

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008, AT 7:04 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 Flammini, DeTienne, Bennett, Taylor and Mayor Harrison.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

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

- Deleting request to register Police Department personnel for FBI National Training Conference, item 10.j.

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

PUBLIC HEARING/APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Harrison opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 P.M. for the Appropriation of the City of Zion for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009.

Mayor Harrison asked if there were any comments and/or questions, and there were none.

Mayor Harrison declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:07 P.M.

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 July 1, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on July 1, 2008 at 7:17 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Monthly Report, June 2008
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 101899 through 102016 drawn on National City Bank, \$1,083,323.65
- (d) **PROCLAMATIONS:** Rolling Hills Campus and Slovak American Charitable Association 30th Anniversary; VFW Buddy Poppy Days – August 8 & 9, 2008

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

SUPPORT OF 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE HIGHWAY

The State of Illinois recently passed a resolution designating Illinois Route 173 as the 173rd Airborne Brigade Highway, in honor of the paratroopers who have served and are currently serving in this unit. Jose Palacios, President, and Robert Getz, Secretary, presented the Mayor and Council a letter of thanks from the commanding U.S. Army Colonel, as well as a certificate of appreciation for Zion's support.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that a Resolution (08-R-10) be passed supporting the State of Illinois resolution and designating a portion of Illinois Route 173, which passes through Zion City limits, as the 173rd Airborne Brigade Highway. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

SUPPORT OF CAPITAL FUNDING BILL/LAKE COUNTY TRANSIT & HIGHWAYS

Mayor Harrison stated the Illinois General Assembly has not yet reached an agreement for the state capital program. If the state capital bill is not passed, which provides local matching funds for federal transportation dollars allocated to the state, it could result in a loss of those federal funds. Mayor Harrison encouraged Zion's support for the approval of a capital funding bill for transit and highway needs.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that a Resolution (08-R-11) be passed supporting a capital funding bill adequately funding capital transit and highway needs in Lake County and throughout the State. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (08-0-38) be passed making appropriations, totaling \$44,667,433 for all funds for the City of Zion, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

REFERENDUM FOR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM E-911

Chief Dave LaBelle stated the Emergency 911 system was established in 1989 with a \$0.75 per month or \$9.00 per year surcharge on phone bills. All funds go into a special E-911 fund. This amount has not changed in 19 years, although various emergency services have been improved and increased. Chief LaBelle recommended the approval of an ordinance authorizing a referendum to be placed on the November 4, 2008 ballot, requesting an additional \$0.75 per month surcharge for telephone or telecommunication charges for the E-911 emergency telephone system.

Commissioner DeTienne stated he doesn't wish to see increased charges for anything, however, the maintenance of 911 services is inexpensive insurance for the community. Commissioner Flammini questioned whether or not such funds could be applied to a reverse 911 system. Chief LaBelle stated these funds could be used for this purpose. Mayor Harrison stated he is reviewing such a program, which would allow community-wide notification of such things as tornadoes, water boil orders, etc.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (08-0-39) be passed authorizing a referendum for the Emergency Telephone System on the November 4, 2008 ballot in the following form:

Shall the City of Zion impose a surcharge of up to \$1.50 per month per network connection, which surcharge will be added to the monthly bill you receive for telephone or telecommunications charges for the purpose of installing (or improving) a "9-1-1" emergency telephone system?

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

SALE OF 8 ACRE PARCEL/TRUMPET PARK

Attorney Randall stated it is anticipated that the City will acquire this 8-acre parcel on July 23, 2008, and it is in the best interests of the City to immediately convey said property.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (08-0-40) be passed conveying certain property located within the City of Zion, Illinois, known as the 8-acre parcel in Trumpet Park, and authorizing the execution of documents necessary to enter into the Contract for Sale of Real Estate with Trumpet Park Industrial 1, LLC for subject property. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

WOUNDED HEROES FOUNDATION PURPLE HEART RUN

Anna Sherony, Director of the Wounded Heroes Foundation, announced the 3rd Annual Purple Heart Run will be held on August 17. Over 1,000 motorcyclists are expected to come through Zion along Sheridan Road. Commissioner Flammini stated last year the wounded hero participants in the Purple Heart Run were overwhelmed at the gracious treatment from the people in Zion.

August 1 – 7, a trip has been planned for the wounded heroes, which will come through this area. They will be stopping in Stoney River on August 6.

Mayor Harrison stated Anna Sherony is to be thanked for her untiring efforts, noting the City of Zion will continue to help in whatever way it can.

TIF REVIEW BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Harrison recommended the appointment of David Miller to the TIF Review Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the appointment of David Miller to the TIF Review Board. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT

A letter (08-DOC-45) was received from the Lake County Public Water District regarding the Water Supply Contract. Commissioner Taylor stated an amendment is needed to the Water Supply Contract, as an error was found in Section 5.C. regarding the formula. Commissioner Bennett stated this section is pertaining to the Repair and Replacement Account, which contains funds for maintenance, repairs or replacement of waterworks properties. Commissioner Taylor stated this amendment is part of the agreement formerly approved by the Water District and the Zion City Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Lake County Public Water District Amendment to the Water Supply Contract, Section 5.C., Repair and Replacement Account, in order to reflect the appropriate formula. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM

A memo (08-DOC-46) was received from Clerk Mackey, regarding the City's telephone system. The City purchased new telephone equipment in 2005, and the consultant recommended CIMCO for operating the system and service, which was to be at a lower cost. Due to certain lines having to be maintained by AT&T, the cost for service increased. Staff has met with AT&T, who presented a proposal for providing services for all telephones at a lower cost. It is recommended terminating the contracts with CIMCO, and approving a 3-year contract with AT&T for the operation and service of the telephone system.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve terminating the contracts with CIMCO and approve a contract with AT&T for telephone service. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CHIPPER TRUCK CONVERSION/PUBLIC WORKS

A memo (08-DOC-47) was received from Ron Colangelo, recommending the conversion of the 2003 International chipper truck for snow removal operations. This conversion could be done at less than half the cost of the purchase of a new truck. Mr. Colangelo requested waiving bids and accepting a quote from Monroe Truck Equipment for the conversion at a cost of \$40,265. Commissioner Bennett asked if this truck would still be used as a chipper in the summer. Mr. Colangelo stated the truck would be used as both chipper and plow, noting this conversion is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to waive bids and grant permission for the conversion of the 2003 International chipper truck with Monroe Truck Equipment for a total cost of \$40,265. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PLOW TRUCKS/PUBLIC WORKS

A memo (08-DOC-48) was received from Ron Colangelo, recommending the conversion and installation of new plows for existing trucks. Repairs on existing plows are costing approximately \$30,000 a year. Purchasing new plows could extend the time for the existing trucks, while also being utilized on any new trucks purchased in the future. Mr. Colangelo requested waiving bids and accepting a quote from Monroe Truck Equipment for the conversion of 5 existing vehicles and the purchase of 5 new plows for a total cost of \$61,265. This is a budgeted item. Commissioner Taylor stated existing older plows break down and have significant down time. Mayor Harrison recommended working with Larry Pannell, so as to time when capital purchases are made and funds are available. Commissioner Taylor noted the timing of purchases and funding is not always possible, due to the need for specialized equipment.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to waive bids and grant permission to convert 5 existing vehicles and purchase 5 new plows from Monroe Truck Equipment for a total cost of \$61,265. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

YALE AVENUE RESURFACING

A memo (08-DOC-49) was received from Ron Colangelo, recommending the resurfacing of Yale Avenue, which is the last road south of 33rd Street to be paved. Funding could be provided from the Street and Bridge fund, which was credited with \$30,000 from a reimbursement from the IEMA for the February snowstorm. Payne and Dolan was previously awarded the contract for the 2008 Road Program. Mr. Colangelo requested waiving bids and accepting a quote from Payne and Dolan for the resurfacing of Yale Avenue at a cost of \$15,924.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to waive bids and award additional work for the resurfacing of Yale Avenue to Payne and Dolan for \$15,924. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

EXISTING PLATTED LOTS

A memo (08-DOC-50) was received from John Jones, regarding existing platted lots. Mr. Jones recommended adding the qualification for existing platted lots contained in the Municipal Code Section 102-205(a)(b) and (c) to Section 102-32(b) for better clarification. Commissioner Flammini stated this addition wouldn't change any of the other requirements, but would clarify lot sizes in residential zoning.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to add the qualification for existing platted lots to Zoning Section 102-32(b), and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TIF GRANT/VIOLET CREACIONES Y NOVEDADES/3452 SHERIDAN ROAD

A memo (08-DOC-51) was received from Delaine Rogers requesting consideration of a TIF grant for Violet Creaciones y Novedades, a gift and novelty shop at 3452 Sheridan Road. The new owner wishes to install an acrylic sign on the building. The TIF Review Board supports assistance in an amount not to exceed \$372.60 for this signage.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the TIF grant for Violet Creaciones y Novedades at 3452 Sheridan Road for installation of signage in the amount of \$372.60. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TIF GRANT/JERRY'S BIKE SHOP/3059 SHERIDAN ROAD

A memo (08-DOC-52) was received from Delaine Rogers requesting consideration of a TIF grant for Jerry's Bike Shop at 3059 Sheridan Road. Jerry Hall, owner of the business, has agreed to a three-year lease with option to buy the property. Renovations would include windows, doors, signage, a ramped entry and interior repairs totaling \$33,500. The TIF Review Board supports assistance for a grant not to exceed \$33,500, provided a Special Use Permit and all construction permits are obtained prior to occupancy. Ms. Rogers stated it has come to her attention since the TIF Review Board met that an additional \$11,000 in renovations will be required due to combustible materials being used in the business. Ms. Rogers requested the Council consider a TIF grant totaling \$44,500. Commissioner Flammini stated either a special use permit or variance would be needed, as Highway Business 2 zoning doesn't allow for motorcycle sales. Attorney Randall stated a variance would be preferred.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the TIF grant for Jerry's Bike Shop at 3059 Sheridan Road for renovations, as presented, in an amount not to exceed \$44,500, subject to a variance and all construction permits being obtained prior to occupancy. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 17 Zion Chamber of Commerce mixer at Winthrop Harbor Yacht Club
- August 5 Regular City Council Meeting
- August 8 30th Anniversary at Rolling Hills Manor
- August 19 Town Board Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:38 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, 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 Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved August 5, 2008