

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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 Taylor, DeTienne, Bennett, Flammini 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 special presentation for Mike Stried until the Dec. 5 Council meeting, item 5.
- Moving item 8.p. to item 12.a. after Closed Session
- Moving item 8.k. to item 12.b. after Closed Session

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2006 at 7:01 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on October 17, 2006 at 7:27 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Detailed Balance Sheet and Detailed Revenue & Expense Report for periods ending September 30, 2006; Public Works Monthly Reports, September & October, 2006; City Clerk's Monthly Report, October, 2006; Building Department Report, October, 2006
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 95712 through 96000 drawn on National City Bank, \$1,579,688.65; adjust funds – voided checks, \$2,400.00; Total: \$1,577,288.65
- (d) **PROCLAMATION:** Veterans' Day – November 11, 2006
- (e) **RECEIVE & PLACE ON FILE:** Zion Police Pension Fund Annual Audit Report for fiscal year ended April 30, 2006

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

PURCHASE OF 1913, 1915 & 1917 SHERIDAN ROAD

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (06-0-49) be passed approving the purchase of certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as 1913, 1915 and 1917 Sheridan Road, and entering into a contract for purchase of real estate with James Crane. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, pass; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

CONVEYANCE OF EAST LOT IN 2800 BLOCK OF 31ST STREET

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (06-0-50) be passed approving the conveyance of certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as the east lot in the 2800 block of 31st Street, and entering into a donation agreement with Wounded Heroes Foundation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

Anna Sherony, Co-chair of Wounded Heroes Foundation, stated this property donation would help a wounded veteran and his family, Gabe Garriga. Ms. Sherony noted, besides the City donating the land, other organizations have stepped forward in offering to help build the home on this property. Mr. Garriga thanked the city for helping him and providing his family this opportunity.

2909 GIDEON AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (06-0-51) be passed approving the sale of certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as 2909 Gideon Avenue, and entering into a contract for sale of real estate with MT Homes, LLC. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

PURCHASE OF 40488 LYDIA AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (06-0-52) be passed approving the purchase of certain property commonly known as 40488 N. Lydia Avenue, and entering into a contract for purchase of real estate with Barbara Anderson. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (06-0-53) be passed requiring Community Antenna Television Systems to obtain franchises. Attorney Puma stated with these requirements, providers of video programming services would need the City's permission to establish services. The City would be able to help ensure that public rights-of-way are used, repaired and maintained in a proper manner. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ZION POLICE PENSION FUND TAX LEVY

A letter (06-DOC-116) was received from Dwight Ower, President, Zion Police Pension Fund, requesting approval of the tax levy for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2007. The Police Pension Fund is requesting a tax levy of \$754,496. Commissioner Bennett recommended deferring this request, and considering it during the City's tax levy discussion in December.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to receive and place on file the Zion Police Pension Fund tax levy for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2007, deferring the approval until the December 5 Council meeting. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

A memo (06-DOC-117) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to post and advertise for the hiring of three (3) part-time Community Service Officers, due to vacancies in these positions.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to post and advertise for the hiring of three (3) part-time Community Service Officers in the Police Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

NO PARKING SIGNS/WEST SIDE OF ELISHA AVENUE

A memo (06-DOC-118) was received from Chief Malcolm, recommending that "No Parking" signs be installed along the west side of Elisha Avenue between Caledonia Avenue and 28th Street to ensure adequate space for vehicles traveling in both directions, as well as for the elimination of blind spots.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the installation of "No Parking" signs along the west side of Elisha Avenue between Caledonia Avenue and 28th Street, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

JUBILEE DAYS FESTIVAL COMMISSION

The Jubilee Days Festival Commission recommends the reappointment of the following Board members effective October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2009:

- Ann Ennesser
- Rich Walker
- Wayne Brooks

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

SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY/WEST LOT IN 2800 BLOCK OF 31ST STREET

John Jones requested permission to advertise for bids for the sale of the west lot in the 2800 block of 31st Street with a minimum bid amount set at \$40,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to sell the surplus property, known as the west lot in the 2800 block of 31st Street, with a minimum bid amount set at \$40,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SCREENING FOR REFUSE & GARBAGE STORAGE AREAS

A memo (06-DOC-119) was received from John Jones, requesting an extension of the screening requirements for refuse and garbage storage areas for commercial, industrial and multiple-unit residential structures. Mr. Jones stated the extension would help businesses comply.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the extension of the screening requirements for refuse and garbage storage areas for commercial, industrial and multiple-use residential structures to October 31, 2007, and for an ordinance to be prepared amending Ordinance 06-0-21 accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CONDOMINIUM MORATORIUM

A memo (06-DOC-120) was received from John Jones, requesting an extension on the moratorium for condominium conversions. Mr. Jones requested an extension until June of 2007, in order to review all pertinent information. There have been no new requests for condominium conversions at this time.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the extension on the moratorium for condominium conversions until June of 2007, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN/PUBLIC WORKS

