

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Hill called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners McKinney, Taylor, DeTienne and Mayor Hill. Commissioner McDowell was absent. A quorum was present.

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

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McKinney to accept the City Council meeting agenda with the following change:

- Move Item 7(a), "Resolution of Commendation" to after Announcements

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Larry Collins, Zion, stated that he attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting during which the Commission discussed the request for a Special Use Permit by the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc. to operate a religious mosque at 0 Lewis Avenue and 2800 Lewis Avenue in the R-2 Zoning District. He addressed three aspects of the meeting: 1) Commission members asked if the petitioner had considered locating in any other cities in the area and why they wanted to relocate in Zion, 2) Two non-Zion residents addressed the Commission who then asked the two gentlemen why they didn't live in Zion, and if the new facility is built, would they move their families to Zion, and 3) Commission members stated that Zion has too many religious facilities and it cannot afford another. Mr. Collins stated that the petitioner is not a new worship center as they have been in Zion for thirty years. They are just relocating. He stated that he preferred the religious facility locating on the property rather than the 150 unit apartment building that was planned when the property was re-zoned to multi-family residential. He stated that the mosque would not decrease his property value as an apartment complex would.

John Kennedy, Zion, stated that he has no objection to a religious facility locating on Lewis Avenue between 27th and 29th Streets and agrees the Ahmadiyya Movement needs a new location. However, he asked if the City can afford to have the property removed from the tax rolls. He stated that his only concern is the traffic. He stated that there is already heavy traffic in the area due to both the Beach Park and Zion Public Works facilities and the Shepherd's Crossing Subdivision being located nearby. Mr. Kennedy stated that the driveway location would create a dangerous situation.

W. C. Bremner, Zion, stated three concerns regarding the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) resolution that was passed at the February 2, 2016 meeting. He asked what happens if a part time employee approaches the 1,000 hours standard. He asked if an employee accidentally or by design exceeds the 1,000 hours standard, are IMRF funds retroactively taken from his wages. He asked if an employee does not exceed the 1,000 hours standard will FICA taxes be withheld from his wages. Mayor Hill stated that, if an employee exceeds the 1,000 hours standard, an IMRF contribution will be deducted from the employee's wages and the City will match it, and that it would be deducted retroactively. Mayor Hill stated that FICA is deducted from all wages regardless of the number of hours worked.

Rae Markobrad, Zion, stated that she resides across Lewis Avenue from the proposed mosque location. She stated that she is thrilled that the Ahmadiyya Movement is considering relocating near her property. She stated that currently there are churches located to the east and west of the subject property. She stated that she feels that the zoning is not contradictory and she welcomes their relocation.

Harold Welch, Zion, stated that he hates to see the loss of the ten acres on Lewis Avenue, which is the site of the proposed mosque, from the tax rolls. He stated that his taxes are high already. He stated that he would also like to see the wildlife in this wooded area protected.

David Bloedorn, Zion, stated that it was rumored that a request was made of the City Council to open a roller rink in the old Kmart building and the Council denied the request. Mayor Hill stated that the Council did deny such a request. He stated that the decision was based on the problems that surrounded the former roller rink which was located on the City's north side. The Council did not want a reoccurrence of these former issues. Mr. Bloeborn asked about the status of the former Fielder's stadium property. Mayor Hill stated that the City purchased the property and is actively marketing it in order to get it back on the tax rolls. He stated that the City is open to development ideas.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2016 at 7:02 p.m.; and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on February 2, 2016 at 7:37 p.m.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 122798 through 122911 drawn on First Merit Bank, Total: \$351,020.51

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

**ORDINANCE/FIRST READING/AMENDING ZION MUNICIPAL CODE/
FEE INCREASES**

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the First Reading of an Ordinance be passed amending various Zion Municipal Code Sections regarding increasing fees. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Hill stated that the Second Reading of this amending ordinance will be considered for final action at the March 1, 2016 City Council meeting. He stated that anyone interested in reviewing the proposed fee increases may obtain a copy of or view the ordinance at City Hall.

