

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 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 Shantal Taylor, Flammini, Jim Taylor, DeTienne 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 Jim Taylor to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Deleting to consider Zoning Docket 11-Z-2 – request for relocation of Special Use Permit for Little Light Child Care, item 9.a.

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION/POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Police Detective Paul Kehrli was recognized as the 2011 Zion Police Officer of the Year. Detective Kehrli has been responsible for helping solve numerous cases. Mayor Harrison and Chief Brooks presented a plaque to Detective Kehrli, acknowledging him for his dedication, devotion and commitment to the Police Department and the citizens of Zion.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION/POLICE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD**

Police Officer Joseph Richardt was recognized for his outstanding performance, going above and beyond the call of duty, investigating an incident, which helped to save a life and bring a case to quick closure. Mayor Harrison and Chief Brooks presented a plaque to Officer Richardt, congratulating him for his professionalism and persistent and determined actions.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION/SAVE-A-VET**

Danny Scheurer, Founder and CEO of Sav-a-Vet, stated his organization helps former military and law enforcement dogs find homes. Mr. Scheurer stated when the animal is either injured or retired, many of them are unable to find suitable homes and are euthemized. Mr. Scheurer requested utilizing a city-owned property on Lydia Avenue to build a home for this organization. Sav-a-Vet is also offering to build a new dog pound for the city, while also providing caretakers for the pound, all at no cost. Mr. Scheurer stated funding is currently available, as the ABC television show Extreme Makeover is interested in this project.

Mayor Harrison stated the Council will have to take the location as well as the neighbors into consideration in making any decisions on this issue. Mayor Harrison stated if the site selected is not feasible, the City could help find another suitable location.

**PRESENTATION/IUOE - LOCAL 150**

Steve Karpowicz, Business Agent for IUOE, Local 150, addressed the Council regarding issues and concerns between the City and Local 150. Mr. Karpowicz stated Local 150 represents multiple groups of Zion employees, as well as multiple groups in many other communities. Local 150 has not had previous issues with the City, however the Union does have serious concerns regarding the Building Department employees and Commissioner Shantal Taylor. Mr. Karpowicz stated there is now a change of morale due to Commissioner Shantal Taylor's erratic behavior, noting the Commissioner is abusing her power and intimidating her employees. Mr. Karpowicz noted various examples of his concerns, requesting that the Building Department employees be removed from under Commissioner Shantal Taylor's charge and be moved to either Public Works or Police. Mr. Karpowicz requested that the Council consider taking action in a timely manner to alleviate any further issues or problems.

Mayor Harrison stated the Council would take these comments under consideration. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated the employees have the opportunity to grieve if they have problems. Commissioner Jim Taylor recommended that a special Council meeting be held as soon as possible to address the concerns. The Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Friday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m. for this purpose.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2011 at 7:04 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on May 17, 2011 at 7:54 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** January 3, January 16, October 17 & November 20, 2007
- (c) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk's Monthly Report, May 2011; ESDA Monthly Report, April 2011
- (d) **BILLS:** Vouchers 110497 through 110712 drawn on PNC Bank, \$1,030,826.80
- (e) **PAYMENT:** Zion Park District, 2011 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, \$7,000.00
- (f) **PROCLAMATION:** Memorial Day, May 30, 2011

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

**AMEND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that a Resolution (11-R-6) be passed amending the Personnel Authorization regarding the Department of Economic Development. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**IMRF/TAXABLE EXPENSE ALLOWANCES**

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that a Resolution (11-R-7) be passed authorizing the inclusion of taxable expense allowances as earnings reportable to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**SHEPHERD'S CROSSING/SECOND AMENDMENT TO PUD AGREEMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-34) be passed entering into a Second Amendment to the Shepherd's Crossing Planned Unit Development Agreement. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES**

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (11-0-35) be passed ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages as determined by the Department of Labor for laborers, mechanics and other workers performing construction of public works in the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**A SAFE PLACE/LANDSCAPE VARIANCE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a request for a landscape variance for A Safe Place, as petitioned by A Safe Place – Zoning Docket 11-Z-4. The Planning/Commission recommends denial.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to deny the request for a landscape variance for A Safe Place. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, nay; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**PURCHASE OF ENVELOPES/FINANCE DEPT.**

A memo (11-DOC-55) was received from Larry Pannell, requesting permission to purchase blue and white mailing envelopes for the Finance Department from FSI Printers for a total cost of \$1,628.60.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the purchase of mailing envelopes for the Finance Department from FSI Printers for a total cost of \$1,628.60. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT TO VENDORS/STADIUM PROJECT**

A memo (11-DOC-56) was received from Larry Pannell, requesting authorization for a second payment to be made in the amount of \$174,710.59 to vendors, who performed work on the ballpark during the 2010 season. Funds would be wired to Chicago Title, and Attorney Randall would assist with the disbursement. Mayor Harrison stated vendors performed work on the stadium project in 2010, then the City didn't receive State funding, so it would be unfair to withhold payments for work completed. Commissioner Shantal Taylor questioned when the walls for the permanent stadium would be constructed. Mayor Harrison stated this would happen only when the City executes the bond issue. Ron Colangelo noted seating this season will include regular stadium seats.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to authorize wiring funds in the amount of \$174,710.59 to Chicago Title Company for work performed on the stadium project during the 2010 season. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**FARMERS MARKET/SANITATION SERVICES**

A memo (11-DOC-57) was received from Larry Pannell, requesting to enter into a service agreement for sanitation services for the 2011 Farmers Market. Best Sanitation would provide portable restrooms at the market location each Thursday morning, and pick them up the following morning. The cost would be \$1,575 during the duration of the Farmers Market, and the fees paid by the vendors would cover this expense. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve entering into a service agreement with Best Sanitation for portable sanitation services for a total cost of \$1,575 for the 2011 Farmers Market. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**LAKE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

A memo (11-DOC-58) was received from Larry Pannell, recommending renewal of the Lake County Illinois Convention and Visitors Bureau membership. Annual dues would be \$10,000. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve membership renewal with Lake County Illinois Convention and Visitors Bureau for the annual amount of \$10,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**PURCHASE OF POWER ASSISTED COTS/FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

A memo (11-DOC-59) was received from Chief Lewis requesting permission to waive bids and purchase one power assisted cot for the Fire/Rescue Department. A grant was awarded and received from the Illinois Public Risk Fund in the amount of \$54,800 with a portion of these funds requested for the purchase of a cot for an ambulance. The cost of the cot through Stryker EMS Equipment would be \$11,300, including a trade-in. Additionally, Stryker is participating in an IPRF program, which allows for a 50% rebate, wherein the City's final cost for the cot would be \$5,650. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to grant permission to waive bids and purchase one power assisted cot for the Fire/Rescue Department from Stryker EMS Equipment for a total cost of \$11,300 including trade-in. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**PURCHASE OF CARDIAC MONITOR/FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

A memo (11-DOC-60) was received from Chief Lewis requesting permission to waive bids and purchase one cardiac monitor for the Fire/Rescue Department. Chief Lewis requested that a portion of the Illinois Public Risk Fund grant be utilized for this purchase. The cost of the cardiac monitor and accessories, which meet the specifications of current monitors, through ZOLL Medical Corporation would be \$21,941.25. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to grant permission to waive bids and purchase one cardiac monitor for the Fire/Rescue Department from ZOLL Medical Corporation for a total cost of \$21,941.25. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOICE/MCDONOUGH MECHANICAL SERVICES**

A memo (11-DOC-61) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting approval of payment for an invoice as follows:

McDonough Mechanical Services – control motor replacement      \$959.87

This invoice would be paid from the building and grounds line item. Chief Brooks stated he is looking at other vendors for maintenance of the Police Station's HVAC system.

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

**PURCHASE OF ORDINANCE VIOLATION TICKETS/POLICE DEPT.**

A memo (11-DOC-62) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting permission to waive bids and purchase 3,000 ordinance violation tickets for the Police Department for a total cost of \$1,019.08 from P.F. Pettibone & Company. This is the preferred vendor the City has used for many years. 3,000 new tickets should last one to two years. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to grant permission to waive bids and approve the purchase of 3,000 ordinance violation tickets for the Police Department through P.F. Pettibone & Company for a total cost of \$1,019.08. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR/3100 BLOCK OF ESHCOL ALLEY**

A memo (11-DOC-63) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting to waive bids and approve a quote for emergency sewer repair in the 3100 block of the Eshcol alley. A collapsed manhole was discovered during maintenance. Mr. Colangelo recommended approving the low quote from Campanella and Sons in the amount of \$12,845. Funding would be from the Sanitary Sewer System Maintenance line item.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to waive bids and approve the quote from Campanella and Sons in the amount of \$12,845 for the emergency sewer repair in the 3100 block of the Eshcol alley. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ZION LANDFILL CLOSURE/POST CLOSURE MONITORING AMENDMENT #3**