A memo (06-DOC-121) was received from Brian Usher, requesting permission to post and advertise for one Street Division Service Technician in Public Works, due to the retirement of Ray Routt.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to grant permission to post and advertise for one Street Division Service Technician in Public Works. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/PURCHASE OF STREET SWEEPER

A Tabulation of Bids (06-DOC-122) was received from Brian Usher, regarding the purchase of a street sweeper for Public Works. Mr. Usher recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder who met all specifications, E & J Equipment, for the amount of \$162,864. This sweeper is a demo unit with a full warranty.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to award the contract for the purchase of a street sweeper for Public Works to E & J Equipment in the amount of \$162,864. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

STONEBRIDGE CROSSINGS SUBDIVISION

A memo (06-DOC-123) was received from Brian Usher, requesting permission to convert the letters of credit to two-year maintenance bonds for Stonebridge Crossings Subdivision. Public improvements have been inspected and either meet all City Codes or are on the list for developer repair. Commissioner Bennett questioned which items are on the repair list. Mr. Usher stated remaining items are weather related issues.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to release the letters of credit and convert to two-year maintenance bonds, effective December 1, 2006, for Stonebridge Crossings Subdivision. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

INTEGRATED SOFTWARE SYSTEM

A memo (06-DOC-124) was received from Larry Pannell, requesting permission to purchase modules for an integrated software system for:

- Building Department permits
- Code Enforcement
- Police parking tickets
- Cash register credit cards

The cost for the software would be \$39,550 from Municipal Software Inc (MSI). Accounts and Finance has been using MSI software for several years. Funds would be available through Public Property, Police and Accounts and Finance budgets.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to grant permission to purchase integrated software system modules, as requested, from Municipal Software Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$39,550. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SHERIDAN SKATIUM PROJECT/TIF GRANT

A memo (06-DOC-125) was received from Delaine Rogers, requesting the approval of a TIF Grant for a Sheridan Skatium Project. This outdoor ice arena is made from a synthetic ice product made of interlocking panels, which would require no refrigeration, water, liner or electricity. Ice Rink Engineering could provide this product for a total cost of \$10,797.53. This project would involve a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and local sponsors for trees, signage, skates, benches and advertising. The TIF Review Board approved a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for this project. The ice rink would be open Thursday through Sunday during the Festival of Lights season. Mayor Harrison questioned whether or not there would be leveling issues with this rink. Brian Usher stated, in order to minimize potential flexing problems, a sand base or bed would be put under the panels. Larry Pannell noted liability issues would be covered through the City's general umbrella policy. Sheridan Health Care Center has offered to monitor the rink, since their employees are nearby 24 hours a day. Commissioner Bennett questioned whether or not this is a good use of TIF funds, noting these funds could be used for better purposes. Ms. Rogers stated this project is part of marketing, attracting and generating business in the area. Mayor Harrison noted a skating rink will attract people to downtown and Zion businesses.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve a TIF Grant payable to Ice Rink Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the Sheridan Skatium Project. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, nay; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FARMER'S MARKET MASCOT

A memo (06-DOC-126) was received from Delaine Rogers, considering the purchase of a Farmer's Market mascot costume. Costume Holiday House, Inc. can design and build a costume for 2007 events for a cost of \$1,400. The TIF Review Board recommends the purchase of the costume for "Reggie Veggie" in an amount not to exceed \$1,400.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve a TIF Grant payable to Costume Holiday House, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,400 for the design and construction of the Farmer's Market mascot "Reggie Veggie" costume. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

NAVAL STATION/GREAT LAKES BASE GUIDE

A memo (06-DOC-127) was received from Delaine Rogers, recommending renewing the contract for advertising in the Naval Station Great Lakes Base Guide and Directory. This guide is distributed to nearly 50,000 recruits per year. The \$5,410.00 cost has not increased, and a discounted price of \$5,139.50 is available for renewal prior to November 30, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve renewing the contract for advertising in the Naval Station Great Lakes Base Guide and Directory at a cost of \$5,139.50. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 9	Corporate Community Spelling Bee at ZBTHS
November 14	City Council Workshop at 3:30 P.M.
November 16	Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Dinner at Illinois Beach State Park Resort
November 21	Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M. City Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining, personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 11:18 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE OFFICER VACANCIES

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed hiring seven (7) Police Officers to fill five (5) permanent and two (2) temporary vacancies. The Fire and Police Commission has approved the Eligibility List. The enrollment in the Police Training Institute would be January 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to hire seven (7) police officers to fill vacancies based on the Fire and Police Commission's Police Officer Eligibility List, and to amend the Personnel Authorization accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2400-2500 BLOCKS OF LEWIS & LYDIA AVENUES

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed the sale of city-owned properties in the 2400-2500 blocks of Lewis and Lydia Avenues. Staff has requested preparing bid documents for these parcels.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to grant permission to prepare bid documents for the sale of city-owned properties in the 2400-2500 blocks of Lewis and Lydia Avenues. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Flammini, 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 11:28 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk