

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2007, AT 7:00 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, Flammini, DeTienne, Bennett and Mayor Harrison.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on December 19, 2006 at 8:29 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Detailed Balance Sheet and Detailed Revenue & Expense Report for periods ending November 30, 2006; City Clerk's Monthly Report, December 2006

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

CONTROL OF WILD OR STRAY ANIMALS

Chief Malcolm recommended the approval of regulations for wild or stray animals, noting there is no current ordinance for such control. Chief Malcolm stated if needed, these regulations could be amended at a later date.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (07-0-1) be passed establishing regulations regarding the control of animals running at large and/or wild or stray. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Taylor recommended the appointment of Ron Colangelo as Director of Public Works and Engineering effective January 20, 2007, replacing Brian Usher. Director Usher has accepted another position, and his last working day will be January 10. Mayor Harrison recognized Mr. Usher for his many accomplishments. Commissioner Taylor also requested posting and advertising for the Deputy Director position.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to:

- regretfully accept the resignation of Brian Usher,
- approve the appointment of Ron Colangelo as Director of Public Works and Engineering, effective January 20, 2007, and
- post and advertise for the position of Deputy Director of Public Works.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve Ron Colangelo's salary as Director of Public Works at \$80,000 effective January 20, 2007. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WAL-MART DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Wal-Mart will be obtaining the appropriate construction permits before February 28, 2007, and is requesting an extension of their development agreement, which has a December 31, 2006 deadline.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve an extension of the Wal-Mart Development Agreement through February 28, 2007. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCK/PUBLIC WORKS

A memo (07-DOC-1) was received from Brian Usher, requesting to purchase a dump truck, replacing a 1992 truck. Mr. Usher stated this purchase would be through the Illinois Joint Purchase State Bid Program from Prairie International Trucks for a total amount not to exceed \$91,000. This is a budgeted item, but delivery wouldn't take place for 120-180 days, placing the expense in the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Bennett stated he is already attempting to minimize capital requests for next year, and requested this item not be considered until after the budget hearings. Commissioner Taylor stated this type of equipment has to be ordered well in advance, noting it is a needed purchase, which is why it had been placed and approved in the current budget. Mayor Harrison stated the truck would be replacing a 15-year-old truck, and since delivery wouldn't take place until the next fiscal year, many new tax sources will be coming on line in this next year. Commissioner Bennett stated it was his understanding that capital purchases would only be approved for emergency reasons for the remainder of this year. Commissioner Flammini noted the Council agreed that limited and/or emergency purchases would be allowed. Commissioner Taylor stated he never agreed to this limitation, as allowable purchases were determined during the budget hearings. Mayor Harrison noted he did ask that requests be postponed, however, he believes this is a justified purchase, as the cost won't be realized until after May 1. Commissioner Bennett questioned what will be the decision regarding other requests for vehicle purchases. Mayor Harrison stated the request would have to be absolutely necessary. Commissioner Flammini noted each request should stand on its own merit and circumstances. Commissioner DeTienne stated he is voting in favor of this purchase, noting he would like to have his requests considered in the next fiscal year budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the purchase of a dump truck through the Illinois Joint Purchase Program from Prairie International Trucks for a total cost not to exceed \$91,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, nay; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 15 City Offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 16 6:30 P.M. Zion Township Board Meeting
- January 16 7:00 P.M. Regular City Council Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:03 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; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:40 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ZION ENERGY LLC HOST AGREEMENT

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed an amendment to the Zion Energy LLC Host Agreement. This amendment would resolve certain pending issues.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Third Amendment to the Zion Energy LLC Host Agreement. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, 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 DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved January 16, 2007