

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013, AT 7:00 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 Taylor, Hill, DeTienne, Flammini, and Mayor Harrison.

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

**LAKE COUNTY FIELDERS LAWSUIT**

Mayor Harrison stated that the City's legal counsel prepared a statement for the public. Attorney Randall read the statement aloud. The statement concluded by stating, due to on-going litigation, City officials shall continue to withhold any comments on this matter.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Christopher Fischer, 2100 Ezekiel Avenue, stated that one of his key platform points as a candidate for City Commissioner during the last election was the creation of a city plan. He stated he is enthused and excited that the City is undertaking the task of creating a comprehensive plan. He asked that the Council include in the plan an emphasis on young people in the City that would encourage positive activities.

Janet Jones, 1728 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, stated that the News Sun article regarding the Lake County Fielders lawsuit was misleading and nearly a complete lie. She stated that she is tired of reading the slander and the City should consider suing the News Sun. She stated that she is disappointed that the statement presented was the first remarks from the City Council when much information has been posted on social media. She stated that the Council's silence is saying the City officials are not responsible. She stated that the City Attorney should be the official spokesman and provide the public with the facts surrounding the lawsuit. She stated that she has a copy of the judge's decision and invited anyone who told a mistruth on social media to visit her at the store if they want to know the truth. Ms. Jones also stated that Kringle's Kingdom will open on November 29, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Clyde McLemore, 2815 Ezekiel, stated that his dog was missing and would appreciate any assistance in bringing it home. He stated that he heard the facts related to the recent shooting of a 15 year boy at a Halloween party on the street. He stated the Police Department needs cooperation in order to solve the case. He stated that a mother has lost a son and the Police Department has not showed any compassion toward her. He stated that police should visit with the mother and offer their condolences.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of a Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2013 at 7:09 p.m.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 116904 through 117000 drawn on PNC Bank, Total: \$1,458,519.77
- (c) **RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE:** - Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013

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

**ORDINANCE/SURPLUS PROPERTY/POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (13-0-54) be passed declaring one 1995 Cadillac Deville and one 1996 Dodge Caravan as surplus property and approving the conditional donation of these vehicles to B.C. Automotive for parts or scrap only. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT**

A memo (13-DOC-94) was received from Director Knabel regarding the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Local Assistance Grant. Commissioner Hill stated that the City has been advised of its successful submission of a local assistance grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for the purpose of updating the City's comprehensive plan. CMAP launched a Local Technical Assistance Program which involves providing assistance to communities to undertake planning projects that include transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. He stated the Zion's updated comprehensive plan will provide the framework to make informed investment decisions, to address current community issues and reach long-term goals. Commissioner Hill stated that, first, the City would put together the scope of services. Then CMAP would distribute Requests for Proposal to consultants. Interested consultants would then be interviewed and their proposals would be evaluated. A consultant would then be selected. CMAP will cover the costs which are in excess of \$100,000. There would be no cost to the City unless the City decided to maintain the consultant's services after the project is completed. Commissioner Hill stated that this project would require a significant commitment and there will be periods when a good deal of the City staff's attention will be required. He stated that it would be the City's intention to involve representatives from the other taxing bodies, businesses and residents in the process. He stated that, if the Council approves proceeding with the project, it would need to consider passing a resolution of support at the next meeting. Commissioner Hill stated that, if approved, a contract would be signed within the next two months and the project would be completed in approximately one year.

It was moved by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to proceed with the plan to update the Zion Comprehensive Plan through the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Local Assistance Grant. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**PLAT OF EASEMENT/ELISHA AVENUE**

A memo (13-DOC-95) was received Director Colangelo requesting approval of a Plat of Easement for the relocation of a City sanitary sewer line as required by development in and around the new Cancer Treatment Centers of America parking garage.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Plat of Easement for the relocation of a City sanitary sewer line around the new Cancer Treatment Centers of America parking garage on Elisha Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Hill, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**TABULATION OF BIDS/CLEANING & MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR CITY FACILITIES**

A Tabulation of Bids (13-DOC-96) was received from Clerk Burkemper for the combined cleaning and maintenance services for City Hall, the Police Administration Building and the Public Works facility. She stated that four bids were received, however, none of them provided proof of Bloodborne Pathogen certification, therefore, rendering them non-responsive. Clerk Burkemper recommended rejecting all bids, revising the bid specs to require the inclusion of a Bloodborne Pathogen Certification, and re-advertising for bids.

It was moved by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that all bids for the combined cleaning and maintenance services for City Hall, the Police Administration Building and the Public Works facility be rejected, the bid specs be amended to require the inclusion of a Bloodborne Pathogen

Certification and the services be re-bid. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Hill, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY**

Director Knabel stated that a City Council workshop has been scheduled on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of strategic planning for fund reserves to ensure proper use.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

November 16	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronic Recycling at the Public Works Facility, 3220 27 <sup>th</sup> St.
November 19	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting
November 28 & 29		City Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
November 29	5:00 p.m.	Kringle’s Kingdom opens

Commissioner Hill stated that the signage identifying Fire Station No. 2 was in such a state of disrepair that it had to be removed and discarded. He stated that the family of Karl G. Holzman was considering having a fundraiser to raise funds to replace the letters on the building. Commissioner Hill stated that he was working with Director Ianson and Chief Lewis to have the sign replaced. He stated that if the City named the building in honor of Mr. Holzman, then the City should pay for the sign.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss probable litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Hill, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 7:45 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; Hill, 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 Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Hill and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk