

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009, 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 Shantal Taylor, Jim Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on June 2, 2009 at 7:05 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on June 2, 2009 at 8:50 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Monthly Report, May 2009; Public Works Department Monthly Report, May 2009
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 104756 through 104865 drawn on National City Bank, \$807,995.80

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

PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (09-0-19) be passed ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages as determined by the Department of Labor for laborers, mechanics and other workers performing construction of public works in the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/ZION LIQUOR CONTROL ORDINANCE

Mayor Harrison stated the Zion Liquor Control Commission received a request and recommended extending the hours of operation for restaurants serving alcohol from 11:00 p.m. closing to 1:00 a.m., in order to be competitive with similar businesses in surrounding communities. Zion restaurants with liquor licenses are required to continue food service during all hours in which alcohol is served. Mayor Harrison noted nearby establishments in neighboring communities typically close food service by 10:00 p.m., as they do not have the same requirements. Commissioner Shantal Taylor recommended extending weekend hours to 12:00 a.m., but maintaining weekdays closings at 11:00 p.m., noting she is opposed to extending the hours to 1:00 a.m. Commissioner DeTienne suggested utilizing the present requirements and hours. Kevin Weide stated he is opening the Bee Street Pub and Eatery, and his original request was to extend hours to 1:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, in order to be competitive with other establishments. Commissioner Jim Taylor recommended extending Friday and Saturday hours to 1:00 a.m., with Sunday through Thursday remaining at 11:00 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (09-0-20) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 56, pertaining to the business hours of Class "A" restaurant liquor licenses only, extending the closing hour of business to 1:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and retaining 11:00 p.m. as the closing hour for Sunday through Thursday. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, nay; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

BUDGET-FISCAL YEAR 2009/10

Mayor Harrison stated everyone has worked diligently to reduce the budget deficit from a high of \$2.9 million to under \$300,000, noting there may be other possible additional revenue in the fall. Commissioner Jim Taylor thanked all departments and employees, union and non-union, for their efforts and cooperation, stating the Department Heads have reduced their 2009/10 budgets, so that the overall budget is 8.5% less than last year. Larry Pannell stated the appropriation will be placed on the first meeting in July.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve the final City Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS FIRE/RESCUE EQUIPMENT

A memo (09-DOC-37) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting the disposition and donation of surplus Fire/Rescue equipment as follows:

1. Hurst extrication power unit
2. Hurst cutter
3. Hurst spreader
4. All associated hydraulic lines for the Hurst system
5. K-12 rotary saw

Chief Lewis stated Buckner Fire Department, a small downstate department, was located and is in need of this equipment. Chief Lewis stated the 25-year-old equipment has no monetary value, and has been replaced by newer, lightweight equipment.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (09-0-21) be passed declaring various Fire/Rescue equipment as surplus property, and authorizing the donation to the Buckner Fire Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

BEE STREET PUB & EATERY/TIF ASSISTANCE

A memo (09-DOC-38) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding a proposed TIF Assistance Grant for Bee Street Pub and Eatery at 3077 Sheridan Road. The project would include new signage, awning and interior repairs and new tables totaling \$10,749.30. The TIF Review Board recommends approval. This business is due to open July 17. Kevin Weide, owner of Bee Street Pub and Eatery, stated he has had to make repairs and changes to make the restaurant more family oriented. Mayor Harrison stated typically TIF assistance is for signage and outside repairs, noting he can't support a request for inside fixtures and tables, which could later be removed. Commissioner Jim Taylor stated he could support assistance for new signage and awning totaling \$5,585.00.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve a TIF Assistance Grant for Bee Street Pub and Eatery at 3077 Sheridan Road for new signage and awning in an amount not to exceed \$5,600. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sincere sympathy and condolences were offered to Commissioner DeTienne, on the passing of Sally, his beloved wife of 57 years.

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| June 18, 19 & 20 | Nostalgia Days |
| June 23 | Public meeting at 2:00 p.m. regarding Crane Meadows Redevelopment |
| July 3 | City Offices closed for Independence Day |
| July 7 | Regular City Council Meeting |
| July 21 | Town Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. |

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:32 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, 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 Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved July 7, 2009