

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008, 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, DeTienne, Flammini, Bennett 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:

- Moving item 8.a. to after closed session, item 10.a.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on February 5, 2008 at 7:50 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Monthly Report, January 2008
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 100564 through 100659 drawn on National City Bank, \$1,427,431.11
- (d) **PAYMENT:** Zion Chamber of Commerce, 2008 membership dues, \$180.00

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

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION**

Mayor Harrison presented Joe Thomas and Angel Rojas with certificates of commendation for their heroic act, helping to save the life of a stranger. Upon finding a man lying unconscious in the snow, Joe and Angel quickly contacted the Zion Fire/Rescue Department, potentially saving the man's life.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that a Resolution of Commendation (08-R-1) be passed recognizing Joe Thomas and Angel Rojas for their compassion and quick reaction helping to save the life of a stranger. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE/ANIMAL LICENSING**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (08-0-16) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 6, eliminating animal licensing, registration and fee procedures. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**PURCHASE OF DISTRESSED PROPERTIES**

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to amend the budget in the total amount of \$89,450 for the purchase of distressed properties in the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**PURCHASE OF 3116 GIDEON AVENUE**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (08-0-17) be passed approving the purchase of certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as 3116 Gideon Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**PURCHASE OF 3002 GABRIEL AVENUE**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (08-0-18) be passed approving the purchase of certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as 3002 Gabriel Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**PURCHASE OF 1912 HOREB AVENUE**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (08-0-19) be passed approving the purchase of certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as 1912 Horeb Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**REZONING/200 GREEN BAY ROAD**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (08-0-20) be passed rezoning certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as 200 Green Bay Road from R-30 (Residential) to GI-3 (General Industrial). The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Mamie McNutt to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reappoint Dr. Dennis McCreary to the Police Pension Board. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lake County Board representative, Dr. Brent Paxton, announced that Lake County Community Forums would be conducted on various dates in March to discuss the 2008 Strategic Plan. All citizens and officials are invited.

Mayor Harrison stated the Zion Police Department held an open house today, celebrating the completion of the new 911 Dispatch Center.

- February 25                      Liquor Control Commission Meeting
- March 4                              Regular City Council Meeting
- March 6                              Energy Solutions/Exelon’s Community Open House at Shepherd’s Crook Golf Course from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- March 8                              Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at Zion-Benton Township High School
- March 18                            Town Board Meeting

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel, purchase and sale of real estate, probable and pending litigation, and collective bargaining. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:25 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**FIRE/RESCUE DEPT. PERSONNEL**

No action was taken on this item.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved March 4, 2008