

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2002, AT 3:02 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 Taylor, Winfrey, Bennett, DeTienne, and Mayor Harrison.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, that Agenda Item 5, "Closed Session – collective bargaining and purchase and sale of real estate", be moved to Item 3 on the agenda.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Winfrey, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 3:04 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining, and purchase and sale of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Winfrey, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Winfrey to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 3:40 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Winfrey, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**LIABILITY INSURANCE/WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

A memo was received from the City Clerk stating that various companies were solicited for quotes for liability and workers' compensation insurance. Proposals were received from Jim Leech quoting St. Paul and Larry Pitcher quoting Illinois Counties Risk Management. Illinois Municipal League and Les Peach (IRMA) declined to quote. Commissioner Bennett presented an insurance cost comparison for both liability and workers' compensation insurance. Jim Leech, Leech Bridges Insurance Agency, and Eddie Wood, St. Paul representative, shared risk management and loss control program highlights. Mr. Wood stated that the Police Department accreditation will be a tremendous asset to the City. Mr. Leech stated that the workers' compensation insurance would be with Illinois Public Risk with no deductible and the \$5 million umbrella price is \$106,000. Commissioner Bennett clarified that the alternate \$25,000 deductible workers' compensation plan with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust is per occurrence. Attorney Rolek recommended not accepting the \$25,000 deductible alternative as most City claims are well below \$25,000. He also recommended that the City be more diligent regarding claims management and follow up.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, that the City contract with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust for liability insurance with an annual premium of \$337,169 and workers' compensation insurance with a \$25,000 deductible with an annual premium of \$205,156. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Winfrey, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

#### **PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Greg Schneider, Director of Accounts and Finance, made a presentation to the City Council regarding the 2002 Tax Levy. In his opinion, it is critical at this time to increase the levy so that the City of Zion may capture all of the taxes available under the tax cap laws. He recommended at least a tax rate increase of 1.622% which represents a tax increase of \$57.63 per home valued at \$100,000. Mayor Harrison and Commissioner DeTienne stated that they couldn't support a tax increase. It was noted that \$2.4 million is required for the unlimited accounts, and with no tax increase, an additional \$550,000 must be funded from an alternate revenue source. It was the general consensus of the Council that it should levy to the maximum allowed rates on the limited rate levies and levy to estimated expenses on the unlimited rate levies. Attorney Rolek stated that a Truth in Taxation Hearing and passage of the tax levy must be on the December 17, 2002 City Council meeting agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to publish a Truth in Taxation hearing notice for December 17, 2002 based on a tax extension amount of approximately \$4,828,147.77. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Winfrey, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, nay; and Mayor Harrison, nay. Motion carried.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS & PROCEDURES**

Discussion regarding health insurance benefits and procedures was deferred to the December 17, 2002 City Council meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Winfrey and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried.

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Deputy City Clerk

Approved December 17, 2002