trumpet Park, looping the existing water distribution from Russell Road along Green Bay Road. This project would improve water quality, increase fire flow protection and provide water to undeveloped properties along Green Bay Road, and would go through easements provided by Panattoni Development. Mr. Colangelo recommended entering into an agreement with Bollinger Lach and Associates for $56,311.70 for the engineering portion of this project, which would be funded through the water enterprise fund. Construction of the project would still require authorization from the Council through an advertised bid process. Commissioner Bennett questioned the size of the mains. Mr. Colangelo stated the area has 10” watermains.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve entering into an agreement with Bollinger Lach and Associates in the amount of $56,311.70 for the engineering of the watermain extension for Trumpet Park. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Harrison announced that Zion will be home to a new minor league baseball stadium, which will be located on the northwest corner of 9th Street and Green Bay Road. Actor Kevin Costner, through Grand Slam Sports and Entertainment, is one of the owners of this project. Rich Ehrenreich, President and Managing Partner, is an owner and founder of the minor league baseball team. The stadium will have seats for about 5,000 fans, and have a total capacity for about 8,000. Panattoni Development Company will oversee the design and construction of the stadium. Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2009 with anticipation of being open in May 2010.

February 17 Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M.
February 17 Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:02 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, 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 Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved February 17, 2009