

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011, AT 1:05 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor called the meeting to order.

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

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 1:07 p.m. to discuss sale or lease of real estate, personnel and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll all was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 2:07 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll all was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

DISPOSITION OF FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DECORATIONS/EQUIPMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor stated that the City can no longer afford to pay the storage fees for the Festival of Lights (FOL) decorations/equipment at the Warwick Building. The City currently pays \$2,461 per month, including utilities, for storage. The lease expired in 2007 and the City has been paying on a month-to-month basis. When a solution to disposing of the FOL decorations is found, a 30-day written courtesy notice to vacate should be sent to the landlord.

Clerk Burkemper stated that contact has been made with the town of Elkader, Iowa who is interested in purchasing the FOL displays. They are aware that if this transaction takes place, the City will incur no cost whatsoever in handling or transportation. They are aware that they must take "all or nothing". They are aware that this sale and removal of the items should happen as soon as possible. It was the consensus of the Council that Clerk Burkemper continue to pursue the sale to Elkader, Iowa.

Commissioner Shantal Taylor asked if some of the displays could be offered to businesses or churches in the community. It was the consensus of the Council that, at this time, the displays stay together and be offered as a package.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, to declare the Festival of Lights decorations, displays, and equipment as surplus property. The vote on roll all was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Taylor, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner DeTienne will investigate the possibility of alternate storage in a vacant commercial property on 16th Street.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 2:35 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved December 6, 2011