MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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 DeTienne, Shantal Taylor, Flammini, Jim Taylor 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 August 18, 2009 at 7:01 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on August 18, 2009 at 7:07 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.

(b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: City Clerk’s Monthly Report, August 2009; Public Works Monthly Report, June & July 2009

(c) BILLS: Vouchers 105525 through 105623 drawn on National City Bank, $885,025.26

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

SPECIAL USE PERMIT/2715 DEBORAH AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that an Ordinance (09-0-33) be passed granting a Special Use Permit for a haunted house attraction in the General Industrial Zoning District for property located at 2701, 2715 and 2717 Deborah Avenue, Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, nay; Shantal Taylor, nay; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

CITY ENTERTAINMENT TAX

Attorney Randall stated the proposed ordinance establishes an entertainment tax in the City of Zion. The tax imposed on all persons engaged in the business of selling tickets for any entertainment would be two percent (2%), and would exempt schools, churches, not for profit organizations, charitable benefits and governmental entities. Quarterly tax returns would be due 30 days following the end of each quarter, which would be submitted to the City Clerk. Commissioner Jim Taylor questioned the basis for the 2% tax. Attorney Randall stated the 2% is allowed per State Statute.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (09-0-34) be passed establishing an entertainment tax in the City of Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SALE OF NORTH HALF/1912 HOREB AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (09-0-35) be passed selling certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as part of 1912 Horeb Avenue; north half of Lot 18, Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.
SALE OF SOUTH HALF/1912 HOREB AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (09-0-36) be passed selling certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as part of 1912 Horeb Avenue; south half of Lot 18, Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

PURCHASE OF VIDEO SYSTEMS/POLICE DEPT.

A memo (09-DOC-61) was received from Chief Booth, requesting permission to waive bids and purchase 4 digital in-car video systems for the Police Department. The purchase would be through AMR Digital Corporation, including support hardware, for a total cost of $23,211. The purchase would be paid from seized drug forfeiture funds. Chief Booth noted that the budget would need to be amended for this purchase.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve amending the Police Department’s budget to include an additional $23,211 for a purchase of in-car video systems. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to grant permission to waive bids and purchase 4 digital in-car video systems and related hardware for the Police Department from AMR Digital Corporation for a total cost of $23,211. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/2009 CDBG ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

A Tabulation of Bids (09-DOC-62) was received from Ron Colangelo, regarding the 2009 CDBG Road Improvement Project. Mr. Colangelo recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Curran Contracting, for an amount of $388,159.25.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to award the contract for the 2009 CDBG Road Improvement Project to Curran Contracting for the amount of $388,159.25. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

21ST STREET WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS

A memo (09-DOC-63) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting permission to enter into an agreement for engineering services and advertise for bids for 21st Street watermain improvements. Bollinger, Lach and Associates have submitted a proposal for engineering services for replacing the watermain along 21st Street east of Sheridan Road. This portion of the watermain was built in 1928 and has had many failures over the years. This project would also allow abandoning the aging main under Sheridan Road prior to it being resurfaced, and loop dead end mains prior to resurfacing Elizabeth Avenue or Edina Blvd. A $300,000 State grant will be received for the majority of the cost for this project.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve entering into an agreement with Bollinger, Lach and Associates for a cost of $46,441.18 for engineering services for 21st Street watermain improvements, and granting permission to advertise for bids for this project. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.
DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

John Jones stated the City closed on two additional HUD homes yesterday for a total of 3 homes purchased at a cost of $1.00 per home. Mr. Jones stated he is meeting with a youth group regarding the rehabbing of these properties.

Ron Colangelo stated brush pick-up starts Tuesday, September 8. If the residents’ garbage is picked up on Mondays, they must have their branches out by 6:00 a.m. on September 8. If the residents’ garbage is picked up on Tuesdays, they must have their branches out by 6:00 a.m. on September 14. If the residents’ garbage is picked up on Wednesdays, they must have their branches out by 6:00 a.m. on September 21. If the residents’ garbage is picked up on Thursdays, they must have their branches out by 6:00 a.m. on September 28. If the residents’ garbage is picked up on Fridays, they must have their branches out by 6:00 a.m. on October 5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 3   Market Square Groundbreaking
September 5   Zion Queens Pageant
September 6   Labor Day Concert and Fireworks Display
September 7   City Offices Closed for Labor Day
               Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
               Jubilee Days Parade at 1:00 p.m.
               Boys & Girls Club Grand Opening at 4:00 p.m.
September 15  Town Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
               City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:30 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF 2689 SHERIDAN ROAD

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed the purchase of 2689 Sheridan Road, also known as the Butz Building.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve the purchase of 2689 Sheridan Road, Zion, Illinois, contingent upon the sale transaction of same property. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, 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 DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk