

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2010, 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 Flammini, Jim Taylor, Shantal Taylor, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Moving item 6.m. to after closed session
- Continuing the Citizen Comments Session following the Consent Agenda

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on September 21, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on September 21, 2010 at 8:03 P.M.; a Special Meeting held on September 27, 2010 at 4:30 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on September 27, 2010 at 4:36 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** September 2, September 16, October 7, October 31 and November 7, 2008
- (c) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk's Monthly Report, September 2010; Public Works Department Monthly Report, August 2010
- (d) **BILLS:** Vouchers 108661 through 108774 drawn on National City Bank, \$799,233.96

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Vianey Hernandez, VMG Quality Service Cleaning, stated she wishes to respond to comments made by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that she is not doing a good job cleaning City Hall. Ms. Hernandez stated she would have preferred talking to Commissioner Shantal Taylor in private, rather than reading the negative comments in the newspaper. Ms. Hernandez stated she operates a professional company, which took 10 years to build, providing positive letters from many of her clients. Ms. Hernandez stated she sometimes personally purchases cleaning materials, not asking for reimbursement, and she has worked extra days, not asking for extra pay. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated Elliot Eldridge and she will meet with Ms. Hernandez just to make sure expectations are met. Ms. Hernandez stated she did meet with Mr. Eldridge, noting Commissioner Shantal Taylor was unable to make that meeting. Ms. Hernandez asked Commissioner Shantal Taylor for an apology for the negative public comments. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated she looks forward to working together, and she is sorry for anything she said which caused harm to Ms. Hernandez' business, noting they will be working together to meet expectations for both sides.

Allan Taylor, Commissioner Shantal Taylor's husband, complimented Commissioner Taylor on doing a great job for the City. Mr. Taylor stated the people should be aware of what she is doing for the citizens.

Tammy Swift asked if the City's nuisance abatement program could help with concerns of drug dealings in her neighborhood near Pearce Campus. Deputy Chief Steve Dumyahn stated he will meet with Ms. Swift after the meeting to discuss her issues and the neighborhood watch program. Mayor Harrison noted the nuisance abatement program is responsible for helping clean up the former Crane Meadows Apartment complex.

Senator Michael Bond commended the City Council on the City's economic development and related applications for grants. Senator Bond noted the State is considering funding for various local projects.

BOND REFINANCING

A memo (10-DOC-105) was received from Larry Pannell, recommending the refinancing of Series 2002A, 2002B and 2003 bonds. The refinancing, also referred to as refunding, would be possible due to current lower interest rates and overall costs. These funds involve restricted revenue sources, and therefore can't be used for the general fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve the refinancing/refunding of Series 2002A, 2002B and 2003 bonds. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PNC BANK ACCOUNTS

PNC Bank is now requiring formal action in order to authorize bank transactions and signatures. The authorized account signers also need to be identified for the Newport Fire Protection District account. Mayor Lane Harrison, Commissioner Jim Taylor, Director of Finance Larry Pannell and Assistant to the Finance Director Barbara Fitz-Henley are the recommended authorized signers.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to authorize Mayor Lane Harrison, Commissioner Jim Taylor, Director of Finance Larry Pannell and Assistant to the Finance Director Barbara Fitz-Henley for account signatures at PNC Bank, including the Newport Fire Protection District account. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

JUBILEE DAYS FESTIVAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A memo (10-DOC-106) was received from the Jubilee Days Festival Commission recommending the reappointments of the following with terms to expire on September 30, 2013:

Cheri Ditzig
Christine Wertman
Judy Mackey
Carla Villalobos

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the appointments to the Jubilee Days Festival Commission, as recommended. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT INVOICES

Memos (10-DOC-107 & 10-DOC-108) were received from Chief Lewis, requesting approval of payment for invoices as follows:

Red the Uniform Tailor – replacement of uniform shirts	\$1,107.30
Target Safety – online risk management system subscription	\$1,725.00

These are budgeted items.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve payment to Red the Uniform Tailor in the amount of \$1,107.30 and Target Safety in the amount of \$1,725.00 for the Fire/Rescue Department invoices, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOICES

A memo (10-DOC-109) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting approval of payment for invoices as follows:

Kiesler’s Police Supply, Inc – duty and training ammunition	\$3,688.29
Ultramax Ammunition – duty and training ammunition	\$2,770.00
Ray O’Herron Company, Inc – duty and training ammunition	\$3,035.00
P.F. Pettibone & Co. – Illinois citation and complaint/traffic tickets	\$1,650.00
McDonough Mechanical Service – repair of heating/air conditioner	\$1,638.56

These are budgeted items.

At this time, Commissioner Jim Taylor temporarily left the Council meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve payment to Kiesler’s Police Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$3,688.29, Ultramax Ammunition in the amount of \$2,770.00, and Ray O’Herron Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,035.00 for ammunition for the Police Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve payment to P.F. Pettibone & Company in the amount of \$1,650.00 for Illinois citation and complaint/traffic tickets for the Police Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jim Taylor returned to the Council meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve payment to McDonough Mechanical Service in the amount of \$1,638.56 for repairs to the heating/air conditioner system at the Police Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/POLICE OFFICERS

A memo (10-DOC-110) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting permission to authorize the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint the next two eligible and qualified candidates for Police Officers, due to two vacancies. In order to keep grant funds, 47 sworn officers need to be maintained.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to grant permission for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to appoint two Police Officers from the Commission's eligibility list. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ZION POLICE PENSION BOARD

Mayor Harrison recommended appointing Shawn White to the Zion Police Pension Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to appoint Shawn White to the Zion Police Pension Board. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF TRAILER/ESDA

A memo (10-DOC-111) was received from Merlin Kreis, requesting to purchase an enclosed utility trailer. The trailer would be used for storage and transportation of road closure equipment. Four quotes were received with the lowest quote from Enclosed Trailers for Less, LLC for a total amount of \$3,450.00 including transportation. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to grant permission to purchase the utility trailer from Enclosed Trailers for Less, LLC for a total amount not to exceed \$3,450.00 for ESDA. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2600 BLOCK BETWEEN ELISHA & EMMAUS/LOT CONSOLIDATION

A memo (10-DOC-112) was received from Delaine Rogers requesting approval of a lot consolidation at the north end of the 2600 block between Elisha Avenue and Emmaus Avenue. The consolidation is for Midwestern Regional Medical Center's (MRMC) parking garage facility. MRMC would be responsible for recording the plat.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the lot consolidation as requested in the 2600 block between Elisha Avenue and Emmaus Avenue and the NIMP LP Second Plat of Consolidation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CDBG COMMUNITY STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT

A memo (10-DOC-113) was received from Delaine Rogers, recommending applying for an Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Community Stabilization Program grant. The program is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through FEMA. The City may be eligible for funding under the CDBG Disaster Recovery "IKE" Program, with proceeds to be used for developing new job opportunities in the community.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that a Resolution of Support (10-R-21) be passed for the application to the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a Community Stabilization Program grant. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Ron Colangelo stated the fall leaf pick-up program starts October 18.

Elliot Eldridge stated Habitat for Humanity will be building 5 homes in Zion.

Chief Lewis stated this is Fire Prevention Week, and an open house will be held on October 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| October 6 | Zion Elementary School District Forum |
| October 11 | First day for Early Voting at City Hall for the November 2 General Election |
| October 19 | Town Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.
City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. |
| October 30 | Trick of Treat in Zion from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| November 2 | Citizen Comment session at 6:30 p.m.
City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. |

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss purchase of real estate and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:35 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRST CLASS FIREARMS DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed the proposed First Class Firearms project and subsequent possible purchase of property.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to table the development agreement for First Class Firearms until the October 19 Council meeting. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal 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 9:40 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved October 19, 2010