

# Council Minutes

**March 6, 2001**

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2001, AT 7:01 P.M. IN THE CITY  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Chief LaBelle gave inspirational comments.

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order. On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Taylor and Rogers and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Monk arrived at 7:07 P.M. Commissioner Bennett was absent.

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

## **AGENDA CHANGES**

Mayor Harrison requested 1) deleting the special presentation to the Zion Chamber Orchestra, item 5.; 2) adding to consider payment to Lake County Stormwater Management Agency for plan review fee for 33rd Street extension, item 9.e.; and 3) adding personnel/collective bargaining to Executive Session, item 12. Commissioner Taylor requested deleting to consider passing an addendum to the Onyx Waste Services contract, item 9.a.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (a) MINUTES of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on February 20, 2001 at 7:02 P.M. and Special Meeting/Workshops held on February 21, 2001 at 4:31 P.M. and February 26, 2001 at 4:35 P.M., with all members having previously received copies. (b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Building Inspector's Report, February, 2001; City Clerk's Monthly Report, February, 2001; Workers Compensation Claims for January & February, 2001 (c) BILLS: Vouchers 74400 through 74544 drawn on the National City Bank, \$682,560.13; First Midwest Bank, \$88,783.42; Total: \$771,343.55 (d) PAYMENTS: Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Rolek, P.C., legal services, \$9,598.75; Timothy R. Evans, legal services, \$487.50; Zion Park District, ComEd tax litigation, \$1,567.99; Business Districts, Inc., services rendered on downtown redevelopment project, \$6,664.91 & \$3,606.38; Total: \$10,271.29 (e) PROCLAMATION: Lake County Farm Bureau/National Agriculture Week - March 18-24, 2001 The vote on roll

call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Sooren Sarkisian stated there are on-going parking problems in the alley behind the 2100 block of Elisha Avenue. Mr. Sarkisian also questioned a ticket he received. Commissioner Monk and Chief Malcolm will meet with Mr. Sarkisian to discuss his concerns. Dawn Moragne stated concerns regarding the condition of 33rd Street, noting the needs for repairs. Mayor Harrison stated 33rd Street is a top priority, as a workshop was just held on the topic of street paving. The City is working out the funding for street maintenance and repairs.

### **AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/BUILDING APPEARANCE**

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (01-0-13) be passed amending Chapter 102, Zoning of the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, Illinois, Section 102-130, regarding appearance of accessory buildings. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

### **AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/HEIGHT OF ACCESSORY BUILDINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that an Ordinance (01-0-14) be passed amending Chapter 102, Zoning of the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, Illinois, Section 102-152(3), wherein no building accessory to a residence shall exceed a height of 18 feet. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

### **SHERIDAN ROAD STREETScape PROJECT**

A memo (01-DOC-29) was received from Peter Cioni and Brian Usher regarding survey work for the Sheridan Road Streetscape Project. Proposals were solicited for a survey of Sheridan Road from Shiloh Blvd. through 28th Street. Only one firm, Peklay Surveying Co, Ltd., submitted a proposal estimating the cost of this project to be \$15,000. Mr. Cioni and Mr. Usher recommended contracting with this company for the survey. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve contracting with Peklay Surveying Co, Ltd. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the Sheridan Road Streetscape Project survey, with funds to be taken from Public Property and presented to the TIF Review Board for reimbursement. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

## **ENGINEERING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

A memo (01-DOC-30) was received from Brian Usher requesting permission to participate in an Internship Program for two engineering interns. Marquette University has students who would be available year-round to assist the Engineering Division on various projects. Mr. Usher suggests compensating the interns at a rate of \$11.00 per hour for approximately 1000 hours per year with no benefits. This rate of pay would be consistent with rates paid in the past for summer help. The total annual cost to the City would be \$22,800 for both interns. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk to approve hiring two engineering interns through Marquette University, as recommended, in an amount not to exceed \$22,800, subject to the City Attorney's review of the agreement with Marquette University. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

## **NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE/JOINT PURCHASE PROGRAM**

A memo (01-DOC-31) was received from Brian Usher, requesting permission to participate in a joint purchase program with the Northwest Municipal Conference. Mr. Usher stated the City could realize substantial savings for crack sealing and pavement marking projects, and requested submitting quantities for City work to the Conference. The Conference would be responsible for preparing the specifications, receiving bids and handling the contracts. Mr. Usher stated work would start after May 1 and be completed by the fall. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk to grant permission to participate in a joint purchase program for crack sealing and pavement marking projects with the Northwest Municipal Conference. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

## **LAKE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

A memo (01-DOC-32) was received from Peter Cioni, considering payment to the Lake County Stormwater Management Agency for plan review of the 33rd Street extension. Stormwater Management requires this fee for the final review of the City's plans. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to authorize payment in the amount of \$3,190 to the Lake County Stormwater Management Agency for plan review of the 33rd Street extension. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

## **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Work has resumed on the new Walgreens, since all reviews have been completed by the Lake County Stormwater Management Agency. Mr. Cioni noted Stormwater Management delayed the project, questioning the calculations for the building's elevations, only to state that all elevations are correct. Mayor Harrison will request that Stormwater Management consider placing the detention pond on the south side underground, so as not to create a hazard or mosquito breeding ground. The City can reapply for certification with Stormwater Management in June. Brian Usher stated other communities have decided not to reapply for certification. Mayor Harrison stated this issue needs further review.

Frank Flammini stated 16 homes would participate in this year's Christmas in April program.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- March 8 Special City Council Meeting
- March 10 Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- March 12 "A New Day in Zion" Meeting at Shepherd's Crook
- March 20 City Council Meeting

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Monk that the Council recess to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss purchase of real estate and personnel/collective bargaining. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 10:01 p.m. with same members present.

### **ANNUAL WAGE INCREASES**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve annual pay increases for non-union employees, including part-time employees and not including Department Heads, of 3.25%. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, 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 Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 10:04 p.m. Motion carried.