

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2004, AT 7:02 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 DeTienne, Bennett, Flammini, Taylor 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 DeTienne to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Delete special presentation to Peter Reinier, item 5.
- Bills in the Consent Agenda should total \$706,221.91, item 6.c.
- Payment in the Consent Agenda for TIF #1 annual rebate should be \$70,000, item 6.d.
- Move the discussion of item 8.c. to 11.c.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/CITY CLERK

Mayor Harrison presented a plaque to City Clerk Judy Mackey for achieving the designation of Master Municipal Clerk per the requirements of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2004 and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on March 16, 2004 at 7:00 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk's Monthly Report, March, 2004
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 86511 through 86635 drawn on National City Bank, \$514,054.51; Add back voided checks, \$300.00 & \$4,615.00; Manual checks: \$77,500.00, \$85,082.40, \$13,000.00 & \$11,670.00; Total: \$706,221.91
- (d) **PAYMENTS:** TIF #1 annual rebate to taxing bodies, \$70,000
- (e) **PROCLAMATION:** Fair Housing Month, April, 2004

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

PURCHASE OF 1221 27th STREET

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that a Resolution (04-R-8) be passed purchasing certain property located within the City of Zion commonly known as 1221 27th Street, Zion, Illinois for the amount of \$170,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

IDOT/MAINTENANCE OF STREETS

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (04-R-9) be passed for maintenance of streets and highways by the City of Zion under the Illinois Highway Code, appropriating \$25,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for 2004. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

A memo (04-DOC-49) was received from Diane Burkemper, Secretary/Treasurer, Festival of Lights Commission, requesting consideration for the appointment of Sharon Finkel to Festival of Lights.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the appointment of Sharon Finkel to the Festival of Lights Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL PROGRAM

A letter (04-DOC-50) was received from Frank Flammini, Christmas in April Coordinator, requesting a donation and waiver of permit fees for the Christmas in April Program. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 24. Frank Flammini stated this is the fifth year Zion has been involved in this program. In the past the City donated \$3,000 and waived any permit fees, and Mr. Flammini requested the City's continued support of this program.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve a \$3,000 donation and waiver of any permit fees for the 2004 Christmas in April National Rebuilding Day. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, pass; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE SQUAD/ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT

A memo (04-DOC-51) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to waive bids and purchase accessory equipment for Police squad cars. Chief Malcolm requested that this installation and purchase of equipment be conducted by approved vendor, Emergency Vehicle Outfitters, for a total cost of \$22,253.73. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to waive bids and grant permission for the purchase and installation of accessory equipment for Police squad cars from Emergency Vehicle Outfitters for the amount of \$22,253.73. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

LAKE COUNTY ROUTE 173 CORRIDOR PLANNING COUNCIL

The Lake County Board has requested the City's participation in the Lake County Route 173 Corridor Planning Council, which is being established for the purpose of the development of a land use plan involving the communities along Route 173.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Antioch, Village of Old Mill Creek, Village of Wadsworth and the County of Lake for the establishment of the Lake County Route 173 Corridor Planning Council. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2004 GRASS CUTTING PROGRAM

A memo (04-DOC-52) was received from Commissioner Taylor, recommending continuing the City's current grass cutting program, extending the program to 9 weeks. The 9-week program would start Monday, May 31 and end on Friday, July 30, 2004. Salaries would be increased and adjusted to reflect an additional \$3,191.00. Commissioner Taylor also requested to consider having some of the liens turned over to a collection agency, and to place this discussion on the next Council meeting. Attorney Rolek stated the city might wish to consider increasing lien fees, as many other municipalities have higher fees. Commissioner Bennett stated there is not a clear process in place for collection of such fees. Attorney Rolek suggested formalizing a process for better collection of all liens and fees. The Council agreed to place a discussion regarding the collection of outstanding liens and fees on the next regular Council meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the 2004 grass cutting program, as presented, extending the program to 9 weeks. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WATER SYSTEM/CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

A memo (04-DOC-53) was received from Brian Usher, requesting to waive bids and authorize the printing of the 2003 Consumer Confidence Report for the City's water system. Mr. Usher stated he has received a quote from The Gemini Group for the production and distribution of 6,500 reports for a total cost of approximately \$4,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to waive bids and approve a contract with the Gemini Group for the production and distribution of the 2003 Consumer Confidence Report for the City's water system in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

GPS RECEIVER FOR MAPPING SOFTWARE/PUBLIC WORKS

A memo (04-DOC-54) was received from Brian Usher, requesting to waive bids and purchase a GPS receiver package for interaction with Public Works mapping software. This GPS receiver will allow for more accurate data collection. A quote was received from Seiler Instrument Company, the area representative for Trimble GPS receivers. These receivers would be compatible with the current mapping software. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to waive bids and authorize the purchase of a Trimble GeoXT 512MB Bluetooth TerraSync Professional Receiver and GPS Pathfinder Office software kit from Seiler Instrument Company in an amount not to exceed \$7,500. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POSITIVELY ZION CABLE PROGRAM

A memo (04-DOC-55) was received from Delaine Rogers, requesting to participate in the Lake County Television Channel 17 weekly cable programming. The program would be entitled "Positively Zion", and would feature Zion events and programs with a focus on business development. The cost would be \$15,000 for 52 weekly one-hour programs. As the sponsor, the city would be able to monitor the content of programs.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve participating in the Lake County Television Channel 17 "Positively Zion" cable programming, authorizing \$15,000 for the 52 weekly programs. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 9 City Offices Closed
- April 13 Annual Town Meeting
- April 20 Annual Township Public Hearing – 6:00 P.M.
- April 20 Township Board Meeting – 6:30 P.M.
- April 20 City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
- April 24 Christmas in April National Rebuilding Day
- April 30 Blood Drive at City Hall

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, and the purchase and sale of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:16 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIREFIGHTERS CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Mayor Harrison stated the City has been negotiating a renewal contract with the Zion Professional Firefighters Association, and the Council discussed the details of this contract.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the contract agreement with the Zion Professional Firefighters Association for May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2007. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed medical and life insurance costs and rates, as provided by the city's insurance consultant and presented by Commissioner Bennett.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve medical and life insurance rates and costs effective May 1, 2004 as follows:

Monthly Payment for COBRA Coverage

Single: \$ 660.00
Single + One: \$1,165.00
Family: \$1,700.00

Monthly Payment for Retirees with Medicare

Single: \$350.00
Single + One: \$700.00

Monthly Payment for Retirees

Single: \$595.00
Single + One: \$1,190.00
Life Insurance: \$13.00

Monthly Rate for non-union employees

Single Coverage: from \$60/month to \$70/month
Single + One Coverage: from \$85/month to \$105/month
Family Coverage: from \$115/month to \$135/month

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, 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 Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:22 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk