

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010, AT 3:06 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, Flammini, Jim Taylor, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison.

TRAINING/ZION FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Chief Lewis requested a clarification of the Council's directive regarding the elimination of attendance at workshops, conferences, and seminars and questioned whether or not Fire/Rescue personnel training was included or exempt. He explained that training is required to maintain the department's membership on the Lake and McHenry Special Response Teams which includes dive teams, hazmat teams, and technical rescue teams (structural collapse, high angle, confined space, trench). The department is also mandated to maintain training by NFPA, IDOL, ISO and the State Fire Marshal. Chief Lewis stated that overtime is necessary in order for personnel to complete the required training. The total anticipated annual expense would be \$16,000.

It was the consensus of the Council that the special response team membership should be maintained and that Fire/Rescue technical training is exempt from the directive and should continue as required.

Chief Lewis stated that, with the start of the new fiscal year, the discretionary Foreign Fire Tax funds will be managed by the Foreign Fire Tax Board and will not be included in the City budget. He also stated that the funds will be audited, board meetings are open to the public, and meeting minutes are available.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 3:55 p.m. to discuss personnel and collective bargaining. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Special Council meeting at 5:17 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, 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 DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 5:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Deputy City Clerk