

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020, 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 McDowell, Fischer, Holmes, Frierson and Mayor McKinney. A quorum was present.

Also present: Lieutenant Eric Barden, Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis, Public Works Director Ray Roberts, City Administrator David Knabel, Building & Zoning Director Richard Ianson and City Attorney Jimmy Visselli.

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

Mayor McKinney asked for a moment of silence for the Country that is in turmoil and in the hope that we will come out of stronger and better. Additionally, he acknowledged the passing of former Mayor Billy McCullough. He stated he was a servant of the City for 12 years and was passionate about making the City a better place to live.

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to accept the City Council meeting agenda with the following changes:

- Delete Item 9(a) – Tabulation of Bids – 2020 Alley Road Program
- Amend Item 9(e) – Amend language to say “Adult Use Cannabis Infuser and Adult Use Cannabis Processor”
- Amend Item 9(f) – Amend language to say “Adult Use Cannabis Transporting Organization”
- Amend Item 9(g) – Amend language to say “Adult Use Cannabis Craft Grow”
- Delete Item 13 - Consider approval of wage increase for part-time employees

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizen Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that the Minutes be approved as follows:

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Regular Meeting held on June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on June 2, 2020 at 7:51 p.m.

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

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

- (a) **BILLS:** Vouchers 135154 through 135227 drawn on Huntington National Bank, N.A. Total: \$439,549.27.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION/2020 ROAD SALT/MFT FUNDS

A memo (20-DOC-33) was received from Director Roberts requesting approval of a supplemental resolution for the expenditure of \$33,828.36 from the MFT Fund. Director Roberts stated that Council approved a resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for \$150,000.00 at the May 7, 2019 City Council meeting. Director Roberts stated that the resolution was for the FY20 Road Salt purchase. The increased funding request is due to the increased cost of the road salt bid from FY19 at \$67.10 per ton to FY20 at \$92.10 per ton. The total cost for the City's obligated purchase was \$183,828.36.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that a Resolution (20-R-7) be approved for the expenditure of \$33,828.36 from the MFT Fund for Road Salt purchase. The vote on the roll: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

ORDINANCE/EXTENDING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT/MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION CENTER IN G1 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Administrator Knabel stated the Cannabis Cultivation Center to be located at the property near B.C. Automotive is still fighting in court to get their License. The City of Zion wants to support Flat Rock Holdings, LLC by keeping the site viable and extending the Special Use for an additional six months.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Frierson, that an Ordinance (20-O-26) be passed extending a Special Use Permit approved in December 2016 per Ordinance (16-O-49) to Flat Rock Holdings, LLC for a medical cannabis cultivation center in the G1 (General Industrial) Zoning District located east of Deborah Avenue at 2809 Damascus, in Zion, Illinois until December 30, 2020. The vote on the roll: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT EXTENSION/2809 DAMASCUS

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Frierson that an Ordinance (20-O-27) be passed approving an extension of the ground lease agreement between Flat Rock Holdings, LLC and the City of Zion for certain property located at 2809 Damascus Avenue to December 30, 2020. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed

ORDINANCE/SPECIAL USE PERMIT/2800 LEWIS AVENUE

A memo (20-DOC-34) was received from Director Ianson requesting an extension to the Special Use Permit for Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc. Director Ianson stated Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, Inc. is requesting a 6 month (180 day) extension for their Special Use Permit, (16-O-11) for the construction of the Mosque, Exhibition Hall and Pastor's house for property located at 0 Lewis Avenue and 2800 Lewis Avenue. They have gone through the plan review process and are in the process of getting bids. They have had a few setbacks due to COVID-19. Director Ianson recommends approval of the extension of the Special Use Permit.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Frierson, that an Ordinance (20-O-28) be passed extending a Special Use Permit approved in March 2016 per Ordinance (16-O-11) to Ahmadiyya Movement, LLC for the construction of a Mosque, Exhibition Hall and Pastor's house, for six months. The vote on the roll: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT FOR TRUMPET PARK TIF DISTRICT

A memo (20-DOC-35) was received from Administrator Knabel regarding an ordinance approving a redevelopment plan and project for the Illinois 173/Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Project Area. Administrator Knabel stated on January 21, 2020 the Council adopted a resolution to start the process of the creation of a new TIF District along Illinois 173/Lewis Avenue corridor. A Public Hearing was held on March 17, 2020 to obtain public comments on

the proposed TIF. As a result of the process, they are now ready to adopt the ordinances to establish the new TIF district. There will be three ordinances that must be adopted to properly establish and record a new TIF district.

- 1) Adoption of a redevelopment plan
- 2) Designation of the TIF District area for which the plan will be applied
- 3) Apply Tax Increment Financing, as permitted under the Illinois Code, to the designated TIF area

He recommends approval of the ordinances as presented in relation to the Illinois Route 173/Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Project Area. Commissioner McDowell asked if the information had been brought before the TIF Board. Administrator Knabel stated the information had previously been brought before the TIF Board. Commissioner Frierson asked what would need to be done if the plan had to be amended. Administrator Knabel stated any amendments would have to go before the TIF Board and then the City Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that an Ordinance (20-O-29) be passed approving a redevelopment plan and project for the Illinois 173/Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Project Area. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/DESIGNATING ILLINOIS ROUTE 173/LEWIS AVENUE TIF DISTRICT

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that an Ordinance (20-O-30) be passed designating the Illinois Route 173/Lewis Avenue TIF District pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING/ILLINOIS ROUTE 173/LEWIS AVENUE TIF DISTRICT

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that an Ordinance (20-O-31) be passed adopting tax increment allocation financing for the Illinois Route 173/Lewis Avenue TIF District. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM POLICY

A memo (20-DOC-36) was received from Chief Lewis requesting to adopt a City policy for a Mass Notification System. Chief Lewis stated the March 24, 2020 City Council meeting, authorization was granted to enter into an agreement with Blackboard Connect to utilize their services for a message notification system. Since that time staff has been working with the vendor to facilitate set-up to begin using the service. Although staff has not received formal training yet, on June 9th they were able to utilize the system to notify residents of a City-wide boil order. The link for resident registration as well as supporting documentation has been placed on the City website. The proposed policy outlines the use of Blackboard Connect for the City of Zion. The policy is similar to the policy that was put in place when the City utilized the CodeRed system several years ago. Mayor McKinney asked if registration requires an email how would those who do not have an email be able register. Chief Lewis stated residents could go to the library or contact City Hall or the Fire Station and they can help put in the information for them. Mayor McKinney stated most seniors do not have social media or internet access. Commissioner McDowell asked how the Council will be informed when a notification will be sent out. Chief Lewis stated all messages will go to the City Administrator first. Emergency notifications will be put out immediately and if it is a non-emergency message a form will be filled out and sent to the Clerk to be placed on file. He stated Commissioners will most likely find out about a message the same as a resident. Commissioner McDowell asked that once the Administrator receives notification of a message that he send an email to the Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to adopt the new City policy for a Mass Notification System with Blackboard Connect. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES/FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

A memo (20-DOC-37) was received from Chief Lewis requesting approval to fill six (6) firefighter/paramedic positions and request the names of the next six candidates on the current Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility list from the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. Chief Lewis stated the fire department has been operating with up to five vacancies for several months after the previous Final Eligibility Register for Firefighter/Paramedic Candidate was exhausted in December 2019. Recently a member submitted a letter of resignation effective July 3, 2020. With the approval of the new Final Eligibility Register for Firefighter/Paramedic Candidate, he requests the City Council authorize the Fire and Police Commission to release the names and hire the next six eligible candidates from the register to fill the vacancies. The hiring of the candidates will bring the department to 21 personnel which is full staffing under the MOU.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve filling six (6) Firefighter/Paramedic vacancies and request the names of the next six (6) candidates on the current Firefighter/Paramedic Eligibility List from the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

FIRST AMENDMENT/LICENSE AGREEMENT/GPT ENTERPRISES, LLC

A memo (20-DOC-38) was received from Director Ianson requesting an amendment to the license agreement with GPT Enterprises, LLC. Director Ianson stated GPT Enterprises LLC is requesting to amend their parking lot license agreement to add an inflatable Movie Screen in their parking lot for their patrons to be entertained while social distancing, waiting in their cars to enter the Haunted House. Commissioner McDowell stated he noticed that the amended agreement does not have a limitation on what can be displayed. He stated the motion picture industry has specific standards for a movie rated 13 and over without a guardian. Peter Koklamanis, GPT Enterprises, stated anyone under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult. He stated the majority of his customers are over 17 years of age. Mr. Koklamanis will be producing the movies in-house and the films will not have any nudity or vulgarity. Attorney Vasselli suggested the motion be made subject to approval with the understanding that no films will be shown with R rated materials. Mr. Koklamanis stated he will agree to the promise of not showing movies with vulgarity or nudity. He stated it may be impossible to find a horror movie with a PG-13 rating.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve entering into a First Amendment to the License Agreement for parking purposes at 600 29th Street, between GPT Enterprises, LLC and the City of Zion to include an inflatable Movie Screen with the understanding that the videos shown will contain no vulgarity or nudity. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/VARIANCE/ADULT USE CANNABIS INFUSER/ADULT USE CANNABIS PROCESSOR/3101-3199 16TH STREET

A memo (20-DOC-39) was received from Director Ianson requesting a variance from Section 102-606(8) of the Zion Municipal Code to operate an Adult Use Cannabis Infuser and Adult Use Cannabis Processor at 3101-3199 16th Street as petitioned by Elevated Organics, LLC, Zoning Docket 20-Z-8. Director Ianson stated all Municipal buffer requirements have been verified for the location. At the June 4, 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that an Ordinance (20-O-32) be passed granting a variance from Section 102-606(8) of the Zion Municipal Code to operate an Adult Use Cannabis Infuser and Adult Use Cannabis Processor for the property at 3101-3199 16th Street. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/VARIANCE/ADULT USE CANNABIS TRANSPORTING ORGANIZATION/3101-3199 16TH STREET

A memo (20-DOC-40) was received from Director Ianson requesting a variance from Section 102-608(8) of the Zion Municipal Code to operate an Adult Use Cannabis Transporting Organization at 3101-3199 16th Street as petitioned by Elevated Organics, LLC, Zoning Docket 20-Z-9. Director Ianson stated all Municipal buffer requirements have been verified for the location. At the June 4, 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that an Ordinance (20-O-33) be passed granting a variance from Section 102-608(8) of the Zion Municipal Code to operate an Adult Use Cannabis Transporting Organization for the property at 3101-3199 16th Street. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/SPECIAL USE PERMIT/3101-3199 16TH STREET

A memo (20-DOC-41) was received from Director Ianson requesting approval of a Special Use Permit to Section 102-603(8) of the Zion Municipal Code to operate an Adult Use Cannabis Craft Grow for property located at 3101-3199 16th Street. Director Ianson stated Elevated Organics, LLC is seeking a Special Use Permit to operate an Adult Use Cannabis Craft Grow and all Municipal buffer requirements have been verified for this location. At the June 4, 2020 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, that an Ordinance (20-O-34) be passed granting a Special Use Permit to Elevated Organics, LLC to operate an Adult Use Cannabis Craft Grow at 3101-3199 16th Street. The vote on the roll: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/VARIANCE/DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT/2201 JETHRO AVENUE

A memo (20-DOC-42) was received from Director Ianson requesting a variance from Section 102-32(c) of the Zion Municipal Code to allow replacement of an existing driveway for property at 2201 Jethro Avenue as petitioned by Bettye Ingram, Zoning Docket 20-Z-15. At the June 4, 2020 Planning/Zoning Commission meeting the Commission recommended approval. He stated the existing driveway currently exceeds the required lot coverage by 567 sq. ft.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that an Ordinance (20-O-35) be passed granting a variance from Section 102-32(c) of the Zion Municipal Code to replace an existing driveway for the property at 2201 Jethro Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/SPECIAL USE PERMIT/DIGITAL SIGN/1303 27TH STREET

A memo (20-DOC-43) was received from Director Ianson requesting approval of a Special Use Permit to Section 70-128(2) of Zion Municipal Code to install a digital sign on the east wall of the building located at 1634 W. 23rd Street (New Tech Campus), Zoning Docket 20-Z-16. Director Ianson stated the sign will be used for high school information for students and parents. At the June 4, 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting the Commission recommended approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that an Ordinance (20-O-36) be passed granting a Special Use Permit to install a digital sign on the east wall of the building for the property at 1634 W. 23rd Street (New Tech Campus). The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

WITHDRAW OF APPLICATION/VARIANCE/2901 ELISHA AVENUE

A memo (20-DOC-44) was received from Marisol Ash, Olmedo Brothers LLC requesting that her previously submitted zoning application be withdrawn. This request was for a variance from Section 102-126(1)(c) of the Zion

