

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011, 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 Jim Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne, Shantal Taylor and Mayor Harrison.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

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

- Deleting an ordinance leasing real property in the City of Zion – 1410 Green Bay Road, item 6.e.
- Deleting to consider Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Beach Park for domestic animal control services and an ordinance pertaining to animals, item 7.d.
- Deleting discussion and consideration regarding restoration of the Dome, item 7.f.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on January 18, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on January 18, 2011 at 7:59 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** April 21, June 2 and June 16, 2009
- (c) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk's Monthly Report, January 2011; ESDA 2010 Year End Report and Monthly Report, January 2011; Building Department Monthly Report, January 2011
- (d) **BILLS:** Vouchers 109608 through 109818 drawn on PNC Bank, \$1,856,475.66

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

CITY VEHICLE STICKERS

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (11-0-10) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 90, Article IV, Sections 90-17(c), 90-237(b), 90-239(a)(1)&(2), 90-240(a)&(c), 90-242(a)&(b) and 90-245(a)&(b) regarding vehicle license stickers effective May 1, 2011. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

TRUMPET PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A public hearing was held on January 18, 2011 relative to the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project for the Green Bay Road/Trumpet Park Redevelopment Project Area with all proper notices provided. A joint review board was convened, and the City Council has reviewed the information. A copy of the Plan and Project is available for public viewing in the City Clerk's office.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-11) be passed of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois, approving a Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project for the Green Bay Road/Trumpet Park Redevelopment Project Area. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (11-0-12) be passed of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois, designating the Redevelopment Project Area of said City as Green Bay Road/Trumpet Park Redevelopment Project Area pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (11-0-13) be passed of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois, adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Green Bay Road/Trumpet Park Redevelopment Project Area. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS' BONDS

A memo (11-DOC-10) was received from Clerk Mackey regarding public officials' bonds. The bonds required by State Statutes are currently in the process of being updated. Upon review of the Municipal Code, it states every employee having possession of funds is to be bonded, although this is not a State requirement. This would require employees in every department, including a number of clerical employees, to be bonded. Clerk Mackey recommended amending the current wording and requiring bonding instead for every Department Head. Clerk Mackey also recommended amending the filing requirements to match State law. If approved, bond applications would be distributed to all Department Heads.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-14) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 2, Sections 2-33, 2-89 and 2-182 regarding bonding requirements. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY

A memo (11-DOC-11) was received from Commissioner Flammini, requesting to waive building permit fees for the 2011 National Rebuilding Together Day Program. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 30. This is the twelfth year Zion has been involved in this program.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve waiving building permit fees for the 2011 National Rebuilding Together Day. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, pass; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOICE/ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ACADEMY

A memo (11-DOC-12) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting approval of payment for an invoice as follows:

Illinois State Police Academy – Enrollment and training for two new Police Officers,
Local Law Enforcement Officers 1/9-3/31/2011 \$5,634.94

Upon successful completion, the City receives a 50% tuition reimbursement from the State. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve payment to the Illinois State Police Academy for the Police Department invoice, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOICE/BOILER ROOM REPAIRS

A memo (11-DOC-13) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting approval of payment for an invoice as follows:

McDonough Mechanical Services – boiler room heat pump repairs \$6,320.69

This invoice would be paid from the building and grounds line item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve payment to McDonough Mechanical Services for the Police Department invoice, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS WATER METER PARTS

A memo (11-DOC-14) was received from Ron Colangelo requesting approval to declare used, unneeded water meter parts as surplus. Mr. Colangelo recommended accepting the offer of \$900.00 from the City of Marengo to purchase these surplus parts.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-15) be passed declaring outdated, unneeded water meter parts as surplus property. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to accept the \$900.00 offer from the City of Marengo for the surplus water meter parts. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BORROWING FUNDS FROM WATER FUND

A memo (11-DOC-15) was received from Larry Pannell, requesting to borrow funds from the Water Fund.

Mayor Harrison stated the City unsuccessfully attempted to secure promised funds from the State of Illinois. Initially the State did give the City \$1,000,000 for the ballpark project on the northeast corner of Route 173 and Green Bay Road, stating the balance would follow soon. In November 2010, a certain state politician was not re-elected, after which the City received a letter stating the grant was now denied. Promised funds did not materialize, therefore the City is now in the position of facing debts owed to the general contractor. Mayor Harrison stated the contractors operated in good faith, based on promised funds from the State. The City feels it is the right thing to pay these vendors by borrowing funds from the water fund. Mayor Harrison noted support remains for the ballpark, but it cannot start on another phase leaving the vendors without payment for past work.

Mr. Pannell stated Panattoni Construction is owed a total of approximately \$1,764,000, and payment will allow the project to move forward to Phase 2 unencumbered. The total amount would be repaid over the next 10 years with interest and payments included in the fiscal year 2012 budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve borrowing \$1,764,000 from the Water Fund for payment to Panattoni Construction. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Mayor Harrison recognized and thanked all of the departments for their tremendous efforts and work during the recent blizzard.

Chief Lewis stated North Shore Gas Company has donated 200 carbon monoxide detectors to be distributed to Zion residents on a first come-first served. Zion residents should stop by or contact Fire Station #1 by calling 847-746-4040.

Larry Pannell stated letters would be mailed out this week from the City's collection agency regarding the Amnesty Program for Zion violations, as previously discussed. This program is good for 30 days, and is a one-time-only offer.

Merlin Kreis stated the ESDA utility trailer and canteen trailer have been put into service, having first been used during the blizzard.

Ron Colangelo thanked all of the workers in his department and all departments for their time and efforts working together during the blizzard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 1 Citizen Comments Session at 6:30 P.M.
 City Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

March 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 Shantal Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, 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 8:52 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PAYMENT TO PANATTONI

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to authorize wiring funds in the amount of \$1,646,131.17 to Chicago Title Company on February 16, 2011. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ELLIOT ELDRIDGE

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to terminate the employment of Elliot Eldridge from the position of Building Director effective immediately based on poor performance. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal 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 DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved March 1, 2011