

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2005, 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 Flammini, DeTienne, Taylor, Bennett and Mayor Harrison.

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

**ZION & WINTHROP HARBOR FIREFIGHTERS COMMENDATIONS**

Fire/Rescue Chief Dave LaBelle recognized Zion and Winthrop Harbor firefighters for their special efforts during a fire at 2328 Gabriel Avenue on January 23, 2005. Chief LaBelle stated that the action taken by these gentlemen was outstanding in this life-threatening event, proving to save lives. Mayor Harrison and Chief LaBelle presented commendations, honoring the firefighters.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that a Resolution (05-R-7) be passed, commending the following City of Zion and Village of Winthrop Harbor firefighters for their bravery and selfless efforts during a fire on January 23, 2005:

Zion Fire/Rescue Department  
Firefighter/Paramedic Tom Bailey  
Firefighter/Paramedic Dan Reich  
Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Urbanik

Winthrop Harbor Fire/Rescue Department  
Firefighter Eric Burrow  
Firefighter David Conrad  
Firefighters John Glade

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on February 15, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on February 15, 2005 at 7:40 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk's Monthly Report, February, 2005
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 89628 through 89751 drawn on National City Bank, \$754,065.65; Add back voided check, \$237.00; Net Total: \$754,302.65
- (d) **PAYMENTS:** Overhead Door of Lake & McHenry Counties, overhead door installation at Fire Station #1, \$9,015.00

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

**AMENDING PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION/BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that a Resolution (05-R-8) be passed amending the Personnel Authorization, changing the part-time Building Inspector to a full-time Building Inspector in the Building Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**TRIATHLON SPECIAL EVENT**

A memo (05-DOC-24) was received from Delaine Rogers regarding an agreement with Sommer Sports, Inc. for a triathlon special event to be held in Zion. The City of Zion, along with the Lake County Convention and Tourism Bureau, would serve as the host organizations. The event is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of August 20 and 21, 2005, with the adult race to be held on August 21 and a youth event to be held on August 20. Fred Sommer, President, stated Zion would be one of eight stops in the country for the TriAmerica Triathlon Series. The event can attract between 2,000 and 5,000 participants and spectators. Ms. Rogers stated there would be residual costs involved in this event, which can be included in various departmental budgets. Neighboring communities have expressed an interest in participating, of which they could also participate in some of the costs. Mayor Harrison welcomed the TriAmerica Triathlon Series to Zion, noting it was exciting to be included along with such communities as Miami, Clermont, Dallas, Louisville, Vail, Hampton and St. Paul.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to authorize proceeding with Zion's participation in the August 20-21, 2005 TriAmerica Triathlon Series, subject to the City Attorney's review of the agreement with Sommer Sports Professional Event Management. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ADOPT-A-BEE PROJECT**

A memo (05-DOC-25) was received from Delaine Rogers regarding the Adopt-A-Bee project. The Council previously approved an expenditure up to \$10,000 for the purchase of 20 bees. Commissioner Flammini stated interest in the program has been tremendous with several businesses and entities requesting to participate. To date, 65 bees have been purchased or requested. Commissioner Flammini recommended an additional expenditure up to \$15,000 for the Adopt-A-Bee project.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve an additional expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 for the Adopt-A-Bee project with funds to be used from the Cable Fund. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**POLICE VEHICLES**

A memo (05-DOC-26) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to purchase four police vehicles through Miles Chevrolet, Inc., who has the State of Illinois contract for Chevy police vehicles. Chief Malcolm recommended purchasing three Chevy Tahoes with the police interceptor package and one Chevy Impala for a total cost of \$97,567.00 less any trade-ins. This is a budgeted item with funds available in Capital Outlay.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the purchase of four police vehicles, as requested, from Miles Chevrolet, Inc. for a total cost of \$97,567.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**TAB OF BIDS/DEMOLITION OF 1915 HEBRON AVENUE**

A Tabulation of Bids (05-DOC-27) was received from John Jones, regarding the demolition of 1915 Hebron Avenue. Mr. Jones recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, AKA Wrecking Company, LLC, in the amount of \$14,300.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to award the contract for the demolition of 1915 Hebron Avenue to AKA Wrecking Company, LLC for the amount of \$14,300. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**CONCRETE REPAIRS**

A memo (05-DOC-28) was received from Brian Usher, requesting permission to waive bids and contract for miscellaneous concrete repairs. Due to maintenance operations during the winter, there are eight locations in the city needing small concrete repairs. Additionally, a concrete pad is needed at the Police Station to accommodate their dumpsters. Mr. Usher stated three contractors were contacted for estimates, and only one company responded. Mr. Usher recommended awarding the contract for various concrete repairs to KMA Concrete for an amount not to exceed \$2,717.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to waive bids and award the contract for various concrete repairs, as requested, to KMA Concrete in an amount not to exceed \$2,717. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**WATER SYSTEM/CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

A memo (05-DOC-29) was received from Brian Usher, requesting to waive bids and authorize the printing of the 2004 Consumer Confidence Report for the City's water system. Mr. Usher recommended continuing to work with the Gemini Group for the production and distribution of 6,500 reports for a total cost not to exceed \$4,100.

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 2004 Consumer Confidence Report for the City's water system in an amount not to exceed \$4,100. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**CAMERA ONE CABLE SHOW**

A memo (05-DOC-30) was received from Delaine Rogers, requesting to renew the contract with Ed Pilar and Pilar Networks for the Camera One cable show. The fee for 2004 was \$15,000, and the fee for 2005 would be \$25,000. Mr. Pilar would continue to produce a weekly program about Zion to be telecast on cable television, and his website is linked to the City's website. Ms. Rogers recommended supporting this project through Cable Funds. Mr. Pilar stated he is happy to be part of the Zion team, and anticipates many new projects and events this year.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the renewal of the contract with Pilar Networks for the 2005 Camera One cable show in the amount of \$25,000, and for this project to be paid from the Cable Fund. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**AMBULANCE COMPUTER**

A memo (05-DOC-31) was received from Chief LaBelle, requesting permission to waive bids and purchase a replacement computer for an ambulance. Three companies were contacted, and the lowest quote was from CDW Office Technologies in the amount of \$3,293. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to waive bids and grant permission to purchase a computer for a Fire/Rescue Department ambulance from CDW Office Technologies for a cost of \$3,293. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- March 3 Planning/Zoning Commission Meeting
- March 8 Last Day for Voter's Registration
- March 15 Township Board Meeting
- March 15 City Council Meeting
- March 19 Care Fest; a community project involving several organizations to be held at the Zion Leisure Center

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:10 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, 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 Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved March 15, 2005