

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011, AT 9:27 A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Flammini, DeTienne, Shantal Taylor and Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor. Mayor Harrison was absent.

MAY 1, 2011 – APRIL 30, 2012 BUDGET

Per the first budget meeting, all changes have been incorporated into the May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 budget. The donations from Zion Solutions have been added. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated the \$40,000 donation for The Dome should remain in the City's General Fund, earmarked for The Dome, instead of transferring it to the Chamber of Commerce, for work to be completed as well as future maintenance.

The Council discussed a proposed Building Department Rental Registration Program. Commissioner Flammini stated it was his understanding that there is a statutory restriction on collecting registration fees for rental programs. Larry Pannell stated Attorney Randall was looking into this issue, and he will contact her accordingly.

Commissioner Shantal Taylor requested consideration for a specialized inspector to be utilized between Fire/Rescue and the Building Department.

Commissioner Jim Taylor stated he would only support a balanced budget, requesting review of the following:

10-06-1-05-997 – Demolition: \$70,000 – Commissioner Jim Taylor stated the City can't afford this expense at this time. The Council agreed to eliminate the \$70,000 expense.

10-06-3-04-790 – Dome Repairs: \$9,500 – Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated, since the City received the donation, this amount is no longer necessary. The Council agreed to eliminate the \$9,500 expense.

10-05-1-02-930 – Demolition: \$25,000 – Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated the demolition of 2771 and 2785 Galilee Avenue should proceed. Commissioner Flammini noted 2771 Galilee Avenue is a commercial property; so additional funds would be needed for this property alone. The Council agreed to increase this line item from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

10-03-1-03-380 – Police Uniforms/Dispatch: Chief Brooks recommended and the Council agreed to decrease this line item from \$4,800 to \$3,600 per contract.

10-03-1-04-790 – Police Motor Equipment: Chief Brooks recommended and the Council agreed to decrease this line item from \$46,900 to \$26,900.

10-06-1-02-678 – Festival of Lights Storage: \$29,172 – Delaine Rogers stated a proposal for the purchase of the displays is forthcoming.

10-14-1-04-760 – Fire/Rescue Other Equipment: \$44,622 – Chief Lewis recommended and the Council agreed to decrease this line item from \$44,622 to \$40,622.

10-14-1-04-795 – Fire/Rescue Buildings & Grounds Repairs: \$21,750 – Chief Lewis recommended and the Council agreed to decrease this line item from \$21,750 to \$14,450.

10-14-1-05-960 – Fire/Rescue Capital Outlay Toughbooks: \$26,400 – Chief Lewis recommended and the Council agreed to decrease this line item from \$26,400 to \$21,000, eliminating one Toughbook computer.

10-14-1-05-995 – Fire/Rescue Buildings & Grounds Capital Outlay: \$37,000 – Chief Lewis recommended and the Council agreed to eliminate the \$37,000 expense, noting the kitchen and garage repairs could be deferred another year.

10-67-1-01-010 – ESDA Personal Services: \$15,000 – Commissioner Flammini recommended and the Council agreed to decrease this line item from \$15,000 to \$10,000.

10-67-1-03-230 – ESDA Telephone: \$10,000 – Commissioner Jim Taylor questioned the increased telephone budget. Mr. Pannell stated he would check the actual for this current year. Commissioner Flammini stated he believed it was for additional equipment.

10-67-1-03-440 – ESDA Fuel & Oil: \$15,000 – Commissioner Flammini recommended and the Council agreed to decrease this line item from \$15,000 to \$7,500, noting part of this expense was for monitoring the stadium area, and the Lake County Fielders will be handling this duty.

10-67-1-05-990 – ESDA Motor Equipment – Commissioner Flammini recommended and the Council agreed to decrease this line item from \$75,000 to \$50,000, eliminating one vehicle.

10-67-1-05-995 – ESDA Buildings & Grounds: \$75,000 – Commissioner Flammini recommended and the Council agreed not to construct a new building this year, eliminating the \$75,000 expense, and instead placing \$5,000 in line item for building maintenance.

Ron Colangelo stated an estimate of \$42,680 has been received for resealing the decorative downtown sidewalks, suggesting TIF funds be utilized for this project. Commissioner Flammini recommended placing the difference between the balance in Street and Bridge and the \$42,680 estimate into the General Fund. Mr. Colangelo stated MFT funds could also be used for this project or to purchase salt.

10-04-1-03-660 – Public Works Road Salt: \$150,000 – The Council agreed to decrease this line item from \$150,000 to \$100,000.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 10:43 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining and personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to reconvene the Special Council meeting at 12:05 p.m. with same members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Taylor, 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 12:05 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk