

Council Minutes

August 1, 2000

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2000, AT 7:04 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, Monk, Rogers and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Taylor was absent.

Mayor Harrison led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

Commissioner Bennett requested adding to consider purchase of a high-pressure washer for Public Works, item 11.k.

Commissioner Rogers requested 1) deleting a special presentation for YAHOO, item 6; 2) adding a payment to the Consent Agenda for George Neeve & Sons, house demolition, \$2,100.00, item 8.c.; 3) adding to consider pursuing a grant for Kellogg Ravine, item 11.l.; 4) adding to consider Nextel phone system for Building and Zoning Department, item 11.m.; and 5) adding to request to advertise for bids for painting of Dome, item 11.n.

Mayor Harrison requested 1) deleting a special presentation for John Paul, item 5; 2) adding appointments to the E-911 Committee, item 11.j.; and 3) adding an ordinance approving the transfer facility site, item 10.h.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of a Special Meeting held on July 5 at 5:03 P.M. and a Special Meeting held on July 11, 2000 at 6:03 P.M. was deferred until all Council members could be present.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (a) MINUTES of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on July 18, 2000 at 7:00

P.M., with all members having previously received copies. (b) BILLS: Vouchers 72488 through 72623 drawn on the National City Bank, \$728,125.55; First Midwest Bank, \$76,703.13; Total: \$804,828.68 (c) PAYMENTS: Daniels, Mauro & Pinsel, legal services, \$10,000.00; Kane, McKenna & Associates, Inc., professional services rendered on the Zion South Sheridan Road TIF project, \$2,220.00; The Davenport Group, computer services, \$1,050.00; Illinois Geothermal Engineering, services rendered on abandoned well at ESDA facility, \$19,660.00; SBC Global Network, computer network services rendered, \$3,485.50; D & B Fabricators and Distributors, Inc., ZARN containers, \$18,768.00; Belski Electric, street light locates for JULIE for June, 2000, \$2,379.00; Jewell Electric, services rendered at Police Administration Building, \$2,535.00; RES Environmental Services, Inc., demolition of structure at 3237 Gabriel, \$37,000.00; George Neeve & Sons, house demolition, \$2,100.00 8/1/00 (d) RECEIVE & PLACE ON FILE: Lake County 2000-2004 Five-Year Highway Improvement Program The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

AMENDING PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (00-R-37) be passed amending the Personnel Authorization, deleting one Captain/Paramedic position and replacing this position with a Firefighter/Paramedic, and deleting the Fire Inspector position. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

AUTHORIZING LEGAL INTERVENTION/ZION POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that a Resolution (00-R-38) be passed authorizing legal representatives to file a request to intervene in the pending appeal of the Zion Powerhouse Museum 1999 property assessment. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE/MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS COMPENSATION

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that an Ordinance (00-0-61) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 2, Section 2-32, increasing the compensation of the Zion Mayor and Commissioners, for such officials elected to office in 2001 and 2003. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/TREE REMOVAL

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (00-0-62) be passed authorizing a contract for the removal of dead, dying or hazardous trees with Aerial Work Services Company in the amount of \$8,448.84. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/SKID STEER LOADER/PUBLIC WORKS

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (00-0-63) be passed authorizing a contract for the purchase of a skid steer loader for Public Works with Burriss Equipment in the amount of \$36,269.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/BACKHOE LOADER/PUBLIC WORKS

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that an Ordinance (00-0-64) be passed authorizing a contract for the purchase of a backhoe loader for Public Works with Burriss Equipment in the amount of \$58,275.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE/EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (00-0-65) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 2, adding Article IX, Sections 2-540 and 2-541, regarding membership and duties of the Emergency Telephone System Board. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

REZONING/2541 & 2545 EMMAUS AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (00-0-66) be passed rezoning the property at 2541 and 2545 Emmaus Avenue from R-13 Residential to HO Hospital. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

VARIANCE/1707 GALILEE AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (00-0-67) be passed granting a variance for 1707 Galilee Avenue, allowing for a side yard building setback variance from 18 feet to 5 feet for the construction of a detached residential garage. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

