

# Council Minutes

**April 24, 2001**

MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001, AT 4:43 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Monk, Taylor, Rogers Bennett and Mayor Harrison.

## **PROPOSED BUDGET/2001/02**

### **Community Development:**

No major changes are proposed from the previous year's budget.

### **Economic Development:**

The Council agreed the Business Development Council's (BDC) budget should appear under Economic Development. BDC has requested \$150,000 for the 2001/02 budget, including \$60,000 for a Business Manager. BDC doesn't expect any disbursements of funds until spring of 2002. Commissioner Taylor recommended placing development funds in this account.

The Council agreed to change line item 65-00-1-02-290, Contracted Services/Contingent, from \$345,000 to \$2,400,000.

Kevin McKenna, Speer Financial, Inc., presented debt service schedules for Water Revenue Bonds. The process takes approximately 60 days to complete.

The Council agreed to a \$3,500,000 schedule for Water Revenue Bonds for a 20-year period, which requires an increase of \$50,000 annually in debt service, and for Mr. McKenna to proceed with the necessary documentation.

Kevin McKenna also presented debt service schedules for Alternate Revenue Bonds. Mr. McKenna noted forms of revenue, which can be used, are MFT funds, road and bridge levy, and tipping fees. It was noted that engineering costs could be reimbursed from Alternate Revenue Bonds. Per Mr. McKenna, suggested schedules are as follows:

\$4,000,000 bond - \$380,000 payment required annually

\$7,000,000 bond - \$670,000 payment required annually

\$8,000,000 bond - \$765,000 payment required annually

The Council agreed to pursue engineering for the improvement of major east/west streets.

Mr. McKenna suggested utilizing either bonds or an installment contract for the improvement of 33rd Street, east of Sheridan Road. The Council noted that this roadway is important for the development of the South Sheridan Road project. The Council agreed to utilize Economic Development funds for the improvement of 33rd Street, east of Sheridan Road.

**Building & Zoning:**

John Jones requested adding two full-time employees for Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement, and deleting one part-time position. No agreement was reached on this issue at this time.

**Public Property:**

The Council agreed to change line item 10-06-2-02-140, Street Lighting/Electrical Energy, from \$172,000 to \$185,000.

The Council agreed to change line item 10-06-2-04-790, Street Lighting/Repairs and Maintenance, from \$54,500 to \$40,000.

The Council agreed to pursue cleaning up the Martin Oil property, adding \$7,000 to line item 10-06-1-04-790, Materials & Supplies/Repairs & Maintenance, changing this line item total from \$143,000 to \$150,000.

Commissioner Rogers noted ESDA has requested the construction of a small garage on their property.

Technology Task Force has requested a budget totaling \$76,630. The Council agreed that the Task Force should prioritize their needs and resubmit the request.

**Public Works:**

Brian Usher suggested consolidating Public Works salaries, eliminating multiple line items and accounts, which would simplify operations and bookkeeping.

Mr. Usher adjusted line items as follows:

- 10-04-1-02-240 Admin/Travel & Conference \$4,500
- 10-04-2-02-390 Storm Sewers \$100,000
- 10-04-4-02-150 Tree Consultant \$20,000
- 10-04-4-02-290 Contingent-Trees \$62,500
- 10-04-8-02-240 Streets/Travel & Conference \$2,500 |
- 10-04-8-05-990 Building & Yards/Miscellaneous \$75,000
- 10-04-9-02-240 Fleet/Travel & Conference \$1,500

Mr. Usher recommended the following personnel addition under Public Works administration:

Add one additional Administrative Secretary No agreement was reached on this issue at this time.

Mr. Usher recommended the following personnel additions in the Street Division:

Delete two Service Technicians positions and replace with two Leadman positions Add three additional Service Technicians No agreement was reached on this issue at this time.

Mr. Usher presented his requested Capital Improvement Projects and Capital Outlay Requests.

The Council agreed to defer the discussion of the Public Works budget for Waterworks & Sewerage Fund, Waste Collection Fund, Street & Bridge Fund, and Motor Fuel Tax Fund until the Budget Hearing scheduled for April 23.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session was deleted.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 p.m. Motion carried.