A memo (11-DOC-64) was received from Ron Colangelo, regarding the post closure-monitoring plan for the former Zion Landfill. Camp Dresser and McKee (CDM) performs the necessary environmental engineering services. Zion Landfills 1 and 2 are certified closed. Mr. Colangelo recommended approval of the amendment for year three services with CDM for \$74,975. The cost for these services is budgeted in the Waste Fund. Mr. Colangelo stated the landfill has been closed for 30 years and all samples have been clean, so he hopes this monitoring process will be short term.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve the contract amendment with Camper Dresser and McKee, Inc. for year three environmental monitoring services required for the former Zion Landfill at a cost of \$74,975. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Mayor Harrison presented and recommended appointments for Department Heads and various City Officials.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to appoint Department Heads and City Officials through April 30, 2012 as recommended. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated, in order to be fiscally responsible, the City should check into hiring a new law firm.

At this time Commissioner Jim Taylor amended his motion and Commissioner DeTienne amended his second to appoint the following Department Heads and City Officials through April 30, 2012, separating the consideration for the approval of the City's law firm as a separate vote.

Judy Mackey – City Clerk  
 Wayne Brooks – Police Chief  
 John Lewis – Fire/Rescue Chief  
 Ron Colangelo – Director of Public Works & Engineering  
 Larry Pannell – Director of Finance  
 Rich Ianson – Director of Building  
 Merlin Kreis – ESDA Field Director  
 Carl Piojda – ESDA Assistant Field Director  
 Rachel Fisher – Treasurer

Mayor Harrison noted that Rachel Fisher has verbally informed him she will not be continuing as Treasurer, and he anticipates her written confirmation soon. Mayor Harrison stated Ms. Fisher has served as City Treasurer for 28 years. More information will be forthcoming regarding a possible replacement.

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

**APPOINTMENT OF CITY'S LAW FIRM**

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to appoint the Law Firm of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C. as the City & Prosecuting Attorneys. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, nay; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Harrison presented re-appointments to various City Boards and Commissions.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to appoint the following members to City Boards and Commissions:

**Accident Review Board**

Dane Costello  
 Al Town

**Jubilee Days Commission**

Les Martin  
 Mike Ruchti  
 Carla Villalobos

**Planning and Zoning Commission**

Howard Burkemper  
 Bruce Quinn  
 Juanita Winfrey

**Fire & Police Commission**

Todd Gordon

**Liquor Control Commission**

Nadine Thorn

**Police Pension Board**

Mariann Carlton

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

**DOWNTOWN SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS**

A memo (11-DOC-65) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting permission to waive bids and purchase equipment to upgrade the downtown wireless surveillance camera network. The upgrade would increase the system's efficiency and allow for future expansion. The purchase would be from the current vendor, Current Technologies, for a total cost of \$21,376.36. Funds would come from the Energy Solutions donation identified for the camera improvements. Chief Brooks stated the cameras are used to view accidents and deter crime in the downtown area and by the train station. Chief Brooks stated it may be possible in the future to have mobile cameras placed in high crime areas. Mayor Harrison stated, besides downtown cameras, Energy Solutions is providing funding for an emergency notification system during the length of their contract, which is estimated to be 10 years.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to waive bids and approve the purchase of equipment for the downtown wireless surveillance camera system from Current Technologies for a total cost of \$21,376.36. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY**

Chief Lewis stated the Fire/Rescue Department has established a customer service, customer satisfaction survey on the City's website, in order to obtain feedback regarding fire/rescue operations.

Commissioner Flammini stated the City received \$624 from SWALCO's spring electronic recycling event.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

June 18            Annual Trash to Treasures Community Lawn Sale to benefit Shiloh House

June 21            6:30 P.M. – Town Board Meeting  
7:00 P.M. – City Council Meeting

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss sale of real estate, and probable litigation. 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 Shantal Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:36 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.

**3112 ENOCH AVENUE/REFUND**

Mayor Harrison stated the Council considered a refund regarding a fine dispute at 3112 Enoch Ave. The Council agreed to refund \$2,200 to Mr. Karl Sisson regarding the fines he paid for 3112 Enoch Avenue.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved June 21, 2011