TRANSFER STATION SITING

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (00-0-68) be passed approving the site located at 29th Street and Deborah Avenue for permit application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as a waste storage/transfer facility. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ZION REVIVAL CENTER/AMPLIFICATION PERMIT

Zion Revival Center has requested permission for a sound amplification permit on Sunday, August 13. Per Zion Code, sound amplifiers are not to be operated within two blocks from any hospital. Midwestern Regional Medical Center is within two blocks of the Zion Revival Center. Mayor Harrison noted this event will be held during daytime hours, and has been held in the past without any problems. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission for Zion Revival Center to obtain a sound amplification permit for Sunday, August 13. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

VIDEO RECORDERS/POLICE DEPT. VEHICLES

A memo (00-DOC-100) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to purchase 16 in-car video recorders and video accessories. Two quotes were received for these items, with the lowest proposal from Mobile Vision for the total amount of \$63,000. A private donation in the amount of \$38,200 would be utilized for part of this purchase. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to waive bids and approve the purchase of 16 in-car video recorders and video accessories from Mobile Vision in the amount of \$63,000.00, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING DEPT/CODE ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANT

Commissioner Rogers requested permission to create a part-time position of Code Enforcement Assistant for the Building and Zoning Department. This person would serve on an on-call basis, helping to oversee work release individuals. Currently, Jim Kelley supervises all of these workers,

who perform such duties as mowing grass, cleaning up debris and garbage, and general janitorial duties. The rate of pay would be \$9.00 per hour. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Monk to approve creating a part-time Code Enforcement Assistant position for the Building and Zoning Department, amending the Personnel Authorization accordingly, and granting permission to post and advertise for this position. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PROPERTY SALE/2875 GALILEE AVENUE

A memo (00-DOC-101) was received from John Jones, requesting permission to advertise for bids for the sale of property at 2875 Galilee Avenue. Mr. Jones stated the structure at this address has been demolished. A minimum bid will be advertised, which will include all City costs. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Monk to grant permission to advertise for bids for the sale of property at 2875 Galilee Avenue, and for a resolution to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

A memo (00-DOC-102) was received from Peter Cioni, regarding rejoining the Lake County Community Development Block Grant Program. Mr. Cioni recommended passage of a resolution, including the City in the Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program for 2001 and 2002. Mayor Harrison noted that participating in the county program does not preclude the City from participating in certain state programs, as the City could file with legislative representatives. Mr. Cioni stated the City's participation in the county program would be effective September 1, 2000. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Monk that Resolution (00-R-39) be passed approving the inclusion of the City of Zion in the Urban County Lake County Community Development Block Grant Program for 2001 and 2002. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

IEPA GRANT/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

A memo (00-DOC-103) was received from Peter Cioni, regarding an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Grant for environmental studies of the following sites: · Former Mobile Oil/Forrest Williams property on Sheridan Road across from K-Mart · Martin Oil property on Sheridan Road · Kaplan property at Highway 173 and Sheridan Road This grant would fund 70% of the cost of conducting the studies and preparing remediation plans. ENSR, a consulting firm, would charge \$3,125 to complete the application. Mr. Cioni also suggested adding the former Candy Factory to a future study. Commissioner Rogers stated grant writing should be

conducted by in-house staff. Mr. Cioni noted he was informed by the state that this grant must be written by an environmental consultant. Commissioner Rogers suggested that ENSR take their fee out of the proceeds of the grant. Mayor Harrison stated he was informed that this type of grant must be submitted by a certified environmental engineer. 8/1/00 It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve submitting a grant application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for environmental studies of the three sites, as proposed, and authorizing the payment of \$3,125.00 to ENSR for completion of the application. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. 28th

STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Sidewalk improvements on 28th Street, adjacent to the new Auto Zone, were included in a grant application to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Peter Cioni recommended that the \$12,644.90 cost of these improvements be taken from the Downtown TIF District fund, since the TIF Board had previously approved the use of TIF funds to replace sidewalks in the downtown area. Mayor Harrison noted the TIF Board was not aware of this particular request for funds. Mayor Harrison stated he doesn't wish to delay the contract, however he recommended obtaining TIF Board approval first. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to authorize payment of \$12,644.90 out of General Funds for sidewalk improvements on 28th Street next to Auto Zone, and to submit this expenditure to the TIF Board recommending reimbursement of funds. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SIDEWALKS, ELECTRICAL & LIGHTING/2500-2700 SHERIDAN ROAD

