

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020, AT 7:03 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, McDowell, Fischer, Holmes, and Mayor McKinney. A quorum was present.

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

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

Mayor McKinney asked for a moment of silence for Congressman John Lewis who passed away on July 17<sup>th</sup> due to pancreatic cancer. He was a giant in the Civil Rights Movement and was in the midst of the Voting Rights Act. He organized “sit ins” and became part of the Freedom Riders. He spent his life committed to racial equality and justice in the country. He hopes that the younger generation will continue his commitment to racial equality and racial justice in the United States of America.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING/ANNEXATION/ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES**

Mayor McKinney opened the public hearing for the annexation of property on Russell/Kenosha Road at 7:10 P.M.

Jerry Callahan stated he represents Advanced Disposal who has operated the Zion Landfill for the last 20 years. The proposed annexation is for ten residential parcels on the west side of Kenosha Road, east of the 110 acres previously annexed. He stated the 15 acres are not proposed for waste disposal. He is not asking for approval of the siting of the landfill expansion this evening. An application has not yet been filed but is currently being prepared. Once the application is filed, there will be a formal public hearing. If the 15 acres are annexed they will be incorporated into the overall landfill operations. The berms and landscaping will be placed in order to provide screening and buffering. They are asking to be allowed to keep the houses until the expansion moves forward. They will continue to be operated subject to the City’s inspection requirements and ordinances. Commissioner McDowell asked if there were any properties Advanced Disposal did not own. Mr. Callahan presented Commissioner McDowell with the plat of annexation. Commissioner Fischer asked if the purpose of the berm was for esthetics or to mitigate loose materials and odors. Mr. Callahan stated he believes screening berm will help all of those. There will be fencing around the landfill to catch loose material. He stated berms are often used for noise mitigation. Commissioner Fischer stated many of those questions can be better addressed at the siting hearing. Mayor McKinney asked if Advanced Disposal intends on keeping the properties and if so, who will maintain them. Mr. Callahan stated the company will maintain them and lease them out. The City’s ordinances will apply to all parcels. Mayor McKinney asked for additional questions/comments from the Council. There were none.

Mayor McKinney asked for comments or questions from the public. Commissioner Holmes asked if there were any representatives from Winthrop Harbor in the audience. There were none.

Mayor McKinney declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor McKinney reminded citizens of the guidelines as it relates to public comments.

William Bremner, Zion, thanked the City for the Blackboard Connect system and Administrator Knabel for getting him signed up. He stated the system does work as he has been contacted three times for different City issues.

Mary Lou Hiltibran, Director of ESDA gave a report of the activities that ESDA performs in assistance to the City.

Reverend Matt Kerney, ZBMA, stated he does outreach through the ZBMA and is a member of the Zion Ministerial Alliance Association. He is also one of the co-writers of the petition for properly addressing the Three Fifths Compromise in the US Constitution. He read the contents of the petition. They are calling for discussion by the US Congressional leaders on the Three Fifths Compromise in the US Constitution and hopes the Council will endorse the proposed resolution.

Kathy Champine, Zion, shared that she had a complaint along with a solution for the traffic problems on Sheridan Road. Recently she was at Its All Good and noticed a flat bed with a large tractor that took out an overhead cable and it looked as though he was speeding. She then witnessed a truck do a U-turn on Sheridan Road and then watched a semi-truck do the same thing in the middle of Sheridan Road. She stated people are going to get hurt or killed. She believes the solution is traffic cams on Sheridan Road within the business district. She stated traffic cams are not a substitute for police but it can be a supplement to free up the officers so they may have more interaction with the people.

Al Rogers, Zion, applauded Mayor McKinney's opening statement. The first time he was in the Council Chambers he was 19 years old. At the time David Fisher had just passed away and there was a debate on who would fill his seat. He believes David Fisher was one of the greatest icons in the City of Zion. He recently visited the Zion Police Department that was named after David Fisher. There is a banner on the wall of the police station that caught his attention that says Black Lives Matter and the police department supports it. He thanked Chief Henderson and Council for placing the banner on the building across from David Fisher's name.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Kim Whiteside, Zion, stated she recently visited the City of Chicago and noticed some word art that said "You are Beautiful". She felt it looked very cool and alive. She spoke with someone about doing a similar project in Zion that was willing to pay for it and make up the signs. She was not aware of the City ordinance regarding the size of the signs. She was told a variance was needed in order to be able to put up the signs. Township Supervisor Cheri Neal stated that Ms. Whiteside came to her with the idea and commended her for her heart for the community. She found the locations for the banners, the funding and the printer because it brought her joy to see the banners. Recently a group was formed called the "Artbeat of Zion." Members have different ideas of projects to do in Zion. The group continues to get people involved. She would like to find a way to direct people how to get in touch with the right person at the City that can assist them to get things done. Mayor McKinney stated contacting Building Director Rich Ianson is a good place to start with questions regarding City codes along with Building & Zoning Commissioner Jacqueline Holmes along with Administrator Knabel. Commissioner Fischer stated he and Supervisor Neal previously had a conversation regarding this subject and believes the idea has merit but they must find a mechanism to it safely within the ordinances that exist. That will be a longer discussion on another day as they cannot take any action on it. The idea is to move it forward through the Planning & Zoning process to get a special variance. Although it will take some time to get it done, they will do what they can to move it along. Mayor McKinney stated it must go through the process. When he drives through other communities and sees those types of banners they are inspiring and provide a positive reinforcement. He feels it is a good idea and will continue to work on it. Supervisor Neal asked what the process would be as people do not know how to approach it. Director Ianson stated they must submit a petition for a Special Use Permit or a variance found on the City's website. It is then given to the Planning & Zoning Commission for consideration. The application has a fee of \$605.00. The Planning & Zoning Commission can recommend to approve the application, deny the application or approve the application with conditions. The Commission meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. The process takes between 45-60 days. Commissioner McDowell questioned if the Coalition for Healthy Communities went through the process to place their banners on Public Property. Commissioner Holmes asked who would maintain the banners. Supervisor Neal stated they banners would only be up until October 31<sup>st</sup> and put up again next summer.

Commissioner McDowell stated the City Council can approve putting the banners on Public Property without having to go through the process. Mayor McKinney stated there have been many calls from residents asking who to contact for different issues. City staff is reachable and tries to communicate information to the residents. They continue to try and do a better job communicating with the residents. Supervisor Neal stated residents do not know when it is necessary to contact the City or that they can come to a meeting and approach the Council. Mayor McKinney stated a lot of the information is available on the website. Supervisor Neal stated it will often shut people down if they know they have to be a \$600 fee. In terms of fees and structures people have to understand that is how services are provided to the community. Ms. Whiteside questioned the fee process. Administrator Knabel stated the fee is necessary in order to move forward through the process. If the Planning & Zoning Commission approves the application it goes to the Council. There are no guarantees associated with the application and nothing prevents the Council from waiving the fee. As it relates to public property there can be a possible liability issue. The City must make sure they are consistent and fair to who they allow to put signs on Public Property. They must then decide who they say yes or no to. Ultimately it is a Council decision. Staff does not have the authority to bypass City ordinances and Commission rules. Attorney Vasselli stated he can meet with the Supervisor Neal and Ms. Whiteside to discuss options but they must abide by the rules. He stated the money charged for the application gets recirculated for the publication requirements they must follow. He stated the fee is actually lower than in some other communities. Chairman Neal confirmed the two options: 1) Go through the process and put the signs on private property and 2) Place the signs on public property. Attorney Vasselli stated they will discuss it at a future meeting.

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Regular Meeting held on July 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on July 7, 2020 at 8:28 p.m.

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

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

- (a) **BILLS:** Vouchers 135354 through 135417 drawn on Huntington National Bank, N.A. Total: \$285,832.45.

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

### RESOLUTION/MFT FUNDS/ROAD/ALLEY PROGRAM

A memo (20-DOC-52) was received from Director Roberts requesting approval of and IDOT resolution. Director Roberts stated the resolution is required by IDOT for the utilization of the Rebuild Illinois Bond MFT funds. The Rebuild Illinois Bond fund is an additional allotment to the City's Motor Fuel Tax fund. Expenditures of these funds are required to be tracked separately. The funds are to be utilized for the 2020 Road and Alley program. Staff requested and recommended approving the IDOT resolution for the expenditure of \$260,000.00 from the Rebuild Illinois Bond MFT fund.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that a Resolution (20-R-8) be passed approving the expenditure of \$260,000 from the Rebuild Illinois Bond MFT fund to be utilized for the 2020 Road and Alley Program. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**RESOLUTION/THREE-FIFTHS COMPROMISE/US CONSTITUTION**

Commissioner McDowell stated the ZBMA meets once a month and every month an item is placed on the agenda to consider ways to bring healing and unity to Zion. They discuss and pray about the issues on a regular basis. One of the members brought attention to an issue with the Three-Fifths Compromise in the United States Constitution. A committee was appointed to study it. The committee brought forward the idea of creating a resolution. They were not sure where to go with it so they contacted State's Attorney Mike Nerheim and asked what the next steps would be in approaching Congressional Representatives. Attorney Nerheim suggested bringing the resolution to the City Council for support. They realize it is a huge issue and thought they would get things moving. Commissioner McDowell read the resolution for the Council's consideration. Commissioner Holmes stated upon reading the resolution she feels it is a step in the right direction but questions if it was the right jurisdiction to even discuss the contents. She stated if the City decided to discuss and/or adopt a resolution she would like to see more rigor in the body to define racism as at public crisis. Commissioner Fischer read a prepared statement that is included as an attachment to the minutes. Commissioner McDowell stated the people that crafted the resolution and the ZBMA recognizes that to make the kind of change suggested it would take a Constitutional Convention. He stated it is possible but is unlikely and is not the request. He stated it would be possible to add an additional amendment to the Constitution which clearly delineates and nullifies the Three Fifths Compromise. He stated the ZBMA will likely ask the Congressional Representatives to address the issue before Congress to make the notations in the public display of the documents to make things more clear. The Fourteenth Amendment should be clearer that it has been nullified. Commissioner Fischer stated the resolution is flawed and feels the Council should not put it forward. Commissioner McDowell stated they did bring in legal advice and Mike Nerheim had a different view than Commissioner Fischer. Attorney Nerheim felt they had an excellent document that was well crafted. He asked the Council to adopt the resolution and hopes it will pass in the surrounding cities. Mayor McKinney stated although he understands the sentiment, he questioned if the resolution should be done more on a Congressional or Legislative level. Commissioner McDowell stated he was acting on the advice of the State's Attorney for the Council to endorse and approve the resolution to give more weight to the document. Commissioner Fischer stated the State's Attorney does not vote on the Council and does not feel it is appropriate for him to weigh in on the subject. He feels if the ZBMA wants to lobby Congress directly they can do that. As a government body they should not be pushing this kind of agenda politics through as it is not relevant to City business. Commissioner Frierson stated he understands some of Commissioner Fischer's points but feels the resolution is no different than any other resolution of support. He feels the resolution lacks substance and with the research that has been done there could have been stronger wording or something that is more suggestive. To take this as a first step he would not be clear on what the next step would be. He does not feel the wording is acceptable but is not quite sure what would be acceptable to repair the injury and would vote no on the resolution. Attorney Vasselli stated there are two options for the vote on the resolution. 1) Motion to table the resolution and bring it back with revisions 2) Motion to deny it. He stated any motion made must be very clear to direct him and staff how to proceed. Mayor McKinney asked if there was a counter motion. Commissioner Holmes stated her motion would be not to accept or to deny the resolution as presented. Commissioner McDowell suggested the Council vote on the resolution and if there were not enough "aye" votes the resolution would be denied. Attorney Vasselli suggested voting it out and calling the roll.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Frierson that a Resolution (20-R-9) be passed regarding the Three Fifths Compromise of the United States Constitution, Article 1 Section 2, Clause 3. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, nay; McDowell, aye; Fischer, nay; Holmes, nay and Mayor McKinney, abstain. Motion failed.

**ORDINANCE/ANNEXATION AGREEMENT/SOUTH OF RUSSELL ROAD/WEST OF KENOSHA ROAD**

Administrator Knabel stated this is one of two proposed ordinances relating to the annexation of the 10 parcels as detailed in the ordinance. If approved, the next step is to annex the property.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that an Ordinance (20-O-38) be passed authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement relative to the property located south of Russell Road and west of Kenosha Road, Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY/SOUTH OF RUSSELL ROAD/  
WEST OF KENOSHA ROAD**

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that an Ordinance (20-O-39) be passed Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Zion Lake County, Illinois (south of Russell Road and west of Kenosha Road). The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/AMENDING ZION MUNICIPAL CODE/CHAPTER 34**

Administrator Knabel stated in recent months there have been a lot of issues with fireworks within the City being set off at all hours. This has created quite a disturbance for people. Upon reviewing the City code as it relates to fireworks, it was necessary to clean up some areas to comply with State codes. The hope is to try and encourage individuals to watch public displays in lieu of setting off their own fireworks. This is necessary for the safety of themselves and others. He recommends approval of the amendments to Chapter 34. Mayor McKinney reminded residents that fireworks are not legal in Zion or in Illinois. He stated the City is abiding by the State of Illinois guidelines. Commissioner McDowell thanked the Mayor for taking the initiative to clean up the ordinance. Mayor McKinney stated not only do fireworks disturb neighbors and pets but also affects those with medical conditions and PTSD. Commissioner Frierson questioned the strikeout change to Section H. He asked why they would not want to provide the just cause for denial given all the other requirements. Mayor McKinney stated the reasoning in order to get a permit you must be a professional operator and not the average citizen to get a permit. He stated residents are setting off professional grade fireworks and it is very disruptive. Commissioner Frierson asked if they do not meet the criteria, will it be communicated to the applicant. Chief Lewis stated in order to receive a permit the individual must be registered with the State of Illinois and have a current Pyrotechnics license. Once an application is submitted and all information is verified, he will issue a permit. In most cases it is a professional company. Some reasons for denial may be that the operator was not on site, the pyrotechnics were not under security or they did not provide the proper plan. Administrator Knabel stated due to the risk of liability it gives more latitude for the unknowns. If they know that some individuals are not reputable but provided proper documentation, it allows for the unknowns not put in the ordinance. Mayor McKinney noted that the fines have changed significantly for fireworks.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Fischer that an Ordinance (20-O-40) be passed amending Chapter 34 of the Zion Municipal Code regarding Explosives and Fireworks. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT/ABYGROUPS, INC.**

Administrator Knabel stated the proposed agreement relates to the property on south Sheridan Road in TIF #3 which is the old Dunes Theater property, 3398 Sheridan Road. The City acquired the property for site control. The building was demolished for the purpose of Economic Development. The City continued to market the site and was approached by AbyGroups, Inc who was interested in putting a Popeye's Chicken on the site. He stated there are market challenges with the site that would not be able to be addressed without TIF assistance. The AbyGroup has asked for a \$556,750 incentive that will be reimbursement based. They are hoping to open by the end of the year. Representatives from the AbyGroup were available to answer any questions. Franchisee Mohamed Aby stated he has other Popeye's stores open and hopes to open another twelve. He has been working with the City since January to get the project started. He believes it will be a great addition to Zion and hopes to create permanent jobs. He would like to come to Zion and be part of the community. Mayor McKinney welcomed Mr. Aby to the community and thanked him for bringing his restaurant to Zion. Ryan Swanson, Engineer and Project Manager of Art Design Resources stated he has worked with Mr. Aby on his other sites and is excited to get the project underway. He presented information on a new prototype that includes upgraded building materials inside and out.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that an Ordinance (20-O-41) be passed approving and authorizing a Certain Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Zion and ABYGROUPS, INC. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/DONATION AGREEMENT/GS ZION REAL ESTATE LLC**

Administrator Knabel stated the owner of the property at 3905 IL Route 173, GS Zion Real Estate LLC, recently approached the City regarding the donation of 20 acres where the old American Industrial Heart Transfer building is located. He stated they looked at all the potential pros and cons in acquiring the property and believes it will be a good fit in with the corridor. With the Enterprise Zone status and TIF in place it will be another tool for Economic Development in that corridor. The cost to the City would be reimbursement to the current owner for taxes paid to date for 2019. The City would have a due diligence period of 45 days that can be extended up to 60 days. An environmental analysis would be done along an assessment of the property for potential risks. Commissioner Fischer stated the property has been vacant for the last 8-10 years. This could be an opportunity for the City to use the property to bring in more development as there has been some interest in the property in the past.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Frierson that an Ordinance (20-O-42) be passed approving and authorizing a Certain Donation Agreement between the City of Zion and GS Zion Real Estate LLC. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/JUSTICE ASSISTANCE  
GRANT/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A memo (20-DOC-53) was received from Chief Henderson stating that the City of Zion was awarded \$7,427.50 from the US Department of Justice in the form of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Grant. Chief Henderson stated that the grant is awarded annually by the Department of Justice. He stated that the Waukegan Police Department, as the largest recipient in Lake County, has been designated as the administrator for the JAG Grants. The MOU is necessary for the City of Waukegan to act as the fiscal agent for the grant. The police department has used the grant in the past to pay for equipment installed in squad cars. They are currently considering the purchase of a speed radar trailer and/or portable speed signs. Chief Henderson requested that the Council consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding so the police department may benefit from the proceeds of the JAG grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Waukegan, Lake County and the City of Zion in order to receive \$7,427.50 in JAG grant funds. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

**SIREN ACTIVATION POLICY**

A memo (20-DOC-54) was received from Chief Lewis regarding revisions to the City's Siren Activation Policy. Chief Lewis stated the City adopted a Siren Activation Policy in July 2011 in an effort to provide some guidance in how the City's sirens are activated and who is authorized to request activation. While updating the Emergency Operations Plan he noted that there were some changes necessary to the policy to bring it up to current practice. As a housekeeping measure, he recommends adopting the revised changes as a City of Zion policy. Commissioner Fischer questioned Section 5 b, asking if the language that states "shall be notified by cell phone" be changed to say "shall be notified." Mayor McKinney questioned Section C 2 that states there are two siren tones. He asked what the two tones would sound like. Chief Lewis stated the tones can be found on the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) website. He stated the first tone is a normal tone that is heard the first Tuesday of every month. The second tone is the air raid siren that will go off for a major US threat. Chief Lewis stated that Zion's sirens are very old and would cost over \$100,000 to replace the system. He stated they still work very well and are tested by ESDA on a regular basis. Commissioner Frierson questioned Section C 5(d). He stated the reason there is never an "All Clear" is because there is no second sound. People would not know if the second sound would be an "All Clear" or a second tornado. He recommended that people have a weather radio so they could listen to the broadcast during an emergency and after the emergency they would hear an "All Clear" broadcasted. He stated the City may consider doing a Blackboard Connect message for something of that nature. He reminded residents to register for Blackboard Connect. To date, only 350 cell phone numbers have registered.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to adopt the revised changes to the City of Zion Siren Activation Policy. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

## LEGAL REPRESENTATION/NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE COMPENSATION PROJECT

A memo (20-DOC-55) was received from Administrator Knabel regarding Nuclear Legislation attorney hours. Administrator Knabel stated that the City has continued to push the STRANDED Act through Congress in an effort to get funding to the community for being a nuclear storage site. They have been working on it for over four years and, while the progress is slow, it is progress. They have been paying an attorney to work on the legislation and coordinate contacting necessary individuals in Congress, their staff, and other affected communities. The process has been that all of the taxing bodies approve blocks of time and share costs based on proportionate shares of the tax bill. To date, the City has spent approximately \$12,000 in these efforts. They are at the end of the last approved block of hours (75 hours approved at the end of 2018), and need to approve an additional block of time. He recommended an additional 75 hours to continue working on this. The City's share of the hours would total \$3,225 and he expects the hours to get them through the end of the current Congress as well as planning for how to move forward, should it not get passed before the November elections. The bill is in committee in both the House and the Senate and is trying to get it brought to the floor.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve an additional seventy-five (75) hours for legal representation for the nuclear waste storage compensation project. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

## DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Human Resources Director, Karin Graves stated currently there is a part-time working Public Service Coordinator job available. The job pays \$17.00 an hour with a maximum of 25 hours per week. The individual will be working with Public Service individuals. The information is posted on the City's website.

Director Ianson stated the City will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Zion Clean-Up Days on August 8, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Assistance will be available to help residents drop off their tires and electronics.

Director Roberts stated IDOT has approved the contractor for the project on Route 173 and anticipates starting construction in mid-August.

Administrator Knabel reminded residents of the Census Incentive Program to encourage individuals to complete the census. There will be drawings in July, August, September and October. The drawing will be the first week of the following month. The end of the month is the deadline to submit the paperwork verifying the census was completed. There will be chances to win \$100, \$200 and \$300 cash gift cards. Information is available on the City's website and flyers will also be inserted in the water bills.

Chief Henderson stated the biggest threat to officers is communication. Recently they replaced the aging radio system. The majority of the \$300,000 was paid for by the E-911 Board of Gurnee which saved taxpayers about \$250,000. He stated it is a completion of one of the five goals he set when he first became Chief.

Chief Lewis stated they have been using Winthrop Harbor's fire engine while Zion's engine is getting refurbished.

Mayor McKinney stated on August 8<sup>th</sup> in addition to the Clean-up Day he has been working with District 6 on a Chicago Bears back to school event. He has had a long time friendship with Bears Alumni President Gary Fencik who told him he wanted to do an event in Zion. The event will take place in the CCC parking lot. They will be giving away backpacks, school supplies, hand sanitizers and masks. Additionally they will be feeding families. It will be a huge event for the community. It is a good example of taxing bodies working together. He also stated he had a conference call earlier with Senator Durbin and Senator Duckworth regarding the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Waterway Initiative. They are trying to make sure that communities are getting stimulus funding to deal with erosion and infrastructure issues. He discussed how they are affected by the erosion issue along with the 2.2 million pounds of nuclear fuel rods on the lake front. He hopes by being part of the Council of Mayors it will allow Zion to get funding that they might not otherwise have access to.

Mayor McKinney shared the impact that former Police Chief David Fisher had on his life. He stated he was his former neighbor and one of the nicest people he ever met. He took pride in his neighborhood and took time to stop and talk with people. He also mentored kids. He stated there needs more people like him in the neighborhoods.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

August 4	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
August 8	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Annual Zion Clean-Up Days Chicago Bears Back to School Event

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer, and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk