

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 DeTienne, Flammini, Bennett and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Taylor was absent.

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:

- Deleting Ordinance vacating a portion of the east-west alleyway situated between 2014 and 2016 Joppa Avenue, item 7.c.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, 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 November 6, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on November 6, 2007 at 7:57 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Accounts & Finance Department Monthly Report, September/October 2007; Public Works Monthly Department Report, October 2007
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 99563 through 99717 drawn on National City Bank, \$1,232,274.11

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

AMEND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION/PUBLIC WORKS

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (07-R-25) be passed amending the Personnel Authorization, adding the part-time position of Public Service Coordinator in Public Works. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/PLUMBING CODE

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (07-0-43) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, deleting Sections 10-297 and 10-299 of the Plumbing Code. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/BUILDING PERMIT FEES

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (07-0-44) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Sections 10-7 and 10-9, increasing various building permit fees. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, nay; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

2103 GALILEE AVENUE/SPECIAL USE FOR AUTOMOTIVE DETAIL SHOP

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a request for a special use permit for establishing an automotive detail shop at 2103 Galilee Avenue, as petitioned by Rev. Morris Eubanks – Zoning Docket 07-Z-10. The Planning/Zoning Commission recommended approval. Rev. Eubanks wishes to open a car wash and detail shop, noting there is a similar business nearby, which previously obtained a special use. Mr. Jones stated there is ample parking for this business.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve a special use permit for an automotive detail shop at 2103 Galilee Avenue, as requested, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

KELLY WOODS/21ST ST. & LYDIA AVE./PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a request for a preliminary plan for a 14-unit subdivision located at the southeast corner of 21st Street and Lydia Avenue, as petitioned by Karl Sisson, KK Partners, LLC – Zoning Docket 03-Z-12. The Planning/Zoning Commission recommended approval. The developer is also requesting a variance for the width of a new section of Stella Court. Two of the homes would have access via Lydia Avenue with the remaining homes served by an extension of Stella Court, which will end in a cul-de-sac. The City's Code requires road widths of 66 feet, however, the existing section of Stella Court is 60 feet. Mayor Harrison questioned whether or not the Fire Chief had concerns regarding the width of Stella Court. Chief LaBelle stated, although cul-de-sacs are not preferred, the roadway would be adequate for fire vehicles. Architect Glenn Christensen stated the street right of way would be to standard width.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve:

- the preliminary plat of subdivision for the 14-unit Kelly Woods Subdivision at 21st Street and Lydia Avenue, as presented,
- a variance for the extension of Stella Court from 66 feet wide to 60 feet wide, and
- for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly for the variance.

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

FRIENDS OF THE ZION BENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY/RAFFLE

Betsy Hastings, President of the Friends of the Zion-Benton Public Library, requested approval of a license to conduct a raffle in the City of Zion with proceeds to benefit the library. The purpose of this fundraiser is to help the library expand its hours. This charitable organization is requesting waiver of the license fee and fidelity bond. Ms. Hastings also asked the City to consider donating \$200 to build a basket as a raffle prize. Mayor Harrison stated he has already taken care of the \$200 donation from his Public Affairs fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the license to conduct a raffle for the Friends of the Zion-Benton Public Library, waiving the license fee and fidelity bond. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIREMAN'S PENSION FUND TAX LEVY

A memo (07-DOC-131) was received from Robert Guerin, Secretary, Zion Fireman's Pension Fund, requesting approval of the annual tax levy. The requested tax levy is \$552,264. This amount is determined by the Illinois Department of Insurance.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Zion Fireman's Pension Fund tax levy in the amount of \$552,264. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DIESEL EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEM/FIRE STATION #2

A memo (07-DOC-132) was received from Chief LaBelle, requesting to waive bids and accept a proposal for a diesel exhaust removal system for Fire Station No. 2. This is a budgeted item, but was deferred until a contract was awarded for the construction of the new Fire Station No. 1. An exhaust system was included in the bid for the new station from Hastings Air Energy Control, Inc., and a like system is available in the amount of \$39,494. Chief LaBelle requested approving the proposal for the diesel exhaust removal system for Station No. 2, noting that 75% of this system could be moved at a later date for a new station.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to waive bids and approve the installation of a diesel exhaust removal system for Fire Station No. 2 from Hastings Air Energy Control, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$39,494. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER/POLICE DEPT.

A memo (07-DOC-133) was received from Chief Booth, requesting permission to post and advertise for the hiring of one (1) part-time Community Service Officer, in order to fill a vacancy.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to post and advertise for the hiring of one (1) part-time Community Service Officer in the Police Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF SQUAD CARS/POLICE DEPT.

A memo (07-DOC-134) was received from Chief Booth, requesting to purchase four (4) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria squad cars for the Police Department. The vehicles would be purchased through a State bid contract from Landmark Ford for a total cost of \$79,796, including trade-ins. Chief Booth stated the amount doesn't include equipping the vehicles, as some of the equipment from the trade-in vehicles may be usable. This is a budgeted item. Commissioner Bennett questioned why the request is for the purchase of four vehicles with only three trade-ins. Chief Booth stated, since the department was expanded over this past year, the other vehicle is needed for the new officer.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the purchase of four (4) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria squad cars through a State bid from Landmark Ford for a total cost of \$79,796. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT PURCHASES

A memo (07-DOC-135) was received from Chief Booth, requesting permission to make purchases from the Drug Forfeiture Account as follows:

- office supplies for the Drug/Gang office in an amount not to exceed \$600,
- training class for one detective for the Voice Street Analyzer for the cost of \$1,200, and
- amending the budget to reflect these expenditures.

Chief Booth stated, although these items are not included in the current budget, there are sufficient funds to cover these expenditures.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to make purchases, as requested, from the Drug Forfeiture Account for a total amount not to exceed \$1,800, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

AUTOZONE PROJECT

A memo (07-DOC-136) was received from Delaine Rogers, regarding the relocation of AutoZone to city-owned property in the 3000 block of Sheridan Road. Due to unexpected environmental issues, there have been additional delays and costs. AutoZone is requesting to waive the requirement for a fire hydrant on site. The Fire and Engineering Departments agree to this request, as the building will have a fire suppression system and hydrants are available at either end of the block. AutoZone is also requesting the waiver of plan review fees due to the unexpected costs. Ms. Rogers stated the pre-development team supports this request, as long as all sewer and tap on fees are paid.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve:

- waiver of the requirement for a fire hydrant for AutoZone in the 3000 block of Sheridan Road, and
- waiver of plan review fees, subject to payment of all sewer and tap on fees.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| November 22 & 23 | City Offices closed for Thanksgiving |
| November 30 | Santa Arrives at Senior Center
Kringle’s Kingdom, Shiloh Drive-thru, Holly Trolley & Skatium open

Festival of Lights events open 5:00pm to 9:00pm from Nov. 30-Dec 30 |
| December 4 | Regular City Council Meeting |
| December 18 | Town Board Meeting |

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:43 p.m. with same members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, 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 Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved December 4, 2007