

**MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2004, AT 7:00 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, Taylor, Bennett and Mayor Harrison.

SHILOH TOWERS/1525 27th STREET/ACCESSORY USE VARIANCE

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a request for an accessory use variance for the construction of a gazebo at Shiloh Towers, 1525 27th Street, as petitioned by Bill Ditzig – Zoning Docket 04-Z-12. The Planning/Zoning Commission recommended approval. The gazebo would be constructed in the northwest corner in the front yard area, as part of an Eagle Scout project. Mr. Ditzig also requested waiving the building permit fee for this project. It was noted the variance would need to be granted to the owner of the property, the Lake County Housing Authority.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve a variance to the Lake County Housing Authority for the construction of a gazebo at Shiloh Towers, 1525 27th Street, as requested, waving the building permit fees, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2004/05 BUDGET

Mayor Harrison questioned whether or not there were any outstanding issues still to be discussed regarding the 2004/2005 budget.

Chief Malcolm requested adding patrol officers to the Police Department's Personnel Authorization. Commissioner Bennett recommended adding two patrol officers, noting the School Resource Officer at Central Junior High will now be available for regular patrol duty. Commissioner DeTienne recommended authorizing three additional patrol officers, and if someone should retire in the near future, the authorization could then be reduced by one position. Chief Malcolm requested changing one patrol officer position to a Sergeant, and then adding one additional patrol officer. The Council agreed to Chief Malcolm's request. Chief Malcolm will make the official request at the June 1 Council meeting, in order to amend the Personnel Authorization accordingly.

The Council agreed to keep the Animal Control Program in the Police Department budget. Chief Malcolm stated he is checking into the possibility of using the former Zion landfill site for a new dog pound. Since the Building Department has agreed to serve as project manager for construction of this facility, Chief Malcolm requested the line item for the animal control facility be transferred to Public Property. The Council agreed to leave this item in the Police Department budget.

The Council agreed to keep the Administrative Adjudication Program in the Police Department budget. Commissioner Bennett questioned as to where the funds have been spent to date for this program. Attorney Rolek stated the majority of the funds spent have been for the purchase of necessary software. Attorney Rolek stated he will prepare a report regarding the status of the program.

The Council agreed to keep the Public Service Program in the Police Department budget.

It was noted there is currently a surplus of \$202,272 in the General Fund. Mayor Harrison stated he would be interested in knowing the history of the General Fund balance over the past four years.

Greg Schneider stated the General Fund surplus will be reduced due to the additional Police officers and the addition of benefits for approved new salaries. Mr. Schneider also stated that Chief LaBelle is providing a list of where the Fire/Rescue Department expects to spend impact fees. The impact fee fund would reflect actual expenditures, and the Fire/Rescue budget would be reduced by the same amounts.

The Council agreed to amend the budget, as recommended, and to place this item on the June 1 Council meeting for final approval.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk