

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS**

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Mayor McKinney called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Frierson, Fischer, McDowell, Holmes, and Mayor McKinney. A quorum was present.

Also present: Police Chief Kirk Henderson, Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis, City Administrator David Knabel, Building & Zoning Director Richard Ianson and City Attorney James Vasselli. Public Works Director Ray Roberts was absent.

Mr. William Bremner led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to accept the City Council meeting agenda as presented.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Robertson, Zion, stated she was present to speak on behalf of her niece who was unable to attend the meeting. She stated her niece has requested that the City find someone to get the trash cleaned up near her residence at the 2100 Block of Hermon Avenue and Hebron Avenue. Trash is constantly blowing onto her property and damaging her fence. Mayor McKinney stated he will look into the matter.

Ken Endress, representative of the Commanding Officer of the Naval Station of Great Lakes presented the Council with a copy of the Great Lakes Naval Base information in order to become more familiar with the military community.

Kathy Champine, Zion, stated last December the City Council voted to join the Lake County Land Bank. She asked for an update on this item. Commissioner Frierson stated they do meet monthly on the subject. He stated Sonolito Bronson has more information but is currently out of the office. They have been in contact with the Executive Director and are looking for funding. They are looking at the property on 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Galilee Avenue to possibly be donated. He stated at this time things are stalled, but they are identifying properties in Zion to be part of the Land Bank. Mayor McKinney stated they are currently going to back to change some of the language for legislative purposes. They will keep the public updated. Ms. Champine asked what the next step is regarding the annexation. Mayor McKinney stated they have met with attorneys about the conditions in the siting agreement. They have also been setting up meetings with SWALCO. They are reviewing who they will use as consultants and will be coordinating ways to address the mitigation issues. Ms. Champine asked how the public will be informed. Commissioner Fischer stated there will be a public hearing and the dates and times will be publicized. Ms. Champine asked why the prayer is not listed on the agenda. She feels that there are many churches in Zion and they should all be represented when choosing who will give the prayer at the meeting.

William Bremner, Zion, stated he is US Naval Reserve, Retired. During his tenor he was part of a law enforcement security unit comprised of 50% law enforcement officers. Within the last 24 hours two law enforcement officers have been killed in Wisconsin. These men were willing to stand in harm's way. He called upon the Mayor and City Council to observe a moment of silence in their honor.

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Regular Meeting held on June 4, 2019 at 7:06 p.m. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on June 4, 2019 at 8:02 p.m.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 132289 through 132396 drawn on Huntington National Bank, N.A., Total: \$592,320.73

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

### SPECIAL DUTY PAY

A memo (19-DOC-35) was received from Administrator Knabel stating that at the meeting on September 18, 2018 the Council approved an increase in the special duty rate from \$50.00 to \$60.00 that is charged to individuals or organizations that request to hire police officers outside of routine police service. However, when the rate was approved, the intent was to also increase the special duty pay to the officer from \$45.00 to \$55.00 but was not included in the scope of the memo. He is requesting approval of the increase of officer pay to clean up any discrepancies.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve the increase of special duty pay to officers from \$45.00 to \$55.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

### APPOINTMENT/E-911 BOARD/JUBILEE DAYS COMMISSION

Mayor McKinney stated with the retirement of Police Chief Dumyahn, it has left vacancies on the E-911 Board and the Jubilee Days Commission. He is recommending the appointment of Chief Henderson to both the E-911 Board and Jubilee Days Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the appointment of Chief Henderson to the E-911 Board and the Jubilee Days Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

### DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Chief Lewis thanked everyone for the generous donations to the MDA fundraiser that was held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Mayor McKinney and Commissioner Frierson for standing out in traffic with the boot soliciting donations. The amount of donations collected total \$3,400.00.

Chief Lewis stated he attended a ZCapp meeting regarding the decommissioning of the nuclear plant. There has been 581 million pounds of nuclear waste hauled away (37 casts of B & C waste). Class A waste has yet to be moved out. A site survey will still need to be done. The NRC will come in and do the final site survey. They are currently behind schedule but hope to be done by spring of next year to return the site back to Exelon.

Chief Henderson thanked the officers who worked during Nostalgia Days. He also praised the community service officers that worked 12-18 hours.

Chief Henderson stated he recently met with Walmart and they will be restarting the "Shop with a Cop" program. They will be receiving a \$2,500 grant to put towards the program. It will take place on December 7, 2019. His hope is to create a connection between the officers and the community.

Mayor McKinney thanked Mike Pobiecke, Sonolito Bronson and all the organizers for their hard work with Nostalgia Days. He enjoyed seeing all the people congregating downtown.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

June 22	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	“Trash to Treasure” Lawn Sale at Shiloh Blvd & Elisha Ave. to benefit the Zion Historical Society
July 2	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
July 4		City Offices Closed for the Holiday

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:20 p.m., pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 “Open Meetings”, for the discussion of collective bargaining and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 7:45 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT/MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/ZION PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION I.A.F.F. LOCAL 1999**

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Zion and Zion Professional Fire Fighters Association I.A.F.F. Local 1999 from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2022. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

**PAY ADJUSTMENTS/PUBLIC WORKS**

A memo (19-DOC-36) was received by Administrator Knabel regarding pay adjustments in the Public Works Department. Administrator Knabel is requesting an increase in the stipend for the Class B Water Operator license, which is required by the IEPA. He stated if the City did not have an individual licensed internally, they would have to contract out the services. The stipend is currently \$100 per month but has not been increased since 1996. He recommends increasing the stipend to \$500 per month to be competitive. This will still be a savings over the annual cost of contracting the services.

Additionally he stated that although union and non-union salary issues have been addressed, there has been an oversight. The Public Service Supervisor currently is classified as an hourly employee and averages \$10,000-\$15,000 annually in overtime while running the program. Administrator Knabel recommends changing the classification to an exempt employee (no longer eligible for overtime) but increase the salary by \$10,000. This will result in annual budgetary savings to the City while also better aligning the salary with market.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve 1) the increase in the stipend for the Class B Water Operator license to \$500 per month and 2) change the classification of the Public Service Supervisor from an hourly employee to an exempt employee and increase the salary by \$10,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk