

Council Minutes

June 18, 2002

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

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

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Adding discussion of risk management to Closed Session, item 11.
- Deleting to consider a settlement agreement with Newport Township Fire Protection District, item 9.b.

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

PUBLIC HEARING/APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Harrison opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 P.M. Notice was published for a public hearing regarding the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003 in the amount of \$46,898,074.00. Mayor Harrison asked for any citizen comments and/or questions.

Abe Goldsmith questioned how this year's appropriation compared to last year. Mayor Harrison stated he would obtain this information for Mr. Goldsmith. Commissioner Bennett stated the City's budget this year would be very similar to this past year. Mayor Harrison stated all departments were requested to either hold or eliminate expenses. It is anticipated that expenses will still be higher than revenue, however, the City is attempting to find new sources of revenue. Commissioner Taylor noted major projects are underway, including road improvements, water and sewer improvements, and the downtown redevelopment project.

Mayor Harrison asked if there were any further comments and/or questions, and there were none. Mayor Harrison declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:12 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- a. MINUTES of a Regular Meeting and Closed Session held on June 4, 2002 at 7:05 P.M. and a Special Meeting held on June 11, 2002 at 4:03 P.M., with all members having previously received copies. 6/18/02
- b. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Detailed Revenue & Expense Report, period ending May 31, 2002; Detailed Balance Sheet, period ending May 31, 2002; Building Inspector's Report, May, 2002; Public Works Department Monthly Report, April & May, 2002
- c. BILLS: Vouchers 79961 through 80107 drawn on the National City Bank, \$673,885.23; First Midwest Bank, \$74,653.39; Bridgeview Bank, \$25,894.84; Total: \$774,433.46 (d) PAYMENTS: Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Rolek, P.C., legal services, \$13,250.00, \$630.00, \$890.00, \$101.25, \$1,490.12, \$140.00, \$1,417.50, \$470.00, \$33.75, \$371.25, \$303.75, \$1,385.00, \$911.25, \$1,329.06, \$1,860.00, \$742.50, \$607.50, \$35.00; Total: \$25,967.93; Business Districts, Inc., services rendered on downtown redevelopment project, \$6,480.44

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (02-0-38) be passed making appropriations, totaling \$46,898,074.00 for the City of Zion, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE/NON-CONFORMING USES

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (02-0-39) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 102, Sections 102-31 (7) and 102-206 (b)(2) regarding non-conforming uses. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

VARIANCE/TRINITY ASSEMBLY CHURCH, 2600 LEWIS AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (02-0-40) be passed granting a variance to increase the building footprint for Trinity Assembly Church located at 2600 Lewis Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

RESTORATION OF STREETS

This proposed ordinance provides that any person excavating or tunneling would be responsible for restoring the improved surface of the City's rights-of-way at their own cost. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (02-0-41) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 78, Section 78-56, regarding restoration of streets. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

TELECOMMUNICATOR/POLICE DEPT

. Chief Malcolm requested permission to post for a Telecommunicator vacancy in the Police Department. It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to grant permission to post for a Telecommunicator vacancy in the Police Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

VARIANCE/2306 HEBRON AVENUE

Zoning application 02-Z-08 was presented by John Jones, regarding a request for a variance to construct a garage in the front yard and install a front entrance drive at 2306 Hebron Avenue. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval. Mr. Jones stated staff recommends allowing the placement of the garage, but not allowing a front drive, as the alley should be used for access to the garage. Per this request, the driveway from the street would be 67 feet, while a driveway from the alley would be approximately 30 feet. The adjacent home to the south has a similar situation. The homeowner, Francisco Valencia, and his neighbor are concerned with security problems with an alley entrance. They wish to block the alley with a fence. Commissioner Rogers recommended moving the proposed garage closer to the street, in order to lessen the length of the driveway. Mr. Jones stated concerns regarding difficulty with front parking. In the 2300 block of Hebron Avenue, there are more front entrances than alley entrances. Commissioner Taylor requested tabling this issue until the next meeting, in order to allow Council members to view this property. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to table the variance request for the construction of a garage and front entrance drive at 2306 Hebron Avenue. The vote on

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

FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM/FRANK'S AUTO CENTER

A memo (02-DOC-80) was received from Peter Cioni, regarding a facade grant application from Frank's Auto Center at 2175 Sheridan Road. The Appearance Committee approved the request, recommending a grant in the amount of \$41,556.75. The overall project cost was \$55,409. Mr. Cioni stated this business has met the requirements of this program, and plans have been approved by the Building Department. Commissioner Rogers questioned whether or not the Council should review the plans. Mayor Harrison stated both the Building Department and the Appearance Committee have approved the plans. John Jones stated City Code items have been addressed. Mayor Harrison noted concerns regarding limited parking, and questioned whether or not to recommend replacing the sidewalk in front of the business entrance with off-street parking. Commissioner Bennett stated the enhancement of parking is not a condition of the façade grant program. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the façade grant in the amount of \$41,556.75 for improvements completed at Frank's Auto Center, 2175 Sheridan Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

4th OF JULY/TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Chief Malcolm requested the temporary closure of Shiloh Blvd. from Dowie Memorial Drive to Emmaus Avenue from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the 4th of July celebration. Commissioner Rogers also requested temporary closure of an alley for the Nostalgia Days to be held June 20 through June 22. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the temporary closure of Shiloh Blvd. on July 4, 2002 and the temporary alley closure during Nostalgia Days. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2002 STREET PROGRAM

Commissioner Taylor requested including Lydia Avenue from 21st Street to 25th Street in the 2002 Street Program. The reconstruction of Lydia Avenue would include curbs, gutters, and storm sewer drainage. Commissioner Taylor stated MFT funds may be available, and requested engineering be approved for this project. Greg Schneider stated there are available funds for the engineering. Commissioner Taylor stated the approximate cost of this project would be \$900,000. Commissioner Bennett stated MFT funds couldn't be used to upgrade roads. Commissioner Bennett noted many roadways are in need of repair, and the City can't afford to upgrade Lydia Avenue with curbs, gutters and

storm sewers. Brian Usher stated there are ongoing drainage problems in this area. Commissioner Bennett stated he could support the repair of the street itself. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to authorize engineering for the Lydia Avenue project, from 21st Street to 25th Street, as requested. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, nay; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 20-22	Nostalgia Days
June 26	Senior Resource Day at Shiloh Center
July 2	City Council Meeting
July 16	Township Board Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss personnel, litigation, probable litigation, purchase of real estate, and risk management. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 10:43 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, 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 Rogers, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 10:43 p.m. Motion carried.