

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010, AT 6:30 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, Jim Taylor, Shantal Taylor, Flammini and Mayor Harrison.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Nudo, 3120 Elisha Avenue, stated that the City is not enforcing its ordinances with regard to an illegal tool shed on his block. He asked Commissioner Shantal Taylor what was being done to remedy the situation. He asked her for an apology for her remark accusing him of misconduct surrounding this issue during the last citizen comment session. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated she is forming a Community Advisory Committee and asked Mr. Nudo if he would consider being a member. Mr. Nudo stated he would consider committee membership. Mr. Nudo also stated that electrical equipment boxes are being tagged with graffiti. He believes it to be an eyesore, reflecting poorly on the City, and would like to see it removed.

William Bremner presented Mayor Harrison with a newspaper article regarding the death of TV celebrity Gary Coleman. Mr. Coleman was a former Zion resident and Elementary District No. 6 student.

Brian Fisher, Klondike Distributing, 400 Sheridan Road, Racine, Wisconsin, requested that his appeal of the Council's decision to deny the operation of ice cream trucks in the City be placed on the next regular City Council meeting agenda. He stated he has received calls from residents requesting that he operate in Zion. He stated there are no safety concerns with his trucks or his products. Because he only sells ice cream and operates from April through September, he sees no competition with local business. He offered to ring a bell instead of playing music. He asked that the Council reconsider their decision. Mayor Harrison stated that only he or two commissioners can place an item on the agenda. It was the consensus of the majority of the Council that this item not be placed on the City Council agenda.

At 6:49 p.m. Mayor Harrison recessed the meeting until 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Harrison reconvened the Regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with same members present.

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 an amendment as follows:

- Deleting discussion regarding CPI Rate Freeze for Veolia, Item 7(e)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Special Meeting/Public Hearing held on May 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.; a Special Meeting/Public Hearing held on May 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting held on May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on May 18, 2010 at 8:08 p.m.; and a Special Meeting/Public Hearing held on May 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk's Monthly Report, May 2010
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 107656 through 107777 drawn on National City Bank, Total: \$873,627.02
- (d) **PROCLAMATION:** "John Hammond Day" – June 5, 2010

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

REQUIRED YARD VARIANCE/3222 27TH STREET/ESDA FACILITY

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that an Ordinance (10-0-26) be passed granting a variance from Zion Municipal Code Section 102-128 (6)(a) "Required Yards" for 3222 27th Street to allow front parking at the ESDA facility. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 102-60/HB HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICTS

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (10-0-27) be passed amending Zion Municipal Code Section 102-60 regarding HB Highway Business Districts to include sports stadium and entertainment/special event as a special use. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT/SPORTS STADIUM & ENTERTAINMENT/SPECIAL EVENT/1665 GREEN BAY ROAD

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (10-0-28) be passed granting a Special Use Permit for sports stadium and entertainment/special event use for property consisting of approximately 23 acres situated at the northeast corner of Rt. 173 and Green Bay Road, further known as 1665 Green Bay Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

REPEALING ORDINANCE 10-O-13/GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT/SPORTS STADIUM & ENTERTAINMENT-SPECIAL EVENT/TRUMPET PARK

The Council determined that the Special Use Permit previously granted for sports stadium and entertainment/special event use for the property generally located at 9th Street and Green Bay Road in Zion, consisting of approximately 55 acres in Trumpet Park, is no longer necessary.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that an Ordinance (10-0-29) be passed repealing Ordinance 10-O-13 granting a Special Use Permit for sports stadium and entertainment/special event use for 55 acres in Trumpet Park located at 9th Street and Green Bay Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

2010/2011 CITY OF ZION FINAL BUDGET

Commissioner Jim Taylor stated that the Council has concluded preparation of the 2010/2011 final budget. He presented a balanced budget with an approximate \$7,000 surplus with \$12,935,914 in projected revenue and \$12,928,757 in projected expenses. Nearly \$1million in expenses was reduced from the budget. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the department heads who worked diligently to cut operational expenses. He praised city employees for offering wage and benefit concessions and recognizing the need for unity as employees and management worked together to arrive at a balanced budget. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that the budget process was difficult and she thanked Director Pannell and the Council for their patience with her many questions. Commissioner DeTienne thanked the department heads and Council for their dedication to finalizing the budget. He stated that the Council struggled with difficult decisions that effected employees' lives. Mayor Harrison stated that it was gratifying to see employees care more about their coworkers than a salary increase. He thanked Commissioner Jim Taylor and Director Pannell for their many hours of hard work.

It was moved by Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to approve the 2011 City of Zion final budget for fiscal year May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CANINE KENNEL FENCE PURCHASE

A memo (10-DOC-51) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting permission to purchase a canine kennel fence for the Police Department. The kennel would be installed at the home of K-9 Officer Jonathan Meyer who is required to maintain the city's K-9 at his home 365 days per year. Chief Brooks recommended accepting the quote of Yutka Fence in the amount of \$1,250.00.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve the purchase of a canine kennel fence for the Police Department from Yutka Fence in the amount of \$1,250.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PEST CONTROL CONTRACT/POLICE DEPARTMENT

A memo (10-DOC-52) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting permission to accept the proposal from Orkin Pest Control for pest and rodent control at the Police Administration Building. Chief Brooks stated that the Orkin proposal includes monthly treatments as opposed to quarterly and was the most comprehensive and detailed quote received, including drawings of the troubled areas. The annual quote for this service is \$778.00 or \$740.16 if paid in full.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to accept the quote and award a contract to Orkin Pest Control for pest and rodent control at the Police Administration Building for a total cost not to exceed \$778.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT/DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

A memo (10-DOC-53) was received from Chief Brooks recommending the appointment of Lt. Steve Dumyahn to the position of Deputy Police Chief. Chief Brooks stated that Lt. Dumyahn has been a Zion Police Officer since 1986 and a senior Lieutenant for 13 years. He has attended advanced supervisory training and has demonstrated the mature leadership skills necessary to be successful in this position.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, to appoint Lt. Steve Dumyahn to the position of Deputy Police Chief. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

COMPENSATION/MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Harrison stated that four years ago the Mayor’s compensation was changed, however, today the City of Zion is experiencing a different financial situation. He stated that his heart is with the City employees who he has never before witnessed band together to help solve the City’s financial crisis. He stated that he has written checks back to the City from his paycheck, but it is not enough. He recommended to the Council that starting May 1, 2011 the Mayor’s salary be reduced by \$40,000 from \$75,000 to \$35,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor, that the Mayor’s salary be reduced from \$75,000 to \$35,000 effective May 1, 2011 through May 1, 2014, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Flammini stated that he has written checks back to the City from his paycheck as well. He recommended that all Commissioners’ salaries be rolled back to the May 1, 2008 rate.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor, that all City Commissioners’ salaries be reduced to the annual compensation received on May 1, 2008, effective May 1, 2011 for Commissioners elected in 2011 and May 1, 2013 for Commissioners elected in 2013, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 5	9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Zion Historical Society Fundraiser “Trash to Treasure” Community Lawn Sale
June 10	4:00 p.m.	Liquor Control Commission meeting
June 12	3:00 – 10:00 p.m.	“Footsteps for Families” at ZBTHS
June 15	6:30 p.m.	Next Zion Township Board Meeting
June 15	7:00 p.m.	Next Zion City Council Meeting
June 25 & 26		NOSTALGIA DAYS

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:05 p.m. with same members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Flammini, 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 Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Deputy City Clerk