**ORDINANCE/FIRST READING/AMENDING ZION MUNICIPAL CODE/
FINES AND PENALTIES INCREASES**

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the First Reading of an Ordinance be passed amending various Zion Municipal Code Sections regarding fines and penalties. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Hill stated that the Second Reading of this amending ordinance will be considered for final action at the March 1, 2016 City Council meeting. He stated that anyone interested in reviewing the proposed fine and penalty increases may obtain a copy of or view the ordinance at City Hall.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT/ACCESS TO COMPTROLLER'S
LOCAL DEBT RECOVERY PROGRAM**

Director Knabel requested that the Council consider passing an ordinance authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Zion and the Illinois Office of the Comptroller regarding access to the Comptroller's local debt recovery program. He stated that, upon approval by the State, the City can send any outstanding debts to the State. If a resident is entitled to a State income tax refund, the outstanding debt owed to the City of Zion can be intercepted by the State and Zion is paid the debt amount owed from the refund funds. Director Knabel stated that the collection of this revenue would improve the City's financial position. He stated that the outstanding debt currently owed the City is between \$900,000 and \$1 million.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that an Ordinance (16-O-2) be passed approving and authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Zion and the Illinois Office of the Comptroller regarding access to the Comptroller's local debt recovery program. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ABATING TAX/GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – SERIES 2012

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that an Ordinance (16-0-3) be passed abating the tax levied for the Year 2015 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,500,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, (Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ABATING TAX/GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS – SERIES 2012A

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that an Ordinance (16-0-4) be passed abating the tax levied for the Year 2015 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,215,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A, (Special Tax Allocation Fund Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ABATING TAX/GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS – SERIES 2012B

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (16-0-5) be passed abating the tax levied for the Year 2015 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,160,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012B, (Combined Zion Energy LLC Agreement Fees and Motor Fuel Tax Receipts Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ABATING TAX/GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS – SERIES 2012C

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that an Ordinance (16-0-6) be passed abating the tax levied for the Year 2015 to pay the principal of and interest on \$1,460,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012C, (Combined Zion Energy LLC Agreement Fees and Motor Fuel Tax Receipts Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ABATING TAX/GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – SERIES 2013

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that an Ordinance (16-0-7) be passed abating the tax heretofore levied for the Year 2015 to pay the principal of and interest on \$1,230,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Area 3 South Sheridan Road Special Tax Allocation Fund Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013, of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was:

Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

TABULATION OF BIDS/DEMOLITION OF 3318 SHERIDAN ROAD

A Tabulation of Bids (16-DOC-6) was received from Director Ianson for the demolition, asbestos abatement and North Shore Gas Company disconnection fee at 3318 Sheridan Road, the former Touhy Lumber property. He stated that five demolition bids were received, and recommended acceptance of the lowest most responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$73,494.50 received from Doetsch Contractors, Inc. He stated that two asbestos abatement proposals were received, and recommended acceptance of the lowest most responsive and responsible proposal in the amount of \$2,400.00 received from Asbestos Project Management. Director Ianson stated that the North Shore Gas Company disconnection fee is \$750.00. He stated that the TIF Review Board approved TIF #3 funds for all costs. Director Ianson stated that the total cost of the demolition project would be \$76,644.50.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McKinney to accept the bid of Doetsch Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$73,494.50 for the demolition of 3318 Sheridan Road, the bid of Asbestos Project Management in the amount of \$2,400.00 for asbestos abatement, and the North Shore Gas Company disconnection fee of \$750.00, for a total project cost of \$76,644.50. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

VARIANCE/CONTINUE MULTI-FAMILY USE IN R-5 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT/1007 29TH STREET

A memo (16-DOC-7) was received from Director Ianson requesting a variance from Section 102-206(b)(2) of the Zion Municipal Code to continue multi-family use in an R-5 Residential Zoning District for the property at 1007 29th Street as petitioned by Ramiro Aranda, Zoning Docket 15-Z-13. Director Ianson stated that Mr. Aranda purchased this 4-unit apartment building in September 2015. He stated that the property has been vacant since August 2013 due to an electrical fire. The Planning/Zoning Commission recommended approval with the condition that the variance be granted for this petitioner only. Attorney Randall asked that the Council consider the Commission's recommendation excluding the condition.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to grant a variance from Section 102-206(b)(2) of the Zion Municipal Code to continue multi-family use in an R-5 Residential Zoning District for the property at 1007 29th Street, excluding the condition that the variance be granted for this petitioner only, and that an ordinance be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT/RELIGIOUS USE IN R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT/0 & 2800 LEWIS AVENUE

A memo (16-DOC-8) was received from Director Ianson requesting a Special Use Permit for the properties located at 0 Lewis Avenue and 2800 Lewis Avenue for a new prayer center (mosque), learning center and gathering place for religious activity as petitioned by Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc., Zoning Dockets 16-Z-1 and 16-Z-2. Director Ianson stated that the purchase of this property will be contingent on approval of the Special Use Permit. He stated that the petitioner is anticipating a start date in 2020. Director Ianson stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the request with a 4 to 3 vote. Neal Anderson, Attorney for the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc., stated that the petitioner has been in the community in excess of thirty years and they have been good neighbors. They have provided youth programs, elementary, middle and high school mentoring programs, and helped with Meals on Wheels. He stated that the petitioner's membership is currently 165 and they have outgrown their current location. He stated that the property at the proposed location is vacant and the development would fit in with the surrounding area uses. He stated that the petitioner is willing to work with surrounding property owners regarding buffering. Attorney Anderson stated that the removal of the property from the tax rolls is the only real negative aspect. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission's findings of fact were favorable on all points except the development's conformance with the surrounding area. He stated that there are already three other churches in the area and that the neighbors want the religious facility there instead of a large apartment complex that would include an inner road. Attorney Anderson stated that the

development would have no financial impact on the schools. He stated that with no inner road, as would be the case with an apartment complex, there would be no additional street maintenance costs incurred by the City. Attorney Anderson asked the Council to reconsider the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to deny and approve the Special Use Permit for religious purposes. Mrs. Bakr, Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc., read a prepared statement. Commissioner McKinney stated that the project is in sync with the City's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. He stated that he respects the work of the Planning and Zoning Commission and therefore it is difficult to overturn their decision. Mayor Hill stated that he has had nothing but wonderful experiences when dealing with the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam members. Commissioner Taylor stated that, following a hard study, he feels that the development would be misplaced at that location and therefore will support the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to deny the request. Attorney Randall stated that the Zion Municipal Code requires that building permits be pulled and that construction commences within 180 days of issuance of the Special Use Permit. She asked Attorney Anderson if the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc. is seeking approval of the Special Use Permit now in order to purchase the property with construction not expected to begin for four to four and one half years. Attorney Anderson confirmed.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to grant a Special Use Permit to Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc. for the properties located at 0 Lewis Avenue and 2800 Lewis Avenue for a new prayer center (mosque), learning center and gathering place for religious activity in the R-2 Zoning provided that Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc. secures the necessary building permits and commences construction within four and one half years of issuance of the Special Use Permit, and that an ordinance be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, nay; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

**INVOICE/EMERGENCY WATERMAIN REPAIR/
CAMPANELLA AND SONS**

A memo (16-DOC-9) was received from Director Colangelo requesting permission to pay an invoice from Campanella and Sons of Wadsworth, Illinois in the amount of \$19,996.83 for emergency water main repairs along Kenosha Road. The memo stated that on January 11, 2016, it was discovered that a 16-inch transmission line along Kenosha Road south of Route 173 had ruptured and was draining into the adjacent creek. Due to the size and depth of the excavation required, outside contractors were needed to make the necessary repairs.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve payment of an invoice from Campanella and Sons of Wadsworth, Illinois in the amount of \$19,996.83 for emergency water main repairs along Kenosha Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT/SPYGLASS GROUP/TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE AUDIT

A memo (16-DOC-10) was received from Director Knabel requesting approval to enter into a SpyGlass Snapshot Audit Agreement for the performance of a telecommunication service audit. He stated that, with such an audit, all services provided to the City and the associated rates for service are reviewed in an attempt to identify opportunities for savings through old or inefficient services. He stated that in late 2012, SpyGlass found an annual savings of approximately \$58,000. Director Knabel recommended performing an audit to determine if additional savings opportunities exist after having implemented the original changes. He stated that there would only be a cost to the City for the audit if savings are found. If no savings are found, there would be no cost to the City.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McKinney to enter into an agreement with SpyGlass for the performance of a telecommunication service audit. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

FOP/PATROL OFFICERS CONTRACT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McKinney to approve the contract agreement with Fraternal Order of Police, David M. Parker Memorial Lodge No. 91 and the Illinois FOP Labor Council, for May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2018 for Patrol Officers, retroactive to May 1, 2015.

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

ANNUAL SIREN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the annual contract for outdoor warning siren maintenance with Fulton Technologies, Roselle, Illinois, in the amount of \$1,377.65 for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

ENDORSEMENT/VEHICLE PURCHASE/FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE BOARD

A memo (16-DOC-11) was received by the City of Zion from the Zion Foreign Fire Insurance Board requesting that the City Council authorize Director Knabel, on behalf of the City, to endorse the necessary paperwork in order that the Foreign Fire Insurance Board can finalize the financing option for the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe for use as an incident command vehicle in the Fire/Rescue Department. The total cost of the purchase of this vehicle is \$46,875.80 which will be owned by the City with the Foreign Fire Insurance Board maintaining the fiduciary responsibilities for the payments until completed. Director Knabel stated that the Board is unable to sign the official agreements with Tax Exempt Leasing Corporation because the funds held by the Board are legally separate from the City. He stated that the Corporation asked that the City of Zion complete and endorse the necessary forms so the funds could be distributed to an escrow account which will be drawn from to purchase the vehicle.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner McKinney to authorize the City's endorsement of the necessary paperwork in order that the Foreign Fire Insurance Board can finalize the financing option for the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe for use as an incident command vehicle in the Fire/Rescue Department in the amount of \$46,875.80. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

JUBILEE DAYS/PARADE ROUTE CHANGE

A memo (16-DOC-12) was received from Rich Walker, Jubilee Days Parade Executive Director, regarding a proposed change in the Jubilee Days parade route. Mr. Walker proposed that the parade continue to begin at Shiloh Blvd. and Emmaus Avenue, proceed north to 23rd Street, east to Sheridan Road, then south. The proposed change would have the parade continue south on Sheridan Road, ending in the 2900 or 3000 block rather than turning west at 28th Street to Caledonia to 27th Street and then to Gabriel Avenue. The letter identified the rationale behind the proposed change as: 1) the growth of the Cancer Treatment Center of America (CTCA) campus and the associated increase in traffic to and from the hospital, 2) the parade entirely encircling Fire Station No. 1 which causes increases in response time, and 3) prevent long gaps between parade units as parade participants tire in the final eight to ten blocks along 27th Street which adversely affects the enjoyment of the parade by both spectators and participants. Mr. Walker's letter stated that the proposed route change has been endorsed by the Zion Police and Fire/Rescue Departments and has the unanimous support of the Jubilee Days Commission members. He requested that the Council approve the route change as soon as possible so the Commission can begin the public awareness/education process, request the amended road closures and address/implement necessary changes to protocols and procedures. Chief Dumyahn stated that the Jubilee Days Commission is aware of the challenges it faces regarding parade participants dispersing at the end of the parade. He stated that the 3000 block of Sheridan Road may be closed and used as a parade participant vehicle parking lot. He stated that the frontage road on the east side of Sheridan Road would remain open. Mayor Hill asked that the Commission seriously consider how to reunite kids participating in the parade with their parents at the end of the parade.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the proposed Jubilee Days Parade route change whereby the parade would continue to begin at Shiloh Blvd. and Emmaus Avenue, proceed north to 23rd Street, east to Sheridan Road, then south on Sheridan, coming to an end in the 2900 or 3000 block of Sheridan Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

APPRAISAL/PROPERTY IN TRUMPET PARK

Mayor Hill stated that the City currently has a contract with North Shore Reclamation District (formerly North Shore Sanitary District) to acquire property in Trumpet Park if desired. He stated that one parcel is adjacent to Trumpet Drive and the other property is not adjacent to Trumpet Drive. The District is willing to lower the purchase price of the property if the City agrees to pay for an appraisal. Mayor Hill requested approval of an expenditure to conduct two appraisals, one for each property. Commissioner McKinney asked for an estimated cost for an appraisal. Director Knabel stated that these appraisals will require a specialty appraisal, for which he will solicit quotes, which will then be presented to the Council for acceptance at a later date.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the expenditure of funds to conduct two appraisals, one for each property located in Trumpet Park. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

LETTER TO STATE & FEDERAL OFFICIALS/NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE SITE

A letter (16-DOC-13) was received from Mayor Hill, addressed to State and federal officials and drafted for execution by all Zion taxing body representatives, regarding a proposed program to offset the negative social and economic impact of a nuclear waste storage site in Zion. He stated that the purpose of the letter is to seek officials' assistance in securing Zion's portion of existing funds intentionally collected for 32 years for the purpose of mitigating negative impacts associated with closing a nuclear power plant. He stated that the taxing bodies will enter into an agreement to share costs for an attorney and federal lobbyist to draft legislation to send to Washington in order to tap into funds collected for nuclear waste storage. He stated that each taxing body will pay the same percentage of this cost as is reflected in a resident's tax bill (City of Zion, 14.19%, Zion Township, 1.98%, District 126, 25.67%, District 6, 49.40%, Zion Library, 2.22%, and Zion Park District, 6.54%). He stated that the taxing bodies would divide any revenue collected in this pursuit by the same percentage. Mayor Hill asked the Council to authorize his execution of this letter on behalf of the City of Zion.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to authorize Mayor Hill to execute the letter addressed to State and federal officials, to be executed by all the Zion taxing body representatives, regarding a proposed program to offset the negative social and economic impact of a nuclear waste storage site in Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/ZION TAXING BODY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT APPROVAL

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (16-O-8) be passed approving and authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the Zion Taxing Bodies to share costs incurred in connection with the pursuit of funding to offset the negative social and economic impact of a nuclear waste storage site in Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ZION TAXING BODY/LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT/
LEGAL REPRESENTATION/NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE SITE**

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the execution of a Letter of Engagement from Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP (16-DOC-14) for legal representation for the Zion taxing bodies in connection with the pursuit of funding to offset the negative social and economic impact of a nuclear waste storage site in Zion, with the City of Zion being the only client in this engagement. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Feb 29 – March 12 | 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 |
| March 1 | 7:00 p.m. | Zion City Council Meeting |
| March 15 | 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting |

LETTER OF RESIGNATION/COMMISSIONER JIM E. TAYLOR

A Letter of Resignation (16-DOC-15) received from Commissioner Jim E. Taylor was read aloud by Mayor Hill. The letter stated that this formal resignation from the position of Commissioner of Public Works and Engineering by Jim E. Taylor would be effective March 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION/COMMISSIONER JIM E. TAYLOR

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that a Resolution (16-R-2) be passed commending Commissioner Jim E. Taylor for twenty eight years of service to the Zion City Council. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

KEY TO THE CITY/JIM E. TAYLOR

Mayor Hill presented a Key to the City plaque to Commissioner Jim E. Taylor in appreciation of his twenty eight years of service on the Zion City Council.

RECESS

Mayor Hill called a recess at 8:30 p.m.

RECONVENE

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the regular City Council meeting at 8:48 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:49 p.m., pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 "Open Meetings", for the discussion of personnel and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:15 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/PERSONNEL CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, to approve personnel changes in the Public Works Department as presented which include the retirement of Art Hoyt, Don Leicht and Alene Backis who will be hired back to work part time at 10 hours per week at their current hourly rate of pay. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McKinney, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Hill, 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 DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved March 1, 2016