

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**



Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Jim Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne, Shantal Taylor and Mayor Harrison.

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

**AGENDA CHANGES**

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

- Changing item 6.a. from an ordinance to a resolution for the consideration to approve an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan and Project for Crane Meadows
- Moving item 7.h. to after Closed Session, item 11.b.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Special Meeting held on January 28, 2010 at 3:06 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on January 28, 2010 at 3:55 P.M.; a Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2010 at 7:02 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on February 2, 2010 at 7:30 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Monthly Report, January 2010; Public Works Department Annual Report 2009; Public Works Department Monthly Report, January 2010
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 106957 through 107075 drawn on National City Bank, \$746,238.53
- (d) **RECEIVE & PLACE ON FILE:** SWALCO Annual Report 2007/2008

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

**CRANE MEADOWS TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN & PROJECT**

Attorney Randall stated the proposed amending resolution incorporates a HUD required rider into the memorandum of agreement between the City and DKI-Zion, LP regarding the Crane Meadows Project. This amending resolution changes no other provisions of this project.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that a Resolution (10-R-2) be passed amending Resolution (09-R-16) approving the Memorandum of Agreement/Term Sheet between the City of Zion and DKI-Zion, LP regarding Crane Meadows Apartment Project located in Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**MRMC/EMMAUS AVENUE/SPECIAL USE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a Special Use for Midwestern Regional Medical Center (MRMC) – Zoning Docket 10-Z-2. MRMC requested temporary placement of a mobile scanner unit on Emmaus Avenue for a two-year period. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, subject to payment of a lease fee for rental of the property. The mobile scanner would occupy the sidewalk, parkway and 5 feet into Emmaus Avenue on the west side of the hospital. At the conclusion of the 2-year period, everything would be returned to its original state. John Jones stated staff recommends a rental fee of \$3,110 based on \$2.09 per square foot. Commissioner Jim Taylor questioned why this issue was placed before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Jones stated zoning laws don't allow temporary structures on public right-of-ways. Mayor Harrison questioned whether or not the Council would want to consider the rental fee versus a donation. Commissioners Jim Taylor and Flammini recommended the City accept the rental fee, and not connect this approval to a donation. Attorney Randall noted a lease or license agreement would need to be included.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve the special use permit for MRMC's 2-year placement of a mobile scanner unit on Emmaus Avenue with a rental fee of \$3,110 per year, subject to a lease or license agreement, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**BASEBALL STADIUM/9<sup>TH</sup> STREET & GREEN BAY ROAD/SPECIAL USE**

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a Special Use for a stadium and entertainment venue at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Green Bay Road – Zoning Docket 10-Z-1. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. In order to make any stadium financially feasible, there must be other means for revenue, such as a banquet and meeting facility and a concert venue.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the special use permit for a stadium and entertainment venue at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Green Bay Road, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**JUBILEE DAYS FESTIVAL COMMISSION INVOICE**

A memo (10-DOC-13) was received from Clerk Mackey, on behalf of the Jubilee Days Festival Commission, requesting approval of payment for an invoice. The Commission rents a float each year for the Zion Queens and sometimes the parade marshals at a cost of \$800 per float. The Commission agreed it would be more cost effective to purchase and renovate a used trailer, eliminating the need for the rental. It was noted the City has an agreement with the Zion Park District, wherein green fees are paid to the City from Shepherd's Crook Golf Course and are used for funding Jubilee Days and other special events. The Commission recommended approval of the invoice as follows:

Payable to: Carla Villalobos – purchase and renovation of a trailer - \$1,198.40

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve payment for the Jubilee Days Festival Commission invoice, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOICES**

A memo (10-DOC-14) was received from Chief Booth, requesting approval of payment for invoices as follows:

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| 1. Computer Help Key – software updates, spreadsheet creation<br>& mobile application from laptops  | \$ 1,215.00 |
| 2. Computer Help Key – miscellaneous computer services  | \$ 1,102.50 |
| 3. Havey Communications, Inc. – installation of equipment for squad #4  | \$ 5,411.40 |
| 4. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign – basic training for 2 new officers<br>with 50% reimbursement from Illinois Standards Board in Aug, 2010 | \$ 9,092.00 |

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

**FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT INVOICES**

A memo (10-DOC-15) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting approval of payment for invoices as follows:

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| 1. Metropolitan Emergency Support Services (MESS) – annual dues           | \$ 600.00  |
| 2. Andre's Medical Billing – fee for collection of January charges        | \$3,751.76 |
| 3. Lakeside International Trucks – replaced fender extension on ambulance | \$ 858.40  |
| 4. Computer Help Key – various computer services                          | \$ 517.50  |

Chief Lewis explained that MESS is a Lake County agency, which assists during emergencies and disasters, similar to Zion's ESDA.

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

**SWALCO AGREEMENT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner Flammini stated the addendum to the intergovernmental agreement with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) defines membership in SWALCO, outlining the terms of the directors, officers and executive board. It does not modify the terms of the original agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that an Ordinance (10-0-10) be passed amending the Agreement establishing the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, Illinois, defining membership. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**PUBLIC WORK DEPARTMENT INVOICES**

A memo (10-DOC-16) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting approval for purchases and payments as follows:

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| 1. Bonnell Industries – plow blades and accessories                | \$ 3,808.35 |
| 2. Purchase of additional 400 tons of road salt at \$64.00 per ton | \$25,600.00 |

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve purchases and payments for the Public Works Department, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY**

Chief Lewis stated the City’s ISO insurance rating has improved from a Rate 5 to a Rate 4, which could possibly help lower insurance ratings for homeowners.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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| March 2  | City Council Meeting                              |
| March 13 | Kiwanis of Zion-Benton Pancake Breakfast at ZBTHS |
| March 16 | Town Board Meeting                                |

Mayor Harrison stated the Council will be scheduling budget hearings over the next month, noting a need for considerable budget reductions in order to balance the budget. Mayor Harrison stated Zion is not unique, as municipalities are all going through reductions in revenue, and therefore looking for reductions in expenditures.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss personnel and collective bargaining. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal 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 9:24 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Jim Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**LAKE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Mayor Harrison stated this item has been deferred with no action to be taken at this time.

**BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed budget reductions, stating the Council has agreed to eliminate the following items for the May 1, 2010 budget:

- Elimination of Administrative Adjudication Program
- Elimination of Zion-Benton News City Page
- Reduction in Legal Expenses, up to \$200,000
- Bringing the sidewalk and storm drain programs back in-house resulting in a direct cost savings of \$60,000, combined with outsourcing vacuum pickup of leaves to Veolia
- Elimination of all Conferences/workshops/Seminars/Travel, which are not required by law/compliant/liability based
- Elimination of all Memberships, which are not required
- Elimination of Special Programs/Events as follows:
  - a. Elimination of Festival of Lights, and reviewing options for future storage of materials
  - b. Jubilee Days Festival –Elimination of City funding; as funding for event only allowed up to green fees from Shepherd’s Crook Golf Course received from Zion Park District per contract requirements
  - c. 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks– Elimination of City funding, as funding for event only allowed up to green fees from Shepherd’s Crook Golf Course received from Zion Park District per contract requirements
  - d. Elimination of Mayor’s Art and Flower Show
  - e. Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast – Elimination of City funding
  - f. Farmer’s Market – Elimination of City funding, with event only to be conducted if at no cost to City
  - g. Elimination of Trolley and related expenses
  - h. Safe Walk – Elimination of City funding
  - i. Elimination of in-house departmental Christmas holiday gatherings
- Elimination of Public Affairs line items for all Grants to Other Agencies
- Consolidation of cleaning services for all departments; going out to bid for services

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:38 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk