

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020, AT 7:01 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, Holmes, Fischer, McDowell and Mayor McKinney. A quorum was present.

Also present: Police Chief Kirk Henderson, Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis, Public Works Director Ray Roberts, City Administrator David Knabel, Human Resource Director Karin Graves and City Attorney James Vasselli.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the Agenda as presented. Approved by omnibus vote as follows: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes held on February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm as presented. Approved by omnibus vote as follows: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Frierson to approve Vouchers 134543 through 134619 drawn on Huntington National Bank N.A., Total \$216,541.78. Approved by omnibus vote as follows: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

ABATING TAX/GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - SERIES 2012

Administrator Knabel offered an explanation on what abating taxes means and why the City pledges revenue. He stated when the City issues bonds they are required to provide collateral for the financing. That is done in the form of pledging certain revenues such as water billings, motor fuel taxes and sales taxes.

They are also required to pledge their taxing authority as backup collateral in case the revenues pledged aren't sufficient to pay the principal and interest. By December of each year he is required to put the pledge revenues into a separate account to pay the next year's principal and interest. Once that is done, they can abate the tax levy that's associated with those bonds to ensure that those taxes aren't added to the levy. This ensures that the City is not utilizing property taxes from residents to pay debt obligations.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that an Ordinance (20-0-11) be passed abating the tax heretofore levied for the Year 2019 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,500,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012, of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Ordinance passes.

ABATING TAX/GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - SERIES 2015

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that an Ordinance (20-0-12) be passed abating the tax heretofore levied for the Year 2019 to pay the principal of and interest on \$1,175,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewage System ARS), Series 2015, of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Ordinance passes.

ABATING TAX/GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - SERIES 2017

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that an Ordinance (20-0-13) be passed abating the tax heretofore levied for the Year 2019 to pay the principal of and interest on \$3,140,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017, of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Ordinance passes.

MOTOR FUEL TAX BUDGET

A memo (20-DOC-14) was received from Administrative Knabel requesting approval of the FY21 Motor Fuel Tax Budget as presented. Administrator Knabel stated that while we continue to work our way through the City budget for FY21, we wanted to move forward on the Motor Fuel Tax fund budget. Since this is a standalone fund with a single predetermined revenue source (motor fuel tax allotments), we can put this forth for approval. This will allow us to get into the construction cycle earlier and potentially get better pricing to further stretch these dollars.

As you can see, there is a significant increase in the State Allotments line item. This is due to our share of the increased motor fuel tax. This allows us to continue to expand our patching program as well as to finally add annual street projects to the budget as you can see in the "Comprehensive Patching Program" and "Road Program/Engineering" line items.

The "Miscellaneous Projects/Salt" line item has also been increased. This is largely due to the significant increases in the cost of sale per ton, and not increases in quantity. After all of these are taken into account, we still anticipate an \$83,683 surplus in the fund at the end of FY21.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the Motor Fuel Tax Fund Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. The vote on the roll: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

A memo (20-DOC-15) was received from Director Roberts requesting approval of a resolution for the expenditure of \$685,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Director Roberts stated that Council approved a proposal for the Engineering services for the 2020 Road and Alley Program at the January 21, 2020 council meeting. Director Roberts stated that the resolution is required by IDOT for the utilization of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the construction of this project.

It was motioned by Commissioner Frierson and seconded by Commissioner McDowell that a Resolution (20-R-3) be passed for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code - MFT Funds for 2020 Alley/Road Program and that a resolution be prepared accordingly. The vote on the roll: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

MOTOROLA STARCOM21 RADIOS

A memo (20-DOC-16) was received from Police Chief Henderson requesting approval to purchase Motorola Starcom21 radios through Motorola Solutions to replace our aging and inadequate UHF radio system. Police Chief Henderson stated that the Starcom21 network is a public/private partnership between the State of Illinois and Motorola Solutions. The network uses cellular connections to provide state-wide, interoperable communications

between State, local and federal authorities. This allows officers from other jurisdictions to communicate with one another in mutual aid incidents that UHF radio systems don't allow. The Zion Police Department is one of the last law enforcement agencies in Lake County that does not have the ability to access the Starcom21 network. All of our neighboring jurisdictions Antioch Police Department, Gurnee Police Department, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Waukegan Police Department and Winthrop Harbor Police Department have Starcom21 radios.

The Northeast Lake County Consolidated Emergency Telephone System Board has approved reimbursing the City of Zion, over a period of three years, 84% of the cost of purchasing the Starcom21 radios. The cost breakdown is as follows:

		ETSB	Zion
Zion PD	59 Radios	\$ 260,052.51	
	Radio 5Y Service		\$ 11,978.00
	Radio Programming		\$ 5,718.28
	Radio Accessories		\$ 32,852.27
	Subtotal	\$ 260,052.51	\$ 50,548.55
Zion FD	7 Radios	\$ 23,385.11	
	Radio 5Y Service		\$ 1,134.00
	Radio Programming		\$ 1,023.05
	Radio Accessories		\$ 1,563.17
	Subtotal	\$ 23,385.11	\$ 3,720.22
	Totals - 66 Radios	\$ 283,437.62	\$ 54,268.77
		84%	16%
	Grand Total		\$ 337,706.39

The police department has applied for a \$10,000 grant through ComEd's Empowering Safe Communities to pay for a portion of the police department's \$50,548.55 cost. The remaining balance, or the total if the grant is not obtained, will be paid for through the Drug Traffic Prevention Fund as this is a permitted use of that statute restricted fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson and seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve the purchase of Motorola Starcom21 radios. The vote on the roll: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Director Graves stated that written exams for the Fire Department will start March 16th. Information will be on the website.

Director Roberts stated that tentative spring leaf collection is set for April 6 - April 17th. Residents are encouraged to rake leaves to curb. April 1st starts yard waste collection.

Administrator Knabel stated that Dollars and Sense will be held on a quarterly basis. The next one will be held on April 14. He also stated that the US Census is coming and encouraged residents to make sure they are counted. Mayor McKinney added that the residents can complete the census online beginning March 12th.

Chief Lewis stated reminded residents that the best way to prevent the spread of coronavirus is to wash your hands frequently, sanitize areas and to stay home if you're sick.

Chief Henderson stated that first neighborhood policing event was held this past Saturday at Campbell's Barber shop. He stated that it was very successful and more will be planned this year to help build bridges in our community.

Commissioner Fischer stated that the 30th Annual Black History program was very well done.

Mayor McKinney stated that the I-Cash event will be held on Friday March 6 hosted by the Illinois Treasures office at Zion City Hall from 8am to 7pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 17	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing for proposed TIF on 173/Lewis Avenue.
	6:15 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
April 7	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
April 10		City Offices closed for the Holiday.

CLOSED SESSION

It was motioned by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner McDowell to recess to Closed Session at 7:34 p.m. pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 "Open Meetings" for the discussion of collective bargaining and personnel. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson and seconded by Commissioner McDowell to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:08 p.m. with all members present. The vote on the roll: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

BATTALION CHIEFS STIPEND

It was motioned by Commissioner Frierson and seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve stipend for Battalion Chiefs in the Fire/Rescue Department to run until August 31, 2020. The vote on the roll: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, 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 Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Frierson and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary