

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018, 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 DeTienne, Fischer, McDowell, McKinney, and Mayor Hill. A quorum was present.

Also present: Deputy Police Chief Kirk Henderson, Fire Chief John Lewis, Public Works Director Ray Roberts, City Administrator David Knabel, Building & Zoning Director Richard Ianson and City Attorney Paula Randall.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to accept the City Council meeting agenda with amendments as follows:

- Item 12 -- Closed Session – Add personnel

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Zinnias for Zion – Supervisor Neal thanked the City Council for enacting the Resolution to make the Zinnia the official City flower. She recognized the entire community for their participation in the Zinnias for Zion effort. She stated 65 people and businesses participated. She presented certificates for the different areas of participation.

Zion Together – Supervisor Neal stated she worked with three students who helped put together the Zion Together contest. This contest consisted of forming teams of 3-10 people from different households within the neighborhoods. The teams began by registering and obtaining a list of ways to build community with the points. Points were awarded for each activity which was documented by taking pictures. Prizes were awarded at the Community of Character event. The winning team was Zinny Bees Nice Neighbors. Mayor Hill thanked Supervisor Neal for all her effort in the project.

Recognition of former CUBZ members – Mayor Hill stated soon after he was elected Mayor a tragedy happened in Zion resulting in a police involved shooting. The Department of Justice (DOJ) came to Zion asking what the community was going to do to move forward. Mayor Hill stated one of his goals after he was elected Mayor was to get an advisory group together in the City. When the DOJ found out about the forming of the group, they were pleased. The CUBZ organization was then created. The organization has gone through many changes over the last year. The Council would be voting to adopt a new set of CUBZ Bylaws later in the meeting. Supervisor Neal presented certificates to all former CUBZ members that were involved from the beginning of the creation of the organization.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Clyde McLemore, Zion, reminded the community of the Black Lives Matter Banquet on November 4th at Market Square. He stated the banquet will include a few key note speakers; John Crawford and Gil Walker. He stated at the last meeting the Council voted to remove the “Back the Badge” signs from City property. He stated there were still employees that had them in their offices. He contacted the Mayor informing him of this sign. He stated he was “threatened” by the Building Department if they have to remove his signs again, he will be charged \$5.00 to get them back. He stated he saw a “Back the Badge” sign on 27th & Eschol. If he is being charged \$5.00 for the return of the signs then everyone should.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of a Regular Meeting held on September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on September 18, 2018 at 8:27 p.m.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 130278 through 130502 drawn on Huntington National Bank, N.A. Total: \$1,225,410.50

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

ORDINANCE/RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE RENEWAL/ADJACENT TO 2260-2264 SHERIDAN ROAD

Director Ianson stated that, in November 2016, the City Council passed an ordinance authorizing execution of a lease between the City of Zion and MJK Group, LLC for property consisting of approximately 1,584 square feet situated on the 23rd Street right-of-way, adjacent to 2260-2264 Sheridan Road, to provide for five (5) additional tenant parking spaces. The annual rent payment was set at \$250.00. He stated that the lease expires on October 31, 2018. He requested that the Council renew the lease.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, that an Ordinance (18-O-44) be passed authorizing renewal of a lease between the City of Zion and MJK Group, LLC for property consisting of approximately 1,584 square feet situated on the 23rd Street right-of-way, adjacent to 2260-2264 Sheridan Road, to provide for five (5) additional tenant parking spaces with an annual rent payment of \$250.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/AMENDING ZION MUNICIPAL CODE/ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION

Mayor Hill stated that compensation for the Mayor will remain at \$35,000 and compensation for Commissioners will remain at \$15,400 annually. He stated the language stating "annual fiscal year" will be removed leaving the verbiage to say "annual".

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that an Ordinance (18-O-45) be passed amending Zion Municipal Code Chapter 2 "Administration, Section 2-32 to provide for elected officials' compensation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

TABULATION OF BIDS/DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS

A Tabulation of Bids (18-DOC-73) was received from Director Ianson for the demolition of various buildings in the City; 3149 27th Street, 1820 Hermon Avenue, 1907 Hebron Avenue and 2319 Gilead Avenue. He is recommending the lowest responsible bidder, Continental Construction for \$59,200.00. Expenses for the demolition will be covered by a \$75,000 grant received through the Illinois Housing Development Authority. Remaining funds will be used for utility disconnects and asbestos testing and abatement.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to award the bid for the Demolition of Buildings to Continental Construction in the amount of \$59,200.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

BY-LAWS/CITIZENS UNITED FOR A BETTER ZION (CUBZ)

Mayor Hill stated the Citizens United for a Better Zion (CUBZ) Bylaws (18-DOC-74) have been updated. Commissioner Fischer asked about the nature of the changes. Mayor Hill stated there was a narrow focus on what the group should be. The group grew and took on many difference functions. The current Bylaws reflect the intention of the group from the beginning. It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner McKinney to approve the Citizens United for a Better Zion (CUBZ) Bylaws as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Chief Lewis stated on October 3rd at 1:18 FEMA will be doing its first wireless emergency test., and two minutes later the original emergency test will be done.

Mayor Hill stated he has directed City staff not to pull home rule signs from public property. He stated City staff cannot spend any City time to be for or against home rule. If someone places a “Vote no to home rule” sign on public property, the code states they should be picked up by the Building Department. He has instructed the Building Inspectors not to remove those signs but to move them the closest private property. He stated other signs including political signs are not included in the exception. He does not want anyone to get the impression that the City is trying to work against the defeat of home rule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 15	12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Home Rule Information Meeting City Hall Council Chambers
October 16	6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting
October 28	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Zion Trick or Treat
November 6	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:55 p.m., pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 “Open Meetings”, for the discussion of collective bargaining and personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:43 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, 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 McDowell, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk