

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020, AT 1:02 P.M. (VIA ZOOM) IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor McKinney called the Special meeting to order.

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

Also present: City Administrator David Knabel, City Attorneys James Vasselli and Eric Stach.

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the Agenda as presented:

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizen Comments

AMENDMENT/NOVEMBER 17 COUNCIL MINUTES

Administrator Knabel is requesting approval of an amendment to the November 17, 2020 meeting minutes. This is regarding an item related to Surplus Property item in the Public Works Department. Although all of the surplus items were approved by Council, one of the items was not reflected in the minutes. This will be a housekeeping item for consistency between the minutes and the ordinance.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Frierson to approve the amendment to the November 17, 2020 minutes to include a 1980 Oshkosh Serial # 18614 as surplus property. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Administrator Knabel stated although the Illinois Municipal Code League (IML) membership is a budgeted item, in order to be transparent it is being brought before Council. The current rate for Zion is \$1,750. Commissioner Frierson asked the item is regularly brought before Council. Administrator Knabel stated sometimes it is handled as part of the budget but they are trying to be consistent with following the Code. He stated the IML has access legal teams and legislative information. They lobby on behalf of the municipalities and members.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve membership renewal with the Illinois Municipal League for 2021 in the amount of \$1,750.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that the Council recess to Closed Session at 1:10 p.m., pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 "Open Meetings", for the discussion of filed, pending litigation, and /or probable or imminent litigation, personnel and collective bargaining. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Frierson to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 1:55 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/IUOE LOCAL 150/PUBLIC WORKS

Administrator Knabel asked the Council to accept the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (20-DOC-95) between the IUOE Local 150 and the City of Zion. Administrator Knabel stated the IUOE Local 150, represents the Public Works employees. The MOU language is adding a stipend for generator maintenance and repair. In the past, the City has contracted out these services. The Public Works Department has an employee that is certified, knowledgeable and willing to take on the task. The City would like to acknowledge the value of the service and pay the employee \$600.00 a year. This will save the City between \$5,000-\$10,000 a year. The union is in favor of the stipend. The IUOE Local 150 has signed the revised copy. The MOU would end with the current contract, which ends on April 30, 2021.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Frierson, to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the IUOE Local 150 and the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/SEPARATION AGREEMENT/SALLY GUSTAFSON

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Fischer, that an Ordinance (20-O-93) be passed authorizing and approving a separation and release agreement between the City of Zion, Sally Gustafson, and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/SUSPENSION/POSSIBLE RECONSIDERATION/ORDINANCE 20-O-91

It was recommended to suspend and reconsider Ordinance 20-O-94 "Granting a Special Use Permit for property located at 2701 Deborah Avenue". Petitioner Krystle McNeely asked what the proposed ordinance says. Erich Stach, City Attorney stated that the intent is to address legal issues and clean-up some matters which are summarized in the ordinance. The ordinance will be remanded back to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a public hearing. Ms. McNeely will be contacted when the hearing is scheduled to take place.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, that an Ordinance (20-O-94) be passed for the suspension and possible reconsideration of Ordinance No. 20-O-91 which approved a Special Use Permit for property located at 2701 Deborah Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/RECINDING AND REVOKING APPROVAL OF DONATION AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, that an Ordinance (20-O-95) be passed rescinding and revoking the approval of a certain donation agreement between the City of Zion and GS Zion Real Estate LLC. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

DISCUSSION/REAL PROPERTY/3905 IL ROUTE 173

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Fischer, to indefinitely table discussion and possible final action regarding real property located at 3905 IL Route 173. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 2:16 p.m. Motion carried.