

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009, 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 Shantal Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne, Jim Taylor and Mayor Harrison.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Adding discussion regarding collective bargaining to Closed Session, item 12.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on November 17, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on November 17, 2009 at 8:30 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk Monthly Report, November 2009; Public Works Department Monthly Reports, August, September and October 2009
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 106268 through 106406 drawn on National City Bank, \$884,071.26

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that Resolutions of Commendation be passed recognizing the following employees for their many years of dedicated service to the City of Zion:

Resolution 09-R-19	Dennis Decker – 20 years of service
Resolution 09-R-20	David Gort – 20 years of service
Resolution 09-R-21	Kathleen Hoey-Taylor – 20 years of service
Resolution 09-R-22	Fred Ray – 20 years of service
Resolution 09-R-23	Terry Richards – 20 years of service
Resolution 09-R-24	Larry Booth – 30 years of service
Resolution 09-R-25	Art Hoyt – 30 years of service

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/PETER KOKLAMANIS

Peter Koklamanis, owner of the Dungeon of Doom haunted house attraction, presented a check in the amount of \$9,085.89 for the City’s entertainment tax. Mr. Koklamanis employed 90 people this past year. Commissioner Flammini stated Mr. Koklamanis also donated \$2,200 to ESDA for their assistance.

AMEND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION/FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that a Resolution (09-R-26) be passed amending the Personnel Authorization adding a part-time Administrative Assistant position in the Fire/Rescue Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

REZONING/2607 EMMAUS AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (09-0-56) be passed rezoning certain property located within the City of Zion, commonly known as 2607 Emmaus Avenue from R-13 (Residential) to HO (Hospital). The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

WAIVER OF FEES/CHRISTIAN FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

A memo (09-DOC-84) was received from John Jones, requesting consideration for the waiving of fees for a parking lot excavating project for Christian Faith Fellowship Church at 1727 27th Street. The request is for \$760 for the parking lot excavation and \$1,419 for drainpipe installation for a total of \$2,179.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to waive the fees as requested totaling \$2,179 for the parking lot excavating project for Christian Faith Fellowship Church at 1727 27th Street. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE INVOICES

A memo (09-DOC-85) was received from Chief Lewis requesting approval of payment for invoices as follows:

1. Verizon Wireless	\$998.00
2. Vista Health AHA Training Center	\$1,400.00
3. Radicom	\$1,700.00
4. Knox Company	\$885.00
5. MES Illinois	\$507.00
6. Computer Help Key	\$517.50

Chief Lewis stated the Radicom invoice in the amount of \$1,700 is for a shared cost with Winthrop Harbor, Beach Park, North Chicago, Waukegan, Gurnee and Newport. Each of these communities will be billed for their share of the cost, so they will be reimbursing Zion, and Zion’s final share of the cost will be \$242.86. Commissioner Jim Taylor questioned whether or not the Vista Health AHA Training Center certification was required. Chief Lewis stated they are required to have a minimum number of hours per year to maintain their certification, with training through the American Heart Association.

Mayor Harrison stated, due to the City’s financial situation, all departments should present invoices and requests for expenditures over \$500 to the City Council for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve payment for Fire/Rescue invoices, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

A memo (09-DOC-86) was received from Chief Lewis requesting permission to contact vendor Wirf's Industries, an authorized repair site for fire apparatus, for repairs to engines as follows:

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| 1. Body work needed on door of Engine 1811 | \$1,280.00 |
| 2. Electrocution slide out tray needs to be replaced on Engine 1832 | \$1,975.00 |

These are budgeted items.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve repairs to Fire engines, as presented, with Wirf's Industries totaling \$3,255.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ZION POLICE PENSION FUND TAX LEVY

A memo (09-DOC-87) was received from the Zion Police Pension Fund, requesting approval of the tax levy for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2010. The Zion Police Pension Fund is requesting a tax levy of \$1,164,632.00, as suggested by the Illinois Department of Insurance. Larry Pannell stated the total amount suggested by the Illinois Department of Insurance represents a 24.6% increase over last year's levy. Due to current economic conditions, Mr. Pannell recommended a levy not to exceed \$989,989, representing 85% of the total amount. Mayor Harrison stated the City would have until 2033 to be fully funded.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the Zion Police Pension Fund tax levy in an amount not to exceed \$989,989 for the fiscal year starting May 1, 2010 and ending April 30, 2011. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE CANINE PROGRAM

A memo (09-DOC-88) was received from Chief Booth, requesting consideration for a Police Canine Program. Chief Booth presented information on establishing this program at the last Council meeting, and cost estimates have been obtained. The initial cost from TOPS Kennels for the purchase of the dog, veterinarian physical and training would be \$11,565, with estimated additional costs bringing the total to \$18,365. The Police Department was awarded a \$13,565 grant from DAS Charitable Fund for this purpose. The remaining funds could be paid from drug forfeiture money, while other grant sources are being investigated. Chief Booth stated on-going annual costs would be approximately \$5,500, and the DAS Charitable Fund would cover the majority of those costs.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve the Police Canine Program, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ESDA APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Harrison recommended Jim Rissell and Merlin Kreis as ESDA Co-Field Directors, noting ESDA assists with many events and situations throughout the year.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to appoint Jim Rissell and Merlin Kreis as Co-Field Directors for ESDA. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Larry Pannell stated he received Mesirow Financial’s renewal proposal for workers compensation and liability insurance. This proposal is for a 9% net reduction in premiums, which is the first reduction he has seen for these coverages. Mr. Pannell stated the reduction is due to the hard work and efforts of the Department Heads and employees. The current coverage expires December 14, 2009, so Mr. Pannell requested the Council’s consensus to proceed with formal approval at the next Council meeting.

The City Council agreed for Mr. Pannell to proceed with the renewal with Mesirow Financial for workers compensation and liability insurance coverage, and to place this item on the December 15 Council meeting for formal approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 4 Santa’s Arrival and Santa Walk
Festival of Lights events open for season

- December 15 Town Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:58 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim 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 Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved December 15, 2009