

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011, 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 Jim Taylor, DeTienne, Shantal Taylor, Flammini and Mayor Harrison.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

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

- Amending consideration for lease of 7 computers to purchase of 4 computers, item 8.c.
- Deleting item after closed session, item 12.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/FIRE/RESCUE DEPT. 2010 MDA FUNDRAISER

A representative from the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) presented a plaque to the Zion Fire/Rescue Department for all of their fundraising efforts in support of MDA. Between various fundraisers this past year, the firefighters raised \$7,708.09 in 2010. The Zion firefighters have raised a total of \$24,717 over the past 4 years for MDA.

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 Citizen Comment Session held on January 4, 2011 at 6:30 P.M., and a Regular Meeting held on January 4, 2011 at 7:00 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Monthly Report, December 2010
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 109488 through 109607 drawn on PNC Bank, \$1,133,715.33

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

VARIANCE/CCSI ANTENNA INSTALLATION/3220 27TH STREET

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-1) be passed granting a variance for installation of an antenna on the existing water tower located at 3220 27th Street, Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

SPECIAL USE/GLOBAL TOWER PARTNERS/720 29TH STREET

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (11-0-2) be passed granting Global Tower Partners a Special Use Permit for construction and placement of a self support communication tower for property located at 720 29th Street, Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

HEIGHT VARIANCE/GLOBAL TOWER PARTNERS/720 29TH STREET

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-3) be passed granting a height variance for a self-support communication tower for property located at 720 29th Street, Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ABATING TAX/MIDWESTERN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (11-0-4) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2010 to pay the principal of and interest on \$30,000,000 taxable general obligation bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), series 2002 (Midwestern Regional Medical Center Project), of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ABATING TAX/SHERIDAN ROAD STREETSCAPE

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (11-0-5) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2010 to pay the principal of and interest on \$4,975,000 general obligation bonds, series 2002-A, (Special Tax Allocation Fund Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (11-0-6) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2010 to pay the principal of and interest on \$5,000,000 general obligation bonds, series 2002-B, (Combined Zion Energy LLC Agreement Fees and Motor Fuel Tax Receipts Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ABATING TAX/ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-7) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2010 to pay the principal of and interest on \$3,000,000 general obligation bonds, series 2003, (Combined Zion Energy LLC Agreement Fees and Motor Fuel Tax Receipts Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ABATING TAX/SOUTH SHERIDAN ROAD

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-8) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2010 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,200,000 general obligation bonds, series 2004A, (Area 3 South Sheridan Road Special Tax Allocation Fund Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ABATING TAX/WATERWORKS & SEWERAGE SYSTEM

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-9) be passed abating the tax levied for the year 2010 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,480,000 taxable general obligation bonds (Waterworks & Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), series 2006, of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

NOSTALGIA DAYS/POLICE SERVICE FEES

A memo (11-DOC-2) was received from Julia Ramey, President of the Nostalgia Days Committee, requesting waiver of the fees for the police service for the past 2010 Nostalgia Days event. Per Commissioner Flammini, Treasurer of the Nostalgia Days Committee, the 2010 event was not well funded, and the committee does not have the \$5,000 to pay the City. There will be no carnival for the 2011 event, so police services will not be needed except during the car cruise.

Chief Brooks stated he could support this request, noting the carnival is what requires the most police manpower. Mayor Harrison questioned whether or not the \$5,000 was allocated in the current budget as payment for these services. Commissioner Jim Taylor stated the \$5,000 was not placed as revenue in the City's budget, and funds were paid under personnel wages, noting Nostalgia Days is a very positive event for the community. Chief Brooks stated the \$5,000 was paid out of salary and overtime line items. Mayor Harrison stated the City has turned down other requests from organizations, so he can't justify waiving this request. Delaine Rogers stated in other years, Nostalgia Days has been self-reliant, while other entities did receive funds, suggesting sharing the cost for this bill. Commissioner Flammini stated the Nostalgia Days Committee currently has approximately \$15,000, the car show costs \$30,000, and there will be no revenue from a carnival this year.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve waiving \$2,500 of the \$5,000 fee for police services provided at the 2010 Nostalgia Days event. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, pass; and Mayor Harrison, nay. Motion carried.

AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR OUTSTANDING TICKETS

A memo (11-DOC-3) was received from Larry Pannell, recommending entering into an agreement with the City's collection agency, Receivable Management, Inc. to offer an amnesty program for outstanding tickets issued between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2010. Individuals with these tickets would have a 30-day window to participate starting February 15, 2011, and would be offered a certain reduction percentage. The violators would need to directly contact the collection agency and not the City. This would be a one-time offer for tickets issued between 2008 and 2010, and the program would not be offered to settle license suspensions, handicap parking violations, bankruptcy proceedings or building code violations. There would be no cost to the City, as the collection agency would perform all of the work.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve entering into an agreement with Receivable Management, Inc. for the amnesty program for outstanding tickets, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS/VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

A memo (11-DOC-4) was received from Larry Pannell, requesting permission to purchase 4 replacement computers for Public Affairs, Building, Public Works and the Fire/Rescue Departments, due to computer failures. The total cost for this purchase from Dell Computers would not exceed \$3,600. Mr. Pannell recommended establishing a separate Replacement Fund in the next budget, in order to replace items on a more regular basis. Mayor Harrison also suggested checking to see if Dell Computers still offered a lease program.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the purchase of 4 computers from Dell Computers for a total amount not to exceed \$3,600. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY VEHICLE STICKERS

A memo (11-DOC-5) was received from Larry Pannell recommending the following changes pertaining to City vehicle stickers:

- The administrative fee of \$25 would no longer pertain to vehicle license (city sticker) violations,
- Increasing the 90-day temporary sticker fee from \$5 to \$15,
- Reducing the vehicle sticker fee for charitable vehicles from \$40 to \$30, and
- Increasing the penalty for not purchasing the vehicle sticker and eliminating the grace period.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve amendments to the City vehicle license/City sticker program, as presented, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT INVOICE/FLOOR REPAIR

A memo (11-DOC-6) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting approval of payment for an invoice as follows:

Belle Engineering – repair of floor warming & snowmelt system at Station No. 1 \$555.75

This item would be funded through the line item for Buildings.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve payment to Belle Engineering in the amount of \$555.75 for the floor repair at Fire Station No. 1, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT INVOICES/NARROWBANDING FIRE DEPT RADIOS

A memo (11-DOC-7) were received from Chief Lewis, requesting approval of payment for invoices as follows:

Comlink Technologies – completing process of narrowbanding Fire/Rescue Dept. radios

1. Total labor cost of \$1,800 is to be divided between Zion, Winthrop Harbor, Beach Park and Newport Fire Protection District; with each department paying \$450.00.
2. Zion's cost share of \$3,173.34 for installation and set-up of voter system for enhancing the priority of the system for efficiency of operations. Winthrop Harbor and Beach Park would also be sharing in the cost of this system. Newport Fire Protection District will be leaving the frequency in March, and therefore would not be participating in the cost.

Total cost to the Zion Fire/Rescue Department would be \$3,623.34. Each department has been sent an invoice for their portion, so that Zion could submit one check to Comlink Technologies. This project is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve payment to Comlink Technologies, as presented, for completing the process of narrowbanding the Fire/Rescue Department's radios. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

GREAT LAKES CROSSING UTILITY RELOCATION

A memo (11-DOC-8) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting permission to advertise for bids for the Utility Relocations for Great Lakes Crossing. A small portion of city sanitary sewer and watermain would need to be relocated to accommodate the stadium for the Lake County Fielders. The relocation is in the design stage, and the utilities would need to be relocated prior to start of the stadium construction.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to grant permission to advertise for bids for the Utility Relocations for Great Lakes Crossing. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/VARIOUS INVOICES

A memo (11-DOC-9) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting approval of payment for invoices as follows:

Belski Electric:

Repair of various subdivision lights -	\$4,059.00
Repair streetlights along Sheridan Road -	\$2,958.00
Repair underground wiring along Sheridan Road - (IDOT to be invoiced for damages)	\$2,759.70
Replace streetlight in Shepherd's Crossing -	\$2,789.00
Replace high mast pole on Trumpet Drive -	\$6,268.75
Install permanent power to downtown sprinkler system -	\$3,030.00
Sheridan Road locates -	\$1,716.00

North American Salt:

Road Salt – ice control -	\$10,812.16
Road Salt – ice control -	\$20,571.52

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve payment for various Public Works Department invoices, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Delaine Rogers stated a public hearing was held today for the Green Bay Road/Trumpet Park TIF Redevelopment Project with no opposition noted. Ordinances will be on the February 1 City Council meeting.

Larry Pannell stated the City has paid off outstanding loans for the Fire pumper truck and the 911 Center.

Ron Colangelo stated the Engineering Department applied for a CDBG grant, and has been notified their project is recommended for approval in the amount of \$99,922.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Residents should soon receive a Residential Guide for Refuse & Recycling from Veolia. Some of the garbage routes will be changing, and affected residents will personally be notified. There is also a pilot recycling program starting in Shepherd's Crossing.

February 1 Citizen Comments – 6:30 P.M.
 City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

February 3 IDOT Public Meeting at Beach Park Middle School re: Green Bay Road Project

February 15 Town Board Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
 City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, and probable litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:38 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal 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 Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved February 15, 2011