

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006, AT 7:01 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, DeTienne, Bennett, 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 Bennett to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Deleting to consider special use request for development of condominium, item 7.d.

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

Citizens requested amending the agenda to include public comments regarding veterans and veterans' rights. Attorney Margaret Kostopulos stated the City Council does not have a public comment section during the Council meeting. In a Commission form of government, each Commissioner is responsible over a specific area, so it is more appropriate to contact the Commissioner or Department Head to address an individual issue. Mayor Harrison stated he would be willing to talk to veterans about veteran rights and benefits, but can't talk about a pending lawsuit.

Attorney Kostopulos stated a barrage of misinformation has been disseminated to the public and the media regarding this case, including that there are currently 9 separate claims or allegations against the City and its officials. The claimant has withdrawn 8 of the 9 charges, as these charges were without merit. The only remaining claim before the court deals with a question regarding a certification. The details of this lawsuit are privileged information, since this case is pending.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on April 4, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on April 4, 2006 at 7:18 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Accounts & Finance Department Report, March, 2006; Building Inspector's Monthly Report, March, 2006
- BILLS:** Vouchers 93633 through 93788 drawn on National City Bank, \$725,124.13
- PAYMENTS:** Lake County Municipal League, 2005-2006 dues, \$2,328.79
- PROCLAMATION:** World Laughter Day – May 7, 2006

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

**ISSUANCE OF BONDS/WATERWORKS & SEWERAGE SYSTEM**

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the second and final reading of Ordinance (06-O-25) be passed authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$2,480,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006, of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois, for the purpose of defraying the cost of refunding certain previously issued General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2001, of the City, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for collection, segregation and application of the waterworks and sewerage system revenues. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE/MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DWELLING UNITS**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (06-0-26) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Section 10-49, regarding minimum standards for single-family and two-family dwelling units. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM**

A memo (06-DOC-42) was received from Clerk Mackey recommending the approval of the 2006 Mosquito Control Program as follows:

- Treatment of catch basins - \$15,399.50
- 4 citywide misting treatments @\$3,582.10 each for a total of \$14,328.40
- 3 treatments of downtown area and Shiloh Park prior to Nostalgia Days, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Jubilee Days @\$300 each for a total of \$900
- Total Mosquito Control Program - \$30,627.90

Services would be conducted by Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management. This company maintained prices over the last two years. The 2006 program's cost increases are due to additional catch basins and the coverage of additional city miles.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to award the contract for the 2006 Mosquito Control Program to Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management for a total amount not to exceed \$31,000.00, with services as recommended. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**SUMMER PERSONNEL/ACCOUNTS & FINANCE**

A memo (06-DOC-43) was received from Larry Pannell, requesting permission to post and hire two (2) temporary summer interns in the Accounts and Finance Department as follows:

- An intern to assist with Accounts and Finance projects at an hourly rate of \$9.00-\$9.50 per hour at 40 hours per week for 16 weeks
- An intern from the Bee-prentice program at an hourly rate of \$8.00 per hour at 40 hours per week for 16 weeks

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to post positions and hire two (2) temporary summer interns for the Accounts and Finance Department, as requested. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**SUMMER EMPLOYEES/PUBLIC WORKS**

A memo (06-DOC-44) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting permission to post positions and hire temporary summer employees in the Public Works Department as follows:

Engineering Division	2
Street Division	3
Part-time Supervisor	1
Grass Cutters	6

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to grant permission to post positions and hire twelve (12) temporary summer employees for the Public Works Department, as requested. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**EXPANSION OF STORE AT 2105 GALILEE AVENUE/SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a request for a Special Use Permit for the expansion of a vehicle electronics store to be used as a vehicle repair shop at 2105 Galilee Avenue, as petitioned by Earl Woodruff – Zoning Docket 06-Z-7. The Planning/Zoning Commission recommended denial of this request. The Planning and Zoning Commission’s denial was based on limited parking and the impact of additional traffic on residents.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to deny the Special Use Permit for the expansion of the electronics store to be used as a vehicle repair shop at 2105 Galilee Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**NOSTALGIA DAYS BANNERS**

Delaine Rogers requested approval to order banners for Nostalgia Days. The estimated cost from the current banner supplier would be \$110 to \$115 per banner for a total cost up to \$3,500.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve an expenditure up to \$3,500 for Nostalgia Days banners. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Harrison thanked Todd Gordon, Director of Zion City of Miracles, for his help and efforts in obtaining large quantities of needed school supplies for Zion grade schools.

April 20	Citizen’s Law Enforcement Advisory Commission Banquet
April 22	Bumble Bee Ball
April 24	Coalition for Healthy Communities Annual Awards Banquet
April 28	Zion-Benton Exchange Club Spaghetti Dinner
April 29	Rebuilding Together Day (formerly Christmas in April) with 4 Zion homes
May 2	Regular City Council Meeting
May 16	Township Board Meeting

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:14 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; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:33 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**WAGES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed proposed wage increases for non-union full-time and part-time employees.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve wages effective May 1, 2006:

- 3.25% wage increase for non-union, full-time employees, except for those positions listed separately below:
- Larry Pannell - \$75,000
- 3.5% wage increase for all other Department Heads
- Ken Ranta’s annual salary - \$9,500
- John Schultz’s annual salary - \$3,000
- Rachel Fisher’s annual salary - \$2,900
  
- Part-time Community Service Officers                                 \$10.00 - \$15.00 per hour
- Part-time Clerical Assistant/City Clerk’s office                     \$13.00 per hour
- Part-time City Hall Receptionists   \$10.25 per hour. effective 9/5/06 with satisfactory reviews
  
- Part-time Summer/Public Works   \$9.75 - \$10.75 per hour
- Part-time Summer/Engineering   \$9.75 - \$11.75 per hour
- Part-time Summer Supervisor/Public Works                             \$18.50 per hour
- Part-time/Grass Cutting Program   \$8.75 - \$9.00 per hour

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, 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 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved May 2, 2006