Mayor Harrison recommended advertising for bids for the engineering portion of the downtown improvement project. This portion of the project would include sidewalks, electrical and lighting for the 2500 through 2700 blocks of Sheridan Road, in order to start revitalization efforts. The project would coincide with proposals from the Downtown Development Council. Commissioner Rogers stated the TIF Board and City staff would be responsible for gathering and developing preliminary plans. Peter Cioni noted that bidders must be certified through the state. The state determines who is qualified to bid on this project, since state funds would be utilized. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission for the TIF Board and City staff to gather information and develop a preliminary plan, after which to advertise for bids for the engineering portion of the downtown improvement project including sidewalks, electrical and lighting for the 2500 through 2700 blocks of Sheridan Road. The vote on roll call was:

Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ALLEY REPAVING

Commissioner Bennett requested permission to advertise for bids for alley repaving. Commissioner Bennett noted specifications are being prepared and will be ready within a few days. Commissioner Rogers stated the costs related to alley repaving would help in pursuing more information on the proposed curbside garbage pickup program. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to grant permission to advertise for bids for alley repaving. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

E-911 COMMITTEE

A memo (00-DOC-104) was received from Chief LaBelle, submitting names for appointment to the E-911 Committee, as follows: Fire Rescue Chief Chief David LaBelle Police Chief Chief Doug Malcolm ESDA Coordinator Director Jack Diliberti Commissioner Commissioner Amos Monk Mayor Mayor Lane Harrison Fire/Rescue Representative Lieutenant Dale Colwell Police Representative Captain Greg Nugent Citizen Representative Gordon Ohmstead It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the appointments to the E-911 Committee, as submitted. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

HIGH PRESSURE WASHER/PUBLIC WORKS

A memo (00-DOC-105) was presented by Commissioner Bennett, requesting permission to waive bids and purchase a high-pressure washer for Public Works. Three quotes were received by Don Leicht, with the lowest quote from Great Lakes Distributing, Inc. in the amount of \$3,400.00, including a trade-in allowance. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to waive bids and grant permission to purchase a high pressure washer for Public Works from Great Lakes Distributing, Inc. in the amount of \$3,400.00, including trade-in, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

KELLOGG RAVINE/ROUTE 173

Commissioner Rogers requested applying for a Lake County grant, in order to conduct an engineering study of Kellogg Ravine along Route 173. Properties in this area have experienced erosion and drainage problems. Engineering costs are estimated at \$8,000. Mayor Harrison also requested

that drainage problems around Bull Creek also be reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to apply for a Lake County grant for an engineering study of Kellogg Ravine along Route 173. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM/BUILDING & ZONING DEPT

. A memo (00-DOC-106) was received from John Jones, requesting permission to purchase a Nextel phone system for the Building and Zoning Department. Mr. Jones stated the Building Department budgeted for a much more expensive laptop computer system for mobile communications. However, the Nextel 2-way radio/telephone system provides a good means of private communications at a much lower cost of \$518.00. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the purchase of a Nextel 2-way radio/telephone system in the amount of \$518.00 for the Building and Zoning Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PAINTING OF DOME

Commissioner Rogers requested permission to advertise for bids for painting the Dome. Certified painters, belonging to Spirit of Life Church, have volunteered to do a portion of the painting on the Dome itself. The request for bids would include painting the lower portion of the structure. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to advertise for bids for the painting of the Dome, as requested. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Commissioner Rogers stated apartments with three or four units have been billed for garbage service by both BFI and the City. BFI is now rectifying this matter, and will be crediting landlords accordingly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 4	Zion Chamber of Commerce "Mayor's Luncheon"
August 5 & 6	Lake County Fine Arts Festival
August 15	City Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that the Council recess to Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. to

discuss personnel, possible litigation and purchase of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 10:32 p.m. with same members present.

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 10:33 p.m. Motion carried.