

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012, AT 7:01 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, Jim Taylor, Flammini and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner DeTienne was absent.

Mayor Harrison led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

There were no agenda changes.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION/FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS**

Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis and Mayor Harrison participated in the badge pinning ceremony in recognition of the promotion of Battalion Chief Gregory Friedrich to Deputy Chief, Lieutenant Alan Eppers to the rank of Battalion Chief and Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Messick to the rank of Lieutenant.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Pastor Ken Fielding, 3011 Bethel Blvd., stated that he was opposed to the processing and bottling of liquor in Zion. He stated that no more liquor-related licenses should be granted in the City. He stated that at the time of the referendum, the City Council stated there would be only three liquor licenses issued and currently there are nineteen. He stated that jobs and revenue are not good enough reasons to approve the brewery operation. He stated that liquor destroys lives and is the root of many health issues and that the human cost is too high. He stated that he views the brewing of alcohol in the same light as sales. He stated that, if approved, the City would be culpable for every ruined life and broken home and the blood would be on its hands. He stated that the City Council has the power to restrict the kind of businesses that come to town and zoning districts were created to benefit the community. He stated that nothing good comes from even the casual use of alcohol. He asked the Council to deny the request to process and bottle liquor in Zion.

George Kessler, VFW, stated a proclamation declaring September 7, 8, 9, 2012 as Poppy Days in Zion will be presented at the September 4, 2012 City Council meeting for approval. He stated that veterans will be selling poppies at Piggly Wiggly, Jewel, and Walgreens and that all funds raised go directly to help veterans.

Janet Jones, 1728 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, asked the Council to consider the brewery proposal very carefully. She stated that alcohol is already in Zion. She stated that alcohol is abused by some, however, everyone is their own keeper and should be responsible. She stated that she believes the brewery is a good business and it will bring new jobs to Zion. She stated that a Class W liquor license was granted to It's All Good, located downtown, for the sale of packaged wine, and she doesn't see a difference. She stated all Council members, with the exception of Commissioner Shantal Taylor, voted in favor of granting that license. She stated that the City Council should be fair to all.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of a Regular Meeting held on August 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on August 7, 2012 at 7:39 p.m., all members having previously received copies
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Monthly Report July 2012; FOIA Report July-August 2012
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 113807 through 113878 drawn on PNC Bank, Total: \$315,966.40

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

#### **COMPUTER EQUIPMENT/ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A memo (12-DOC-75) was received from Chief Brooks requesting permission to purchase a computer server, tower and accessories needed to upgrade and operate the in-car video systems from Mobile Vision at a cost of \$7,543.00. The purchase is budgeted under IPRF Grant and Drug Forfeiture Fund line items. No general funds would be used for this purchase.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve the purchase of a computer server, tower and accessories from Mobile Vision at a cost of \$7,543.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCE/SPECIAL USE PERMIT KRINGLE'S KINGDOM OF LAKE COUNTY**

A memo (12-DOC-76) was received from Rich Ianson stating that the Planning & Zoning Commission considered a request for a Special Use Permit for an indoor Christmas display attraction in the General Industrial Zoning District for property located at 2701 Deborah Avenue, petitioner Kringle's Kingdom of Lake County, Zoning Docket 12-Z-6. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the special use permit.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor, that an Ordinance (12-O-36) be passed granting a Special Use Permit to Kringle's Kingdom of Lake County for an indoor Christmas display attraction in the General Industrial Zoning District for property located at 2701 Deborah Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

#### **ORDINANCE/TEXT AMENDMENT/BANQUET FACILITIES**

A memo (12-DOC-77) was received from Rich Ianson stating that the Planning & Zoning Commission considered a request for a text amendment to Municipal Code Section 102-58 "Central Business District" to include banquet facilities, Zoning Docket 12-Z-7. Mr. Ianson stated that currently banquet facilities are not included in any of the City's zoning districts. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed text amendment. Commissioner Flammini asked if Shepherd's Crook golf course would be bound by this zoning. Mayor Harrison stated that the golf course is covered under its own special use.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, that an Ordinance (12-O-37) be passed approving a text amendment to Municipal Code Section 102-58 "Central Business

District” to include banquet facilities. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/TEXT AMENDMENT/PROCESSING & BOTTLING OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR/USE OF YEAST IN FOOD PRODUCTS**

A memo (12-DOC-78) was received from Rich Ianson stating that the Planning & Zoning Commission considered a request for a text amendment to Municipal Code Section 102-91 “Light Manufacturing District (LM), deleting yeast as an exception to the ingredients allowed in the manufacture of food products and Section 102-92 “G-I General Industrial District” allowing the processing and bottling of alcoholic beverages with a Special Use Permit in the G-I District, on behalf of Big Chicago Brewery, Zoning Docket 12-Z-8. Currently, the processing and bottling of non-alcoholic beverages are allowed in this zoning district. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed text amendments. Commissioner Jim Taylor asked for the results of the Planning & Zoning Commission vote and Mr. Richard Ianson stated the vote was unanimously in favor. Commissioner Taylor further stated that, in his twenty three years on the Council, he has never seen an agenda item about which he received so many calls and emails, both in favor of and against. He estimated approximately 85% of contacts were in favor of the brewery and 15% were against. He stated it is a tough issue for the Council to consider, but because he has learned that the majority of residents support it, he will support it also.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor, that an Ordinance (12-O-38) be passed approving a text amendment to Municipal Code Section 102-91 “Light Manufacturing District (LM), deleting yeast as an exception to the ingredients allowed in the manufacture of food products and Section 102-92 “G-I General Industrial District” allowing the processing and bottling of alcoholic beverages with a Special Use Permit in the G-I District, on behalf of Big Chicago Brewery. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, nay; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY**

Finance Director David Knabel stated that the City collects hotel/motel tax with the revenue generated to be used for City promotion purposes and tourism. A formal application has been developed for use by organizations presenting events in the City. If the event will bring overnight stays to the City, the organization can apply for funds. The application process will be managed by the Economic Development Department and the City Council will consider the approval of each application.

Ron Colangelo stated that fall brush pick-up will begin the week of September 9, 2012. The schedule will be published on the City’s website and in the ZB News. He asked that residents keep in mind this service is provided for the collection of debris generated by the trimming of trees and shrubs not full tree removal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

August 23	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Farmer’s Market every Thursday Shiloh Blvd. & Sheridan Road
September 1	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronics Recycling at the Public Works Facility at 3220 27 <sup>th</sup> St.
September 3		City Offices Closed for Labor Day

September 4 7:00 p.m.

Regular Zion City Council Meeting

September 29 4:00 p.m.

Zion Community Connections at Zion  
Police Administration Building Training  
Room

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to reconvene the regular Council meeting at 7:58 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**BUDGET/FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2012 – APRIL 30, 2013**

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 Fiscal Year City Budget with a \$29,163 surplus. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved September 4, 2012