

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006, 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 Bennett, Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Adding a payment for reimbursement to appropriate taxing bodies for TIF District #1 for a total amount of \$70,000
- Adding a presentation designating Zion as Tree City USA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Workshop/Special Meeting held on April 13, 2006 at 4:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on April 13, 2006 at 4:27 P.M., and a Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2006 at 7:01 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on April 18, 2006 at 8:14 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Detailed Balance Sheet and Revenue & Expense Reports, period ending March 31, 2006; City Clerk's Monthly Report, April 2006; Public Works Monthly Report, March 2006
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 93789 through 93932 drawn on National City Bank, \$931,269.90
- (d) **PROCLAMATION:** Building Safety Week – May 7-13, 2006
- (e) **TREE CITY USA PRESENTATION:** Brian Usher announced that the National Arbor Day Foundation has again awarded the City of Zion as Tree City USA. This is a special recognition, as this is the 10th year that Zion has won this recognition. Mr. Usher presented the Mayor with the award, a flag and a special sign to be displayed at an entrance to the city.

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

TIF DISTRICT #1/REIMBURSEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to authorize a payment totaling \$70,000 to the appropriate taxing bodies for reimbursement for TIF District #1. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, nay; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ZION PARK DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT/SALE OF WATER

Commissioner Bennett stated an amendment is being proposed to the Zion Park District Intergovernmental Agreement for the sale of water and construction of a water main to serve Shepherd's Crook Golf Course. This amendment would be for a 3-year period at a charge per 1,000 gallons of cost plus 10%. An additional 3-year period would be at 1.20% for the 4th year, 1.30% for the 5th year and 1.40% for the 6th and final year.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (06-0-27) be passed authorizing the first amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the sale of water and construction of a water main between the Zion Park District and the City of Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

2909 WILLOW LANE/CONDOMINIUM REQUEST

A memo (06-DOC-45) was received from the Predevelopment Team regarding a request to change an apartment project at 2909 Willow Lane into condominiums. Commissioner Flammini stated a letter has just been received noting that impact fees due by May 1 for this project have not been paid and the occupancy permit has been rescinded. Commissioner Flammini recommended tabling this item.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to table the request to change an apartment project at 2909 Willow Lane into condominiums. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TELECOMMUNICATORS/POLICE DEPT.

A memo (06-DOC-46) was received from Deputy Chief Booth, requesting permission to post and advertise for two full-time Telecommunicator positions in the Police Department. Chief Malcolm stated the request is for the addition of two Telecommunicators, in order to replace the contract service, Back-Up Communications. This company is no longer going to be available, and Chief Malcolm noted there are no other nearby companies large enough to handle this job. Commissioner DeTienne stated contract workers don't have a personal interest in our community.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to add two full-time Telecommunicator positions in the Police Department, posting and advertising for these positions, and to amend the Personnel Authorization accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

RECORDING SYSTEM/POLICE DEPARTMENT

A memo (06-DOC-47) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to purchase an in-house DVD recording system. The State of Illinois has mandated that video recordings be taken for certain offenses, so this equipment is needed in the investigative interview rooms. Three quotes were received, and Chief Malcolm recommends purchasing this equipment from Current Technologies in the amount of \$8,434.35. Chief Malcolm noted there are available funds in the Police Drug Fund for this purchase.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to grant permission to purchase an in-house DVD recording system for the Police Department from Current Technologies in the amount of \$8,434.35. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

NO PARKING SIGNS/NEAR 2048 HERMON AVENUE

A memo (06-DOC-48) was received from Chief Malcolm, recommending that “No Parking” signs be installed in front of and north of 2048 Hermon Avenue to allow for the loading and unloading of the school bus. A traffic study was conducted with a recommendation to grant this request.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the installation of “No Parking” signs in front of and north of 2048 Hermon Avenue, as recommended, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/WALK-IN VAN/PUBLIC WORKS

A Tabulation of Bids (06-DOC-49) was received from Brian Usher for the purchase of a walk-in van chassis and body for the Water Division of Public Works. Mr. Usher recommended awarding the contract to the sole bidder, who met all qualifications, Northwest Trucks for the amount of \$48,594. Mr. Usher stated this purchase does exceed the budget, however additional Water Division funds are available. Commissioner Bennett questioned whether or not Public Works already had a similar walk-in van. Mr. Usher stated the current vehicle is not operable, and the used van would be sold at auction.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to award the contract for the purchase of a walk-in van chassis and body for Public Works to Northwest Trucks in an amount not to exceed \$48,594. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/PORTABLE MESSAGE SIGN

A Tabulation of Bids (06-DOC-50) was received from Brian Usher for the purchase of a variable message/Arrow board portable sign trailer. Mr. Usher recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, who met all qualifications, United Rental, in the amount of \$16,752.94.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to award the contract for the purchase of the portable message sign trailer to United Rental in an amount not to exceed \$16,753. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SHEPHERD’S POINT/FIRE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

Chief LaBelle stated an amendment to the Deer Point Developer’s Agreement regarding fire alarm requirements for Shepherd’s Point was requested by the Fire/Rescue Department. Chief LaBelle stated each individual unit would not be connected and monitored by the alarm system, unless it has a sprinkler. This would eliminate false alarms from smoke detectors going off due to simply over-cooking items, which create smoke. The Council noted that the proposed amendment has not yet been provided to them. Patrick Smith, representing Deer Point, noted that Deer Point and the City’s Attorney have both agreed to this amendment. Mayor Harrison recommended tabling this issue until the next meeting, in order to receive a copy of the amendment.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to table the amendment to the Deer Point Developer’s Agreement regarding fire alarm requirements for Shepherd’s Point until the next regular Council meeting. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ZION LIQUOR CONTROL ORDINANCE

The Liquor Control Commission has recommended that the City Council amend the Liquor Control Ordinance, creating an additional Class A Liquor License. The Class A license authorizes the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in restaurants. There are currently two Class A liquor licenses. Mayor Harrison stated the restaurant would have to meet all criteria, standards and regulations. Commissioner DeTienne stated proposed applicants should have background checks conducted prior to considering any additional licenses. Attorney Randall stated her office could review the procedures for liquor licenses, noting the only item before the Council at this time is whether or not to approve the additional Class A liquor license.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to deny the creation of an additional Class A Liquor License. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Harrison presented appointments and re-appointments to various City Boards and Commissions.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to appoint the following members to City Boards and Commissions:

Citizens' Law Enforcement Advisory Commission

Debbie Lewis
Amos Taylor
Jonathan Hadnott
Donna Linder

Electrical Commission

John Jones
Dave LaBelle
Dave Geer
Constance Corder
Charlie Revis

Festival of Lights

Ann Ennesser
Carol Ruesch
Les Martin

Fire & Police Commission

Donna Linder

Jubilee Days Commission

Ann Ennesser
Edna Zoephel
Wayne Brooks
Brent Paxton

Liquor Control Commission

Terry McNabb

Planning and Zoning Commission

Howard Burkemper
Bruce Quinn
Juanita Winfrey

TIF Review Board

Debbie Lewis
Donna Flammini
John Brown
Leroy Cliff
Mike White

Zion Business Development Council

Jane Henry
Tom Lay
Joyce Latham
Debbie Lewis
Jason Roe
Arlene Martin
Julia Ramey
Carol Ruesch
Shirley Thorn
Bill Warren
Joan Wesson
Dawn Wright

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3	1:00 P.M.	Walk for Literacy at all Zion Grade Schools
May 16	6:30 P.M.	Township Board Meeting
May 16	7:00 P.M.	Regular City Council Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:57 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed the City Council's areas of responsibility.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to appoint L. Howard Bennett as Commissioner of Accounts and Finance and Mayor Pro Tem for the fiscal year May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to appoint Lloyd E. DeTienne as Commissioner of Public Health and Safety for the fiscal year May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to appoint Jim E. Taylor as Commissioner of Public Works for the fiscal year May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Frank A. Flammini as Commissioner of Building and Public Property for the fiscal year May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS & CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed the appointment of Department Heads and City Officials.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to appoint the following Department Heads and City Officials:

The Law Firm of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Rolek - City and Prosecuting Attorneys
 Judy Mackey - City Clerk
 Douglas Malcolm - Police Chief
 David LaBelle - Fire/Rescue Chief
 Brian Usher - Director of Public Works & Engineering
 Delaine Rogers - Director of Economic Development
 John Jones - Director of Building and Zoning & Health and Safety Officer
 Larry Pannell - Director of Accounts and Finance
 Ken Ranta - ESDA Coordinator
 John Schultz - Asst. ESDA Coordinator
 Rachel Fisher - Treasurer

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

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT POSITION

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed the creation of a new job description and title, replacing a current position in Fire/Rescue Department. Mayor Harrison noted filling this position would be subject to the Mayor's appointment with the Fire Chief's recommendation.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the job description for the position of Assistant Fire Chief in the Fire/Rescue Department, replacing the Fire Marshal/Battalion Chief position, and amending the Personnel Authorization accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, pass; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, 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 DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved May 16, 2006