

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne, Hill, and Mayor Harrison. A quorum was present.

Also present: Chief of Police Steve Dumyahn, Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis, Finance Director David Knabel, Building/Zoning Director Richard Ianson, ESDA Field Director Brandon Busch, and City Attorney Paula Randall. Public Works Director Ron Colangelo was absent.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Charles Fitzgerald, Zion, stated he would like to bring to the attention of the Council a newspaper article from the News Sun stating the Lake County Board and the City of Waukegan have joined to oppose the proposed construction of a nuclear-waste repository near the Ontario shore of Lake Huron, a stance taken by over 136 communities in the United States and Canada to protest the storage of nuclear waste anywhere in the Great Lakes basin. He stated what irony that there is nuclear waste stored right in Zion's backyard, just an arm's throw from Lake Michigan. He stated there was a federal fund for nuclear waste disposal and the Council needs to make themselves heard and get some of the money for Zion. He stated according to a CNN report last May the U.S. government collected fees for 30 years to be used for the disposal of nuclear waste and the fund has about \$31 billion. Commissioner Hill stated he, Economic Development Coordinator Sonolito Bronson and Finance Director David Knabel are currently looking into the Nuclear Waste Fund. Commissioner Hill stated they are also in the process of contacting FAIRCOM, which represents the communities in Illinois that have a nuclear plant in their community and are hoping to get some impact fees from the state.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Regular Meeting held on February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.; and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on February 3, 2015 at 7:45 p.m.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 120227 through 120322 drawn on First Merit Bank, Total: \$678,879.71

Approved by omnibus vote as follows: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Hill, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
20 YEARS OF SERVICE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that a Resolution of Commendation (15-R-3) be passed recognizing James J. LaBonne of the Police Department for 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Hill, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
30 YEARS OF SERVICE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Hill that a Resolution of Commendation (15-R-4) be passed recognizing Donald W. Leicht of the Public Works Department for 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Hill, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**ORDINANCE/AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/"E911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD"**

Chief Lewis stated currently the Municipal Code states the membership of the City of Zion's "E911 Telephone System Board" shall consist of the chief of police, the chief of the fire/rescue department, the director of ESDA, the commissioner of public and safety, and the mayor. He stated in order to be in line with state requirements the proposed ordinance removes the commissioner of public safety and the mayor, and adds the director of finance. Chief Lewis stated the mayor and commissioners can attend the meetings at any time.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Hill that an Ordinance (15-O-11) be passed Amending Zion Municipal code Chapter 2 "Administration", Article XVIII "E911 Telephone System Board", Section 2-661 "Membership". The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Hill, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**HOTEL/MOTEL TAX GRANT REVISIONS**

A letter from Delaine Rogers on behalf of the Kringles Kingdom Committee (15-DOC-11) was presented by Director Knabel. This letter asks the City Council to consider amending certain language in the Hotel/Motel tax grant application. Commissioner Hill asked Director Knabel why the current application was not acceptable to the Committee. Director Knabel stated he was not completely clear on what the Committee was requesting. Commissioner Hill stated he had some questions for the Kringles Kingdom Committee regarding their letter. He asked if there were any Committee members present to speak to the Council. There were no representatives from Kringle's Kingdom present.

It was moved by Commissioner Hill seconded by Commissioner Taylor that this item be tabled until the March 3 Council Meeting. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Hill, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**TABULATION OF BIDS/1993 TERRY RESORT TRAILER**

A Tabulation of Bids (15-DOC-12) was received from Clerk Burkemper for the sale of a 1993 "Terry Resort" trailer. The trailer was declared surplus by the City Council via Ordinance 15-O-10 on February 3, 2015. Commissioner Flammini stated that disposing of the trailer would have cost the City more money than the trailer was worth. The Council approved the sale of the surplus trailer through the bid process. Bids were opened on February 16, 2015. Commissioner Flammini recommended the bids be awarded to the highest responsible bidder, Peter Vanca in the amount of \$100.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to award the bid for the sale of surplus "1993 Terry Resort" trailer to the highest responsible bidder, Peter Vanca in the amount of \$100.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Hill, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY**

Director Knabel stated that City vehicle stickers are on sale now. He stated that stickers currently being displayed on vehicles expire on April 30, 2015. He encouraged residents to purchase their stickers early and avoid long lines in late April.

Commissioner Flammini stated the Reuse-A-Shoe program will be starting March 1<sup>st</sup> and continue through April 30. He stated Zion school District 6 and the Zion-Benton Public Library are also participating in the program. He stated Zion has participated in the program for 9 years and continues to have one of the largest donations. He encouraged residents to recycle their unwanted shoes to keep them out of the landfills.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March 1 - April 30		SWALCO Reuse-A-Shoe Program Shoe Drop-off at Zion City Hall
March 3	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
March 17	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting
March 23 – April 4	M-F – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday- 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Early Voting at Zion City Hall

A resident asked if there was going to be a mayoral debate. Commissioner Hill stated there will be a forum for candidates for Zion commissioner and Zion mayor on March 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Zion-Benton Public Library.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss probable litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, 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 7:30 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, 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 Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried.

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Deputy City Clerk

Approved March 3, 2015