

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Commissioner DeTienne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, that Commissioner DeTienne be appointed as Temporary Chairman. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and DeTienne; aye. Motion carried.

**ZION QUEENS**

Little Miss Zion Amalia Grace called the meeting to order.

Junior Miss Zion Imani Serran called the roll. On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, Flammini and Temporary Chairman DeTienne. Mayor Harrison and Commissioner Jim Taylor were absent.

Miss Zion Ivelisse Sota led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

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

- Adding a Special Presentation – Zion Farmers Market Volunteers Recognition
- Adding an Announcement - Community Forum on September 24, 2011
- Adding a Citizen Comments session
- Deleting Item 8b, Ordinance vacating portion of 27<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way
- Deleting Closed Session

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Temporary Chairman DeTienne; aye. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION/JUBILEE DAYS PARADE AWARDS**

Police Chief Brooks and Fire/Rescue Chief Lewis, members of the Jubilee Days Festival Commission, presented the 2011 Jubilee Days/Labor Day parade awards as follows:

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| Specialty Award (for best effort & enthusiasm)       | Winthrop Harbor Queens                       |
| Grand Jubilee Trophy ( for most beautiful)           | Plumbers Local 93                            |
| Sweepstakes Trophy (for best animation or humor)     | Our Lady of Humility School                  |
| Jubilee Director's Choice Award (best musical entry) | North Point Church                           |
| President's Choice Award (most original entry)       | Cub Pack 663                                 |
| Theme Prize (best presentation of parade theme)      | Zion Park District                           |
| Mayor's Trophy (best overall entry)                  | Beach Community Church Puppets<br>for Christ |

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION/ZION FARMER'S MARKET VOLUNTEERS**

Sonolito Bronson, Economic Development Coordinator, presented a brief overview of the 2011 Zion Farmer's Market Season. She recognized and thanked Mary Smith, Rose Salata, Lu Rosado, and Marilyn Kreiger who have donated much time, energy, creativity and passion to the Farmer's Market.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on September 6, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on September 6, 2011 at 7:58 P.M.; a Budget Workshop/Special Meeting held on September 12, 2011 at 10:05 A.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on September 12, 2011 at 10:06 A.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Monthly Report, August 2011; Public Works Department Monthly Report, August 2011
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 111420 through 111518 drawn on PNC Bank, \$483,476.18

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Temporary Chairman DeTienne; aye. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Rob Sherman of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, stated that he received a call from Clint Harris, plaintiff in the former city seal case, informing him that the former city seal was used in an advertisement in the News Sun to advertise the upcoming Community Form on September 24<sup>th</sup> hosted by Commissioner Shantal Taylor. He expressed his disappointment in the city's action to use the former seal thus violating the federal court order. Mr. Sherman stated that a 1990 ruling was handed by Judge Zagel prohibiting the use of the former seal. He stated that he will ask Judge Zagel to determine the appropriate response to the violation of the court order prohibiting the City's use of the old seal.

Glenn Butler, 1124 Carmel Blvd. stated that at the August 16, 2011 meeting he inquired about repairs to Carmel Blvd. east of Sheridan Road which he considers to be a critical area. Commissioner Flammini stated that he and Director Colangelo discussed the matter and the project has gone to bid. He stated that the repairs should be completed before the end of the 2011 paving season.

**RESOLUTION/MAINTENANCE OF STREETS & HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY**

A memo (11-DOC-98) was received from Ron Colangelo requesting passage of a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code and permission to advertise for bids accordingly. Commissioner Flammini stated that this fall the City will be undertaking a comprehensive street patching program in various areas throughout the city utilizing MFT funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that a Resolution (11-R-12) be passed for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$150,000 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the year 2011. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Temporary Chairman DeTienne; aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**BUSINESS LICENSES AND FEES**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-49) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Sections 14-40, 14-778, 779, and 780, regarding the addition of various business licenses and license fee increases. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Temporary Chairman DeTienne; aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**STREET SIGN CHANGES**

A memo (11-DOC-99) was received from Chief Brooks proposing changes to street signs. He recommended removing all “No Parking, Stopping, or Standing” signs located on both sides of the street in the 3100 block of Gideon Avenue. These signs were posted 15-20 years ago in an attempt to resolve criminal activity in the area. Residents are now requesting the removal of these signs. He recommended posting “Shiloh House Visitor Parking Only Between Signs” along the west side of the 2400 block of Elisha Avenue from North Shiloh Blvd. to the T-alley, located on the east side of Shiloh House. He stated parking in this block is congested due to hospital employees, contractor and patient traffic. These signs would free up parking spots for Shiloh House guests. Chief Brooks recommended placing “24-hour Parking Permitted” signs on both sides of 24<sup>th</sup> Street west of Sheridan Road between the entrances of the MRMC guest quarters (2414 Sheridan Road) and the currency exchange (2384 Sheridan Road). Tenants of the guest quarters often park on the street and cannot be located to remove their vehicles due to the 2:00 to 6:00 a.m. parking ban. Snow conditions parking ban would remain in effect.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-50) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Sections 90-133 (c), and 90-136 removing all “No Parking, Stopping, or Standing” signs located on both sides of the street in the 3100 block of Gideon Avenue, posting “Shiloh House Visitor Parking Only Between Signs” along the west side of the 2400 block of Elisha Avenue from North Shiloh Blvd. to the T-alley, located on the east side of Shiloh House and placing “24-hour Parking Permitted” signs on both sides of 24<sup>th</sup> Street west of Sheridan Road between the entrances of the MRMC guest quarters (2414 Sheridan Road) and the currency exchange (2384 Sheridan Road). The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Temporary Chairman DeTienne; aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**REAR DOOR REPLACEMENT/CITY HALL**

A memo (11-DOC-100) was received from Rich Ianson requesting permission to accept the quote of Tjader Builders for replacement of the rear door on the City Hall building, including a new lock set and re-keying, in the amount of \$3,280.00. The funding for the door will come from the IPRF Grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to accept the quote of Tjader Builders for replacement of the rear door on the City Hall building, including a new lock set and re-keying, in an amount not to exceed \$3,280.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Temporary Chairman DeTienne; aye. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS/PHASE 4  
SHEPHERD’S CROSSING SUBDIVISION**

A memo (11-DOC-101) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting the acceptance of all public improvements in Phase 4 of Shepherd’s Crossing Subdivision and the release of all letters of credit. Commissioner Flammini stated that all remaining sidewalks, parkway trees, grading and seeding have been

installed per the agreement and approved design in Phases 3 and 4. The City is in receipt of the warranties for the work.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to accept the public improvements in Phase 4 of Shepherd’s Crossing Subdivision and release all letters of credit. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Temporary Chairman DeTienne; aye. Motion carried.

**ATC TRANSMISSION LINE**

A memo (11-DOC-102) was received from Ron Colangelo requesting approval of the conceptual route for the ATC transmission line and directing real estate brokers for Trumpet Park, Lee and Associates, to begin negotiations with ATC and Panattoni Development Corporation for easement rights, permits and needed variances and fees. This line would run from the Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin power plant to the Zion Energy Center (Calpine) parallel to the Union Pacific Railroad through Trumpet Park which would require easements from the City.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve the conceptual route for the ATC transmission line and to direct Lee and Associates to begin negotiations with ATC and Panattoni Development Corporation for easement rights, permits and needed variances and fees. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Temporary Chairman DeTienne; aye. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT/ASSISTANT ESDA DIRECTOR**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve the appointment of Brandon Busch as Assistant ESDA Director effective October 1, 2011. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Temporary Chairman DeTienne; aye. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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| September 23 & 24 |                        | Kiwanis Peanut Days   |
| September 24      | 3:00 p.m.              | Community Form in Council Chambers                          |
| September 29      |                        | Last Zion Farmer’s Market                                   |
| October 4         | 7:00 p.m.              | Regular Zion City Council Meeting                           |
| October 18        | 6:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. | Zion Township Board Meeting<br>Regular City Council Meeting |

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk