

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2004, AT 3:39 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, Flammini, Bennett, Taylor and Mayor Harrison.

Inspection

John Jones requested adding an additional \$8,000 under Contracted Services/Contingent for the printing and mailing of a brochure regarding property maintenance. The Council agreed to consider this request, increasing this line item from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Public Property

The Council agreed to consider John Jones' request for public property capital outlay purchases.

The Council agreed to delete \$1,728 in Telephone expenses for Sprint systems from Public Property, and add this line item to Economic Development.

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Public Health and Safety

Chief Malcolm requested adding 4 new patrol officers, noting the Police Department is typically down 2 officers at any given time due to situations such as workers compensation or military leaves. The Council noted that if the City were to hire 2 additional officers, when the current employees on leave return, then other leaves would again balance the total personnel authorization.

Mayor Harrison questioned whether or not there were other areas in the Public Health and Safety budget, which could be deleted or amended to fund the additional officers. Chief Malcolm stated the following areas could be amended to help balance the budget:

- \$125,000 – Animal Control Facility
- \$141,456 – Public Service Program
- \$24,800 – Administrative Adjudication Program
- \$70,713 – Animal Control Program
- \$121,000 – Part-Time Community Service Officers
- \$30,000 – Mosquito Control Program
- Withdrawal of request for 4 additional patrol officers
- Withdrawal of request for 5 new squad cars

The Council noted the need to continue current programs, which serve as quality of life programs for the community.

The Council agreed to amend the following:

- Public Service Program – eliminating \$2,000 for purchase of snow plow for pickup
- Radio tower replacements – deleting total of \$40,000 (2-\$20,000) in Public Health and Safety and transferring to E-911 Telephone System
- Mosquito Control Program – deleting \$30,000 from Public Health and transferring to Public Property
- Repairs & Maintenance/Building & Grounds – Contingent to be decreased from \$15,960 to \$5,000
- Personal Services/Special Duty – eliminating the line item for \$2,000 Nostalgia Days

Chief Malcolm also proposed adding one additional Sergeant position by deleting one Patrol Officer position.

2004/05 Budget

The Council agreed to schedule another Budget Workshop on May 19 at 7:00 P.M. for a recap of all budget proposals.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved May 18, 2004