

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013, AT 7:10 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, DeTienne, Jim Taylor Flammini, and Mayor Harrison.

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

**AGENDA CHANGES**

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Table Item 7b, "Ordinance amending the Zion Municipal Code regarding adoption of 2004 Illinois State Plumbing Code and Amendments", until the March 5, 2013 City Council Meeting
- Add "Purchase and Sale of Real Estate" to Closed Session
- Add a statement by Mayor Harrison prior to Citizen Comments

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

**STATEMENT/NOSTALGIA DAYS**

Mayor Harrison read the following statement:

"We heard the unfortunate news yesterday, after 27 years, that Nostalgia Days would not be holding the event this year. The Nostalgia Days organization is a completely separate organization from the City. The committee did not approach the City in regards to this decision, nor were they required to. That being said, we appreciate all of their work over the past years and the importance of this event to the City, and since the announcement, we have reached out to the committee members and determined that the City will do whatever is necessary to ensure this event does continue this year. Any funding necessary for this event will fall under the guidelines of allowable expenditure of funds from hotel/motel tax dollars that are completely separate from the City's general fund. Dollars in this fund can only be utilized for events such as this."

Director Knabel stated that a procedure for securing funds and the award of a grant from hotel/motel funds is in place. Any organization hosting a community event may apply for these funds. Applications will be available on March 1 for the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year. Applications will be due by March 31, 2013.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Clyde McLemore, 2815 Ezekiel, addressed the Council regarding his dissatisfaction with snow removal during the recent snow event. He stated that he received calls that the City streets had not been cleared satisfactorily. He stated that kids were walking in the street which were not salted causing cars to skid which created a dangerous situation for the kids. He read two "articles" from the News Sun in which residents complained about snow removal in Zion. Mr. McLemore stated that he understands that funds are limited, however, the poorly maintained streets caused a dangerous situation.

Janet Jones, 1728 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, stated that she was happy to see the City Council taking a proactive approach regarding the status of Nostalgia Days. She stated that Police Chief Brooks and Officer Jenna Madero should be applauded for their efforts in the One Billion Rising event. They created a group to rise up

against violence and abuse against women. This group of kids from Zion performed in Round Lake and was a tremendous success. She stated Officer Madero is a marvelous resource to the school and should be commended for her efforts and investing a great deal of her own time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. with members having previously received copies
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 115032 through 115129 drawn on PNC Bank, Total: \$336,215.74

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

**ORDINANCE/AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10-178/BUILDING BOARD-UP**

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (13-O-16) be passed amending Zion Municipal Code Section 10-178 regarding building board-up. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION PRESENTATION/  
NIMEC – NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL COLLABORATIVE**

Sharon Durling, Director of Marketing for NIMEC-Northern Illinois Municipal Collaborative, addressed the City Council regarding NIMEC's role in the municipal electrical aggregation process, both prior to Zion residents considering a referenda question on aggregation on the April 9<sup>th</sup> election ballot and after the election, should the referendum pass. She stated that NIMEC has 140 municipal clients and has completed 95 other aggregation programs. In total, 476 municipalities have passed aggregation referendums. With aggregation, lower prices can be negotiated by the City with electrical suppliers on behalf of Zion residents. A savings off the ComEd supply rate of between 23 and 45% can be realized. No resident is obligated to participate. They have the opportunity to opt out. NIMEC goes to bid on behalf of the City for electric suppliers, but the City makes the final bid award. A rate guarantee is secured in the contract. Commissioner Jim Taylor asked how the rate for ComEd is set. Ms. Durling stated that Governor Quinn created the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) who contracts supply on behalf of all ComEd account holders in Illinois. Commissioner Jim Taylor asked if residents already signed up with another supplier can be excluded if the City of Zion awards the bid to a different supplier. Ms. Durling stated that a resident can opt out. Residents will receive a first letter from the City offering them the opportunity to opt out and a second letter from ComEd to be certain that the resident is in agreement with opting out. Ms. Durling stated that NIMEC assists the City by performing the following steps in the process: mailing an informational letter to residents regarding the referendum, developing a plan of operation governance, conducting two public hearings, preparing an RFP (Request for Proposal) and sending it to potential suppliers, researching the background of suppliers, analyzing ComEd data, managing the bid process, preparing and mailing a Council approved "opt out" letter to residents, and supporting the City through all three years of the contract with the selected electric supplier. Commissioner Jim Taylor asked if ComEd supports electrical aggregation. Ms. Durling stated that ComEd earns no money on electrical supply and supports aggregation. The proposed agreement between the City of Zion and NIMEC for consulting and broker services is at no cost to the City.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to approve the agreement with Northern Illinois Municipal Collaborative, Inc. (NIMEC) for consulting and broker services, contingent on the April 9, 2013 referendum passing.

Charles Fitzgerald, member of the Municipal Electrical Aggregation Committee, stated that, prior to contracting with NIMEC, other municipalities who have programs in place should be contacted to see if the City can partner with them immediately to save time in follow-up procedures. Commissioner Jim Taylor stated that he talked to a few other municipalities and was never presented with an option to partner with them. Ms. Durling stated that at the first City Council meeting following the election, NIMEC would present live bids.

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

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY**

A memo (13-DOC-18) was received from Commissioner Flammini requesting that the Building Department part-time Clerk Typist job classification be re-titled as part-time Administrative Secretary. Currently, per the union contract, only the Administrative Secretary can issue a building permit. This change would facilitate the issuing of building permits in the absence of the full-time Administrative Secretary. Proper notification has been forwarded to the union and they support the change. There would be no change in salary or benefits. Commissioner Flammini stated that the Personnel Authorization would need to be amended to reflect this job classification title change.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that 1) the Building Department part-time Clerk Typist job classification be re-titled as part-time Administrative Secretary, 2) a Resolution (13-R-1) be passed amending the Personnel Authorization to reflect the title change, and 3) during the upcoming union negotiations, the contract be amended regarding personnel authorized to issue building permits. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY**

Ron Colangelo stated the proper Citizen Comments protocol was not followed by Clyde McLemore as he did not contact him or Commissioner Flammini prior to addressing the City Council regarding his snow removal concerns during the recent storm. Mr. Colangelo stated that 85 to 90 tons of road salt were applied during this ice and snow event which lasted 34 hours. He stated that all Public Works personnel, including the Supervisors and the Director, plowed with only a 6-hour break during those 34 hours. He stated that the articles read by Mr. McLemore from the News Sun were part of the "Talk of the County" which are submitted anonymously. He stated that any resident with snow removal concerns should contact the Public Works Department directly to receive the facts. Mr. Colangelo commended his staff for their performance during this long-lasting storm.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March 2	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronic Recycling at the Public Works Facility, 3220 27 <sup>th</sup> St.
March 5	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
March 9	7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast
March 9	4:00 p.m.	Zion Community Connections at Zion Police Administration Building
March 16	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronic Recycling at the Public Works Facility, 3220 27 <sup>th</sup> St.
March 19	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss personnel and purchase and sale of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:50 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL SALARY INCREASES**

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne, that Police Department supervisory personnel salaries be approved as follows:

	Effective 2/11/2013	Effective 5/1/2013
<u>Lieutenants</u>		
5 years and under	\$ 94,180.29	\$ 96,063.90
Over 5 years	\$ 97,015.45	\$ 98,955.76
Deputy Chief	\$104,291.60	\$106,377.43
Chief	\$112,113.47	\$114,355.74

Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that she could not support the salary increases without first having reviewed the proposed 2013/2014 budget.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, nay; DeTienne, 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 Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved March 19, 2013