

Council Minutes

JUNE 6, 2000

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2000, AT 7:01 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**

Rev. Mayfield gave inspirational comments.

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Bennett, Rogers, Taylor, Monk and Mayor Harrison. Mayor Harrison led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

Commissioner Taylor requested adding 1) Payment to the Consent Agenda for Zion Park District, professional services for Commonwealth Edison litigation, \$701.91, item 5.c.; and 2) Departmental Reports to the Consent Agenda for Detailed Revenue & Expense Report, month ending May 31, 2000, and Detailed Balance Sheet, month ending May 31, 2000, item 5.d.

Commissioner Rogers requested adding to consider approval for contract for carillon restoration, item 9.k.

Mayor Harrison requested 1) adding to consider a resolution opposing the dumping of sand from Waukegan Harbor on beaches at Illinois Beach State Park, item 7.b.; and 2) adding to consider professional services for a mapping program for the Fire/Rescue Department during emergency responses, item 9.l.

Commissioner Bennett requested adding to consider accepting letter of resignation, item 13.a.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (a) MINUTES of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on May 16, 2000 at 7:03 P.M., with all members having previously received copies. (b) BILLS: Vouchers 71829 through 72088 drawn on the National City Bank, \$1,136,941.73; First Midwest Bank, \$82,400.41; Total: \$1,219,342.14 (c) PAYMENTS: Daniels, Mauro & Pinsel, legal services, \$10,000.00; Ancel,

Glink, Diamond & Bush, legal services regarding municipal water system, \$4,184.51; Peklay Surveying Co, Ltd., services rendered for plat of annexation, \$500.00; Van Eck Collision & Paint, insurance deductible for ambulance, \$1,000.00; Zion Park District, professional services for Commonwealth Edison litigation, \$701.91 (d) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Detailed Revenue & Expense Report, month ending May 31, 2000; Detailed Balance Sheet, month ending May 31, 2000 The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WAUKEGAN AIRPORT/PROPOSED RUNWAY EXPANSION PROJECT

Mr. Walter Jones, Executive Director, Waukegan Port District, presented information regarding a proposed runway extension for Waukegan Airport. Mr. Jones stated this project would substantially lessen the amount of air traffic over Zion. Runway #5, running northeast to southwest, is proposed to be extended 1,600 feet to the southwest, away from the City of Zion, and targeting traffic to the west. The runway would extend over Green Bay Road. Mr. Jones stated the extension would provide for the following: 1) Improved safety - It would become possible to install an instrument landing system on the west end of the airport 2) Less noise - Planes landing and taking off would do so further to the west. Landings from the north would occur 650 feet after the northern end of the runway, rather than immediately at the end of this runway. 3) Economic development - The extension would only require the purchasing of easements from the Lake County Forest Preserve on the west side of Green Bay Road. According to Mr. Jones, the safety and noise factors would also be improved, due to less need for circling of planes with this extension. Mayor Harrison questioned whether or not larger jets would be utilizing Waukegan Airport with this extension. The Waukegan Port District is not in the market to compete for commercial jets, and larger planes are not being considered. Mr. Jones stated the Waukegan Port District is requesting a resolution of support from Zion, as well as the communities of Waukegan, Wadsworth and Beach Park. Mayor Harrison stated the Council will contact neighboring communities on this issue, and consider this request at a future meeting.

AMENDING PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that a Resolution (00-R-34) be passed amending the Personnel Authorization, deleting the position of Building Inspector in the Building and Zoning Department, and replacing this position with a Lead Inspector. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

DREDGING OF WAUKEGAN HARBOR

Mr. Paul Kakuris, President, Illinois Dunesland Preservation Society, stated the Army Corps of Engineers plans to dump 40,000 cubic yards of sand dredged from Waukegan Harbor at the north end of the Illinois Beach State Park. Mr. Kakuris stated the dredged materials contain PCBs and other dangerous chemicals, which exceed certain standards. Mayor Harrison stated the City of Zion has not received notification of this dumping project, and the local water supply is just south of the proposed dumpsite. Mr. Kakuris stated quarry sand has been utilized in the past for beach erosion programs; however, this is a more expensive source of sand. A municipality has authority and jurisdiction up to three (3) miles from its shoreline. Commissioner Taylor suggested pursuing legal action. Mayor Harrison stated federal legal counsel has been contacted. Mr. Kakuris noted dredging is scheduled to begin by Friday, June 9. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk that a Resolution (00-R-35) be passed opposing the dumping of sand dredged from Waukegan Harbor at the north end of Illinois Beach State Park. This resolution will be forwarded to state legislators and officials, informing them of Zion's opposition to the project, and the urgency of the matter. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/SEALING ABANDONED WELL/ESDA

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (00-0-32) be passed authorizing a contract for sealing an abandoned well at the ESDA facility with Illinois Geothermal Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$19,660.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/DOME REPAIRS

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (00-0-33) be passed authorizing a contract for repairs to the Dome with Lloyd Roofing and Construction in an amount not to exceed \$3,250.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/3237 GABRIEL DEMOLITION

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (00-0-34) be passed authorizing a contract for the demolition of 3237 Gabriel Avenue with RES Environmental Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE/GARBAGE TRUCK/PUBLIC WORKS

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (00-0-35) be passed authorizing the purchase of a 1991 International garbage truck for Public Works with Standard Equipment in the amount of \$45,000.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (00-0-36) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 14, regarding business license requirements and fees. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

VARIANCE FOR SETBACK & APPEARANCE/2318 EBENEZER AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that an Ordinance (00-0-37) be passed granting a variance from Article IV, Section 102-92(b)(2), reducing the minimum building setback from the north lot line to 15 feet, and a variance from Article V, Section 102-130(a), regarding building appearance requirements for 2318 Ebenezer Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, nay; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, nay. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (00-0-38) be passed ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for laborers, mechanics and other workmen in the locality of Zion employed in performing construction of public works. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

A letter (00-DOC-66) was received from Diana Guthman, requesting acceptance of her resignation as Chairman of the Festival of Lights Commission. Ms. Guthman stated the committee has accomplished a great deal since its inception five years ago, however, increasing demands of her business have made it necessary to curtail outside activities. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to regretfully accept Diana Guthman's resignation from the Festival of Lights Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye;

Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPT PERSONNEL CHANGES

A memo (00-DOC-67) was received from Chief Malcolm requesting permission to delete one vacant Captain position, and to replace the position with one patrol officer. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to delete one Captain position and to replace it with one patrol officer, and to amend the Personnel Authorization accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/SALE OF POLICE SQUAD TRUCK

A Tabulation of Bids (00-DOC-68) was received from Chief Malcolm, regarding the sale of the International squad truck. Chief Malcolm recommended selling this vehicle to the sole bidder in the amount of \$101.00. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk to accept the bid from Rich Chirchirillo in the amount of \$101.00 for the sale of the International squad truck, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BULLET PROOF VESTS/POLICE DEPT.

A memo (00-DOC-69) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to purchase eleven (11) bulletproof vests. Replacement is necessary, as the life of each vest is limited. The purchase of these vests would be from Uniform Den, Inc. through the State of Illinois bid price of \$4,609.00. Up to 50% of this cost may be reimbursed through grant funds. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to waive bids and approve the purchase of eleven (11) bullet proof vests with Uniform Den, Inc. for a total amount of \$4,609.00, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BONNIE BROOK FIRE PROTECTION/DISPATCH SERVICES AGREEMENT

A memo (00-DOC-70) was received from Chief Malcolm, recommending changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Bonnie Brook Fire Protection regarding dispatch services. Due to increased calls, Chief Malcolm recommends increasing the fee from \$11,000 per year to \$15,000 per year. Chief Malcolm also recommended that fees be paid for normal connection and monthly service to the alarm panel. As the term of

this agreement has lapsed, Chief Malcolm recommended the City Attorney review and update this agreement for a 3-year term. 6/6/00 It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve amending the Intergovernmental Agreement with Bonnie Brook Fire Protection, as recommended, regarding dispatch services for a 3-year term, subject to the City Attorney's review. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATES/SECTION 10 & SECTION 78

A memo (00-DOC-71) was received from John Jones, recommending various updates to the Municipal Code as follows: Section 10-37(b)(7): Minimum heights in crawl space between slush coat concrete and joist must be 36 inches. Section 10-218(c)(1): All habitable rooms shall have receptacles installed so that no point along the floor line, in any wall space, is more than 5 feet, measured horizontally, from an outlet in that space. Section 10-218(d)(7): All garages must have underground electric power and a minimum of one GFCI outlet. 210-8(a)(4)-All receptacles in the garage or outside the garage must be GFCI protected. Section 10-6, 10-6(1) - 10-6(7): Updates needed regarding private service walks and all sidewalks. Section 26-277(1): Private service walks shall be required across nonpavement areas between habitable building entrance and a paved area or other sidewalk, however, this does not apply to patio entrances, secondary basement access or emergency exits not used for everyday access. Section 10-218(c)(18): There shall be a ceiling receptacle installed in all garages for the purpose of a garage door opener. Section 78-1 - 78-3, 78-9 - 78-12 & 78-26: Replace Commissioner of Street and Public Improvements with Commissioner of Public Works. Section 78-2: Replace Superintendent of Street with Director of Public Works. Section 78-79 & 78-80: Delete entire sections. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve amending various sections of the Municipal Code, as recommended, and for ordinances to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SANITARY SEWER LINE/HIGHWAY 173

A memo (00-DOC-72) was received from Peter Cioni, regarding the extension of a sanitary sewer line along Highway 173. Mr. Cioni recommended that plans be prepared for the extension of a 12-inch sewer line west along the north side of Highway 173 to Green Bay Road. Due to a limited amount of time to complete this project, it has yet to be determined whether or not to have the plans prepared in-house or seek bids. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to grant permission to prepare plans for the extension of a 12 inch sanitary sewer line along with the north side of Highway 173, and to advertise for bids, if necessary, per Commissioner Bennett. The vote on

roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. NORMAN SUBDIVISION A memo (00-DOC-73) was received from Peter Cioni, considering the approval of Norman Subdivision. Norman Subdivision represents the resubdivision of three City owned lots into four lots on the south side of Salem Blvd, between Gilead and Gilboa. Each lot would then have an area of 15,600 square feet. Commissioner Bennett stated he approves the subdivision, but disapproves of the land exchange. 6/6/00 It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the Norman Subdivision, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF USED AMBULANCE

A memo (00-DOC-74) was received from Chief LaBelle, requesting permission to purchase a used ambulance from the Newport Fire Department for the amount of \$5,000. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to purchase a used ambulance from the Newport Fire Department in the amount of \$5,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPT. VACANCY

A memo (00-DOC-75) was received from Chief LaBelle, requesting permission to fill a vacancy for a firefighter/paramedic created by the retirement of Duane Peacy. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to fill the vacancy of a firefighter/paramedic with the next eligible candidate from the Fire and Police Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CARILLON RESTORATION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve waiving bids and contracting with Schulmerich Bells for the restoration of the carillon for the amount of \$9,840.00, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

MAPPING PROGRAM/FIRE/RESCUE DEPT.

A memo (00-DOC-76) was received from Chief LaBelle, regarding professional services for a mapping program to initially be used by the Fire/Rescue Department during emergency responses. Group 1

Resources proposes to utilize the City's existing map files, combining information, making it all accessible through one computer screen at any time. Through laptop computers, responding personnel will have immediate access to vital information prior to their arrival. Once this program is completed, all departments could make use of the data. Chief LaBelle stated Group 1 Resources is the only company he has been able to find in this area, which offers such a program. The cost of this project would be \$24,561.25, which is a budgeted expense. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve waiving bids and contracting with Group 1 Resources for professional services for a mapping program, initially for the Fire/Rescue Department, in the amount of \$24,561.25, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2875 GALILEE AVENUE DEMOLITION

Commissioner Rogers stated the City is in the process of purchasing 2875 Galilee Avenue for the amount of \$7,500, in order to begin demolition as soon as possible. Three quotes were received for demolition, with the lowest quote received from George Neave. Mr. Neave proposes to demolish the building at a cost of \$700 per day with a maximum of 3 days, and Public Works would be responsible for removing the debris in dumpsters. Mr. Neave would then come back to the site and conduct finishing and grading work for an additional \$2,000. The maximum cost would be \$4,100, plus the cost of the dumpsters. Commissioner Rogers recommended approving an expenditure up to \$8,000, including the cost of multiple dumpsters, and awarding the contract to George Neave. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to award the contract for the demolition of 2875 Galilee Avenue to George Neave, as presented, and to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$8,000 for the demolition and cost of dumpsters, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Liz Gumbert complained of flooding and water problems by her home at 3306 Wembley Drive. The developer was asked to put in additional drains, but has refused to do so. Commissioner Bennett stated the subdivision's letter of credit should still be available, and can be drawn on for this problem.

Faith Barrera complained of the manner in which the police handled an emergency call from her home. Ms. Barrera will be meeting with Commissioner Monk and Chief Malcolm to discuss this matter.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Malcolm stated they are seeking candidates in the Police Department for Police Officers and Community Service Officers. Applications for Police Officers can be picked up at the Police Station, 2102 Salem Blvd, Zion, IL. Applications for Community Service Officers can be picked up at City Hall, 2828 Sheridan Road, Zion, IL.

Commissioner Bennett stated he wishes to have a discussion during the next Council meeting to consider street-only pick up of garbage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 7	TRUMIE OPEN GOLF OUTING BENEFITING GENESIS HOUSE
JUNE 10	INITIAL MEETING OF YAHOO
JUNE 14	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "FLAMINGO OPEN" GOLF OUTING
JUNE 20	CITY COUNCIL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Executive Session at 9:13 p.m. to discuss personnel compensation and discipline, purchase of real estate, and possible litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 11:50 p.m. with all members present.

CARILLON RESTORATION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to authorize an initial payment to Schulmerich Bells in the amount of \$5,000 for the restoration of the carillon. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve wage changes for Community Service Officers as follows: Starting wage: \$8.00 per hour 1 year experience: \$9.00 per hour 2 years experience: \$10.00 per hour 3 years experience: \$11.00 per hour 4 or more years experience: \$12.00 per hour The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SICK LEAVE/EMPLOYEE POLICY

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk to amend the Employee Policy Handbook regarding sick leave to include the following: Should an employee require five (5) consecutive sick days or more, the employee must furnish a current report from the attending physician indicating prognosis and anticipated length of illness or injury. The employee may also be required to have a physical examination by a physician chosen by the City to determine length of time the employee will be unable to report to work. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to regretfully accept the resignation of Chuck Gleason, Director of Public Works, and to post and advertise for this position. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 11:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved June 20, 2000