

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012, 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 DeTienne, Jim Taylor, Shantal Taylor, and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Flammini was absent.

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 approve the Council agenda with an amendment as follows:

- Add an addendum to Chief Brooks' memo re: Police Department staffing - Item 9a

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

**PUBLIC HEARING/APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Mayor Harrison opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 P.M. for the Appropriation of the City of Zion for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013.

Commissioner Jim Taylor stated the appropriation is the legal authority for the City to spend money, the maximum amount allowed, but it doesn't mean the City will spend up to this amount, as the budget is what the city follows for operational expenses. He stated the Appropriation Ordinance is in the total amount of \$40,521,225 which includes the General Fund and all special corporate funds.

Mayor Harrison asked if there were any comments and/or questions from the public, and there were none.

Mayor Harrison declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 P.M.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Special Meeting/Budget Workshop held on June 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on June 26, 2012 at 9:07 a.m.; a Regular Meeting held on July 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on July 3, 2012 at 7:40 p.m.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Monthly Report, June 2012; FOIA Report, July 2012
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 113613 through 113693 drawn on PNC Bank, Total: \$276,962.39
- (d) **RECEIVE & PLACE ON FILE:** Lake County Public Water District Audit Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2012

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

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chaplain Hassan Hakeem, President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Zion, thanked the City of Zion, particularly Chief Brooks, Ron Colangelo, and Commissioner Shantal Taylor, for their assistance when the AMC leader visited from London recently. He stated that the Police Department's performance was outstanding, especially that of Sgt. Alan Lothar who was on site continuously during the visit. He complimented Commissioner Shantal Taylor and Ron Colangelo for their efforts in having alley entrance repairs made expeditiously.

Patrick Walsh, 2317 Lydia, stated there was a water main break on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street recently and that the Public Works Department crew did a great job in the extreme heat. They even took the time to explain their actions to his 9-year-old son. He stated that the City is blessed with the current crew under Ron Colangelo's leadership and the City is fortunate to have them. Mr. Walsh asked the City Council to strongly re-evaluate the proposed public participation/citizen comments ordinance. He stated it will cause people to be unable to be heard and that the ordinance will open the City Council to favoritism. He stated he believes there should be rules, but that the rules should not be so restrictive as to make people feel they have no rights.

Jack Edwards, 1310 Carmel Blvd., asked the Council how to go about reviewing the Appropriation Ordinance. Clerk Burkemper provided a copy to Mr. Edwards.

Brian Cashmore, 2659 Sheridan Road, stated that during periods of heavy snow he can't get out of the alley and can barely get down the street. He asked if the City could get more volunteers to help with street cleanup. Commissioner Jim Taylor suggested to Mr. Cashmore that he discuss the matter with Ron Colangelo or Commissioner Flammini.

Janet Jones, 1728 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, thanked the City for cleaning up the areas around the clothes donation boxes and for hanging the banners as she had requested at a previous meeting. She asked the Council if a decision had been made regarding trolley rental. Kringle's Kingdom of Lake County is interested in renting it. She asked whom she should contact. Commissioner Jim Taylor stated that Finance Director Knabel and Sonolito Bronson were working on a document for presentation to the Council.

W. C. Bremner, 2525 Elim, stated that he has received both mail and phone solicitations regarding electric aggregation. He asked if the City has done any research or has taken any action regarding this issue. Mayor Harrison stated that each electric company that purports to the City and residents all seem to have different rates for switching service. The length of time these rates would be available also seems to change from provider to provider. Mayor Harrison stated that the Council has taken no action to date, but that citizens can individually opt in without the City's approval or involvement.

Tynisha Gardner, 1909 Daybreak Lane, stated she would like more clarity regarding citizen comments. She asked what the procedure would be if more than one department head is involved in an issue. She asked, now that there is no Human Relations Commission, how do citizens interact with the City Council. Mayor Harrison stated that citizens should contact the appropriate department, and if there is no resolution, then contact the Commissioner. Mayor Harrison stated that the opportunity for citizens to address the council is required by law and that this forum will remain the same.

### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (12-0-32) be passed making appropriations, totaling \$40,521,225 for all funds, for the City of Zion, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/SURPLUS PROPERTY/1988 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (12-O-33) be passed declaring a 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera 4-door as surplus and approving that it be donated to BC Automotive. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/REGULATING PUBLIC COMMENTS & PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS**

Commissioner Jim Taylor asked that the content of the ordinance be explained to the audience prior to considering its approval. Clerk Burkemper read the ordinance. Commissioner Shantal Taylor asked if the ordinance could just be limiting the time allowed to speak to three minutes without the other restrictions. Mayor Harrison stated that rules should be adopted for both citizens and the Council to abide by. He stated that the ordinance is not overly restrictive and will allow all those who want to be heard the opportunity. He stated that this ordinance is not different from that of other municipalities. Attorney Randall stated that most municipalities have ordinances in place and the City Council has a right to adopt reasonable rules.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (12-O-34) be passed amending Zion Municipal Code Chapter 2 Administration regulating public comment and participation at meetings of the Zion City Council. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, nay; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**STAFFING/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A memo (12-DOC-65), and an addendum to the memo, was received from Chief Brooks requesting permission to replace one Patrol Officer due to a retirement, replace one part time Community Service Officer due to a resignation, and appoint a temporary Sergeant in the Police Department. Chief Brooks stated that on this date he received another resignation from a part time Community Service Officer and therefore he requested one additional replacement for a total of two part time Community Service Officers. The appointment of a temporary Sergeant is necessary due to a yearlong military deployment of one Sergeant and a workman's compensation injury of another. This appointment would be for the next 120 calendar days which is the maximum allowable by the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rules and Regulations. The next available qualified candidate on the eligibility list is Officer Eric Barden.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve the replacement of one Patrol Officer, two Community Service Officers and the appointment of a temporary Sergeant for a maximum of 120 days. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**INVOICE/ SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

A memo (12-DOC-66) was received from Ron Colangelo requesting approval of payment of an invoice from USA Bluebook in the amount of \$4,695.55 for various safety equipment. These items are being purchased by the Public Works Department through their portion of the City's IPRF Grant. The revenue and expenses for the Department's portion is being split between the Street and Water Divisions and is reflected in the current budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve payment of the invoice from USA Bluebook in the amount of \$4,695.55 for various safety equipment. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY**

Chief Lewis stated that a Public Notice (12-DOC-67) was being issued banning all open burning in the City of Zion until further notice due to the severe drought conditions. This ban is effective immediately and will remain in effect until the drought conditions subside.

Commissioner Shantal Taylor thanked Chief Lewis and BC Eric Troy for their extra effort in securing the FEMA SAFER grant for the Fire/Rescue Department.

Commissioner Shantal Taylor thanked Ron Colangelo for all his efforts stating that he does a lot behind the scenes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

July 21 August 4 August 18	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronic Recycling at the Public Works Facility at 3220 27 <sup>th</sup> St.
July 26	10:00 a.m.	City Council Special Meeting / Budget Workshop
August 7	7:00 p.m.	Regular Zion City Council Meeting
August 18	4:00 p.m.	Zion Community Connections at Zion Police Administration Building Training Room
August 21	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Regular Zion City Council Meeting

**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 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.

---

City Clerk

Approved August 7, 2012