Municipal Code to reduce the number of parking spaces required for the property located at 2901 Elisha Avenue, The petitioner had two dockets, Zoning Docket 20-Z-13 and 20-Z-14. The Planning & Zoning Commission did not take any action on Zoning Docket 20-Z-13 as the petitioner withdrew their request. Zoning Docket 20-Z-14 was denied by the Commission. It is necessary for the Council to approve withdrawing the application so the petitioner may re-apply in the future.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve the request from Marisol Ash, Olmedo Brothers LLC to withdraw her zoning application. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

AT&T CONTRACT

Administrator Knabel presented a contract for renewal of telephone service and related charges that will be in effect for a 36-month term at a rate of .10 ¢ per line.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve the AT&T contract as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

CENSUS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

A memo (20-DOC-45) was received from Administrator Knabel requesting approval of a Census Incentive Program. Administrator Knabel stated the 2020 Census response period has been extended to October 31, 2020. Census results are crucial to the future growth and development of the City of Zion. The results come into play for State and Federal funding, CDBG formulas, per capita revenue calculations, attracting business development and many other areas that will shape Zion's future. It is important to ensure that everyone gets counted and as a result, the City would like to encourage participation and ensure that as many Zion residents complete the Census as possible. Administrator Knabel is recommending adopting a program to incentivize completion as well as rewarding those that have already completed the Census. He stated the total cost of the program will be \$2,400 and recommends that Council approve a budget amendment to account 10-01-3-07-999 "Economic Incentives" to add a specific line authorizing implementation of the program. If approved by Council, he will work quickly to get communication out to residents on how to provide their entries for the first drawing, which would be slated for the end of July. Drawings will be held at the end of each month and each drawing offers three (3) chances to a \$300, \$200 and \$100 Visa gift card. Mayor McKinney asked how the program will be promoted. Administrator Knabel stated social media, the Happenings newspaper, City website and word of mouth. He stated in many cases funding is based on per capita. He stated if an additional 25 people respond it would pay for the funds in one year. Commissioner McDowell wonders if the other taxing bodies would like to get involved as they would all benefit. Administrator Knabel stated he would propose the ideas to them. Mayor McKinney asked if they had a count of how many have responded thus far. Administrator Knabel stated from what he is hearing the numbers are below they were at this time in 2010. Commissioner McDowell asked if they get information on the households that have not reported. Administrator Knabel stated they will know the non-reporting households before the final results. Commissioner McDowell asked if they will be going door to door to verify a non-reporting residence. Administrator Knabel stated he believes they will be doing potential canvassing but have extended reporting until the fall.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the Census Incentive Program as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

A memo (20-DOC-46) was received from Mayor McKinney requesting appointments to City Boards and Commissions. It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to appoint the following members to City Boards and Commissions:

Accident Review Board

BC Justin Stried
Brian Haske

Electrical Commission

Rich Ianson
Merlin Kreis
John Lewis
Dave Geer
John Hucker
Pat Buchanan

Fire and Police Commission

Jack Long

Firemen's Pension Board

Matt Henby

Planning & Zoning Commission

Gerald Riley
Darlene Pickett

Police Pension Board

David Knabel

TIF Review Board

Bill Warren
Sonolito Bronson

Jubilee Days Commission

Brent Paxton
Mike Pobiecke
Chance Bringman
Sonolito Bronson

Lake Mound Cemetery Board

Sheryl Spooner
David Knabel
Blake Rogers

Liquor Control Commission

Nadine Thorn

Nostalgia Days

Bob Pataky
Mary Lou Hiltibran

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

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Director Ianson asked residents to be patient regarding the long grass in the neighborhoods. The City got a late start due to COVID-19 but they continue to address the issue.

Director Roberts stated on IDOT has assigned a contractor for the \$2.8 million road project from Route 173 to Sheridan Road to Green Bay. This project was originally scheduled for 2020 and hopes it will be put on the docket for this year. Additionally the Lake County Mayor's informed him that the 27th Street FAU project that was submitted for the federal grant with an 80/20 split was approved. He stated \$850,000 will be covered by the grant but unfortunately, not all funding came in from the State for the FAU program. The project was set to be done in 2022 but has been pushed to 2024 and will still be fully funded.

Administrator Knabel stated there will be a need for Closed Session and will be asking everyone to leave the Chambers so they may practice social distancing. He stated anyone who wishes to stay for the remainder of the meeting will be asked to wait in the lobby until Closed Session is over.

Chief Lewis stated the City has been slowly introducing the Blackboard notification system. There have been a few concerns with the sign up of the system. Landlines are automatically entered into the system. When a call is received and there is an answering machine a message should be left on the answering machine. The system will call a number up to 3 times if there is no answer. If a call is not successful after 3 times, the number is considered a bad number. If you chose to receive notifications by cell phone or email, you must indicate this during registration. There have been issues trying to register through the Google Play Store. Unfortunately, Blackboard does not have an app. He has created a Blackboard cheat sheet that is available on the City website that will assist residents in signing up. He reminded people to follow through to end of the registration. There will be a confirmation email sent upon completion of registration. Many people are not clicking in the link to finish the registration. A person can have up to 10 numbers, email and text messaging. The sign up may include receiving emergency messages along with general messages. If internet is not available you may call the City Clerk or the Fire Department to receive help with the sign up. There will be flyers available with a registration form on the back that may be filled out and returned to City Hall. The Blackboard system is currently being used by Winthrop Harbor, Beach Park and Gurnee. There were a few issues with the recent Boil Order message but they are still learning the system. He hopes the next notification will go smoother. Mayor McKinney asked how the brochures will be sent out. Chief Lewis stated they will be included in the utility bills and will be available at City Hall and the Fire Station. Commissioner Frierson asked if after 3 times of no answer, would the system consider it a bad number and be removed. Chief Lewis stated a number will not automatically be removed it will just stop calling the number. Mayor McKinney asked if Blackboard would consider doing a step by step video on the registration process. Chief Lewis stated he does not believe Blackboard has something like that available. It would have to be done in house.

Mayor McKinney stated with the Fourth of July coming up residents will be thinking of setting off fireworks but reminded them that fireworks are illegal. Chief Lewis stated fireworks can cause damage in a residential area and can be confused with gunshots. He stated there are a lot of fireworks being set off all over. People can lose fingers and kids can get hurt. When the shells come down there may be pieces that are hot that can land on the grass or a roof. He stated it is safer to watch commercial fireworks that are set off in large spaces.

Lieutenant Barden stated with recent events happening in the country, the City has been affected. Recently there were peaceful protests that occurred in Zion. He commended Zion Officers for working with the protestors to exercise their first amendment rights to march peacefully. The Zion Police Department does not agree with and are disgusted with the actions of one officer or several officers in Minneapolis and does not depict Zion’s intent of policing. They want to help the people in the community be heard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 3		City Offices Closed for the Holiday
July 7	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
July 21	6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:10 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 McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

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

PAID ON PREMISE/BATTALION CHIEF/HOLIDAY STIPENDS

A memo (20-DOC-47) was received from Chief Lewis regarding stipends for the paid on premise members and Battalion Chiefs for holidays. Under the current 24/72 MOU, sworn bargaining unit staff will receive \$500 for working major holidays and \$250 for working minor holidays. In lieu of receiving this stipend, the additional seven

Holidays previously received by staff were removed from their list of benefit days off. At the time of implementation, they failed to realize that as management staff, the four Battalion Chiefs did not “automatically” qualify for the stipend. Under past practice, the Battalion Chiefs, as shift personnel, received the same number and type of days off as the bargaining unit. Additionally, on November 11, 2014 the Council approved a \$100.00 stipend per shift for paid on premise members working 12 hour shifts with an option for 24 and were eligible to receive \$100 or \$200 for City designated holidays depending on hours worked. With the resurrection of the Paid on Premise Program last year and the implementation of the 24/72 MOU, it has become apparent that in order to recruit paid on premise members for holidays they should maintain the holiday stipend. Administrator Knabel requests paid on premise staff receive \$200 for major holidays and \$100 for minor holidays as outlined in the current 24/72 MOU. This is based on the fact that if they cannot recruit paid on premise staff for holidays they would have to hire back sworn staff at an overtime rate along with the associated holiday stipend. It will be a more cost effective solution to offer the holiday stipend to paid on premise staff.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve a holiday stipend for Battalion Chiefs to match that of the bargaining staff under the 24/72 MOU and to establish a Paid on Premise holiday stipend in the amount of \$100 for minor holidays and \$200 for major holidays. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/IAFF LOCAL 1999

Administrator Knabel stated the IAFF Local 1999 is requesting an amendment to the current MOU for language clarification. The proposed change will have not financial impact.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve the language changes to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Zion and the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, 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, seconded by Commissioner Frierson and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk