

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005, AT 7:03 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 Flammini, Bennett, Taylor, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison.

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

BEE-PRENTICE PROGRAM

On behalf of the Zion Business Development Council and Zion-Benton Township High School, Delaine Rogers requested support of the Bee-pretice Program. Based on the Apprentice television show, this program would involve the following:

- In November, ZBTHS Junior students, who meet certain qualifications, would compete through an essay and interview process for one of forty spots in the competition
- In January through March, the forty contestants will be involved in mock business situations, which will be assessed by a panel of business owners and educators
- On April 22, 2006, as part of the Bumble Bee Ball, the top five participants will be announced and given paid internships with Zion businesses
- In September 2006, one participant will be selected by the panel as the Bee-pretice and receive a cash scholarship award

The Council agreed to participate in the Bee-pretice Program.

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 October 18, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on October 18, 2005 at 7:28 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Detailed Balance Sheet and Revenue & Expense Report, period ending September 30, 2005; Accounting Department Report; City Clerk's Monthly Report, October 2005; Economic Development Department Report, June-September 2005
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 91999 through 92173 drawn on National City Bank, \$885,593.65; Add back voided check, \$5,580.81; Net Total: \$891,174.46
- (d) **PAYMENTS:** Carl's Plastering Company, emergency repairs at Animal Control Facility, \$5,400.00; Pickus Companies, partial work completed on demolition of buildings in 2900 block of Sheridan Road, \$71,387.00
- (e) **PROCLAMATION:** Marine Week – November 6-13, 2005

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

LAKE COUNTY CDBG GRANT

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that a Resolution (05-R-26) be passed authorizing participation in the Lake County Community Development Block Grant for \$150,000 for public infrastructure improvements. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

LEASE OF 3222 WEST 27TH STREET

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (05-0-43) be passed for the lease of certain property commonly known as 3222 West 27th Street, Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, nay; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

JUBILEE DAYS FESTIVAL COMMISSION

The Jubilee Days Festival Commission recommends reappointment of the following officers effective October 1, 2005:

- David LaBelle - President
- Jim Wiedner – Vice President
- Judy Mackey - Secretary/Treasurer
- Rich Walker – Executive Director

The Jubilee Days Festival recommends the reappointment of the following Board members effective October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2008:

- Les Martin
- David Padfield
- Michael Ruchti
- Carol Ruesch

The Commission also recommends the appointment of Brent Paxton for a term through September 30, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to appoint the Officers and Board members to the Jubilee Days Festival Commission, as recommended. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SATELLITE RECEIVER SITE

A memo (05-DOC-154) was received from Chief LaBelle, requesting to install a satellite receiver and related equipment, which is part of a project for upgrading radio equipment at Fire Stations 1 and 2. The Village of Winthrop Harbor has agreed to allow use of their Public Works tower at no cost for installation of the receiver/transmit site, as Winthrop Harbor will also benefit from this installation. Chief LaBelle recommended waiving bids and purchasing the necessary equipment from the vendor who has been upgrading the equipment, Comlink Technologies, LLC, for a total cost of \$11,290. A FEMA grant was received for this purpose, which will fund 90% of the project, and the balance of the cost was included in the current budget.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to waive bids and grant permission to purchase a satellite receiver and related equipment for upgrading the Fire/Rescue Department's radio equipment with Comlink Technologies, LLC for a total cost of \$11,290. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

LYDIA AVE. & 27th ST./MINOR RESUBDIVISION

A memo (05DOC-155) was received from John Jones, considering the minor resubdivision of a parcel at the northwest corner of Lydia Avenue and 27th Street into 3 lots. Each lot would be in excess of 18,000 square feet, which exceeds the R-13 residential zoning. Commissioner Bennett questioned the location of the sewer line. Property owner, Gary Allen, stated there is sewer on the southern portion of the property, and there is no sewer adjacent to the north side of the property. Mr. Allen stated he would have to make arrangements for a future sewer extension.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the minor resubdivision of the northwest corner of Lydia Avenue and 27th Street into 3 lots, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

1916 HERMON AVENUE/SETBACK VARIANCE

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a request for approval of a rear-yard setback variance for a non-conforming use at 1916 Hermon Avenue, as petitioned by Joe Paavilainen – Zoning Docket 05-Z-11. The Planning/Zoning Commission recommended approval. Mr. Paavilainen wishes to build an addition to his home. A variance from the 20-foot setback requirement is requested, as an expansion is not permitted for a non-conforming use. Neighbors have been contacted, and there have been no objections. Commissioner Bennett stated he is opposed to enlarging a home, which is non-conforming, noting the house is on the rear lot line next to the alley. Commissioner Flammini stated the homeowner would be improving the home and neighborhood. Commissioner Bennett noted concerns regarding vehicle traffic in the alley. Commissioner Taylor stated the home would still exist next to this alley, as it would not be torn down if this request were to be denied. Mayor Harrison stated this request was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant approval of a rear-yard setback variance for 1916 Hermon Avenue, as requested, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, nay; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF SQUAD CAR EQUIPMENT

A memo (05-DOC-156) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to purchase accessory equipment for five Police squad cars. A quote was received from Custom Vehicle Systems, Inc., and the total cost for the equipment would be \$22,565.25. This is a budgeted item under Capital Outlay.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to purchase accessory equipment for five Police squad cars from Custom Vehicle Systems, Inc. for a total cost of \$22,565.25. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

LEAF REMOVAL/PURCHASING POLICY

Commissioner Bennett recommended amending the Purchasing Policy, adding leaf removal to the items, which do not require advertising for bids, due to lack of competition. Commissioner Bennett suggested obtaining quotes for this service.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to amend the Purchasing Policy, adding leaf removal to the items, which do not require advertising for bids. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WORKERS COMPENSATION & LIABILITY INSURANCE

Commissioner Bennett stated the Workers Compensation and Liability insurance policies have been received from Pitcher Insurance and Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) as follows:

Liability Insurance:	\$421,594, which is an increase of \$8,084 from last year's premium of \$413,510
Workers' Compensation:	\$611,407, which is an increase of \$287,650 from last year's premium of \$323,757

Mayor Harrison stated, in attempting to obtain insurance quotes, other companies were contacted. The city was told there is a 30-day cancellation requirement, however, Mayor Harrison stated so far this has not been found to be true. Mayor Harrison suggested taking the quote from Pitcher Insurance and ICRMT under consideration and allowing competitive companies to continue quoting up to the renewal date of December 1. Mayor Harrison noted the new Worker's Compensation Policy recently passed was supposed to reduce the insurance premium. This quote is substantially higher than even the estimate provided by Pitcher Insurance just two months ago. Commissioner Bennett recommended that a date of September 1, 2006 be set for receipt of quotes for next year's policies, as this renewal quote was just received today. Commissioner DeTienne suggested that the city's broker be put on notice that this is not acceptable. Attorney Randall stated legal staff would have to review the contract in order to advise the Council regarding cancellation requirements.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve contracting with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust for liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance, effective December 1, 2005, subject to:

- Attorney review of the ICRMT contract, and
- Allowing for possible changes of contract terms and conditions, as imposed by the city, and as determined per attorney review, and
- Allowing continued pursuit of insurance quotes.

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

2006 STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT/ENGINEERING SERVICES

A memo (05-DOC-157) was received from Brian Usher, regarding engineering services for the 2006 Street Maintenance Project. A work proposal has been received from Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers at a cost not to exceed \$100,500. The work schedule includes bidding this project early in 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve engineering services for the 2006 Street Maintenance Project from Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers at a cost not to exceed \$100,500. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

GREEN BAY ROAD WATER MAIN RELOCATION

A memo (05-DOC-158) was received from Brian Usher, regarding the contract for the Green Bay Road water main relocation project. Previously a contract was approved with Campanella & Sons for lowering the water main located north of 21st Street along Green Bay Road. While making improvements, changes were needed including the addition of two 12" valves, a more extensive pressure test procedure, and re-landscaping the impacted area. These changes will require an additional \$10,255 to the contract.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to authorize an increase in the contract with Campanella & Sons in the amount of \$10,255 for additional work required on the Green Bay Road water main relocation project. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Harrison thanked everyone involved for their participation in the 7th Annual Mayor's "Bee" Safe Halloween Walk.

Lake County Board representative Brent Paxton congratulated the City of Zion for being awarded the Lake County Partners "Extra Mile Award". Mr. Paxton stated this award is for special economic development achievement.

Mayor Harrison stated Township Supervisor Cheri Ditzig is working to extend the PACE bus service to include portions of Zion west of Lewis Avenue.

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| November 8 | Zion Exchange Club Golden Deeds Banquet |
| November 15 | Township Board Meeting |
| November 15 | City Council Meeting |
| November 17 | Mayor/Chamber of Commerce present "Zion's Best Cuisine" at Illinois Beach State Resort |

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:20 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; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:02 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY STICKER REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner Bennett suggested discussing city sticker requirements and procedures at the November 15 City Council meeting. The Council agreed to discuss this issue at the next regular meeting.

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 9:40 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved November 15, 2005