

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010, 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 DeTienne, Flammini, Shantal Taylor, Jim Taylor 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 Shantal Taylor to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Moving item 11 to item 7.e. under discussion
- Deleting the approval of the lease with Great Lakes Credit Union, item 6.a.; tabling this item until the next regular Council meeting

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on August 17, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on August 17, 2010 at 7:52 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** May 13, June 3, June 12, July 15 and August 5, 2008
- (c) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** City Clerk Monthly Report, August 2010; Building Department Monthly Report, August 2010; Public Works Department Monthly Report, July 2010
- (d) **BILLS:** Vouchers 108463 through 108553 drawn on PNC Bank, \$998,958.25

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

**PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

Attorney Randall stated the proposed ordinance would amend the permit fee schedule, with the inclusion that no construction or demolition work can be started without first applying for and securing a permit.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (10-0-43) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Section 10-9, pertaining to demolition and violation fees. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**PACE BUS SHELTER AGREEMENT**

A memo (10-DOC-96) was received from Clerk Mackey regarding the proposed installation of a Pace bus shelter at the corner of 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Hebron Avenue. The Council previously expressed concerns regarding how quickly Pace would make needed repairs. Pace indicated they would be willing to amend the Bus Shelter Agreement to include that Pace would make any repairs within five business days of being notified of maintenance needs. Commissioner Flammini questioned who would be responsible for snow shoveling. Mayor Harrison noted if the shelter is open to the street, snow would be pushed into the shelter during snow removal. Commissioner Flammini stated the Lake County agreement indicates the City would be liable for any claims, although the Pace agreement states the City would be held harmless. Ron Colangelo stated the Lake County Highway agreement is the county’s standard form, noting the county removes snow on 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Attorney Randall stated she would work with Commissioner Flammini and Mr. Colangelo to resolve the issues with the county.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to table the Pace Suburban Bus Passenger Shelter Agreement regarding the installation of a Pace bus shelter at the corner of 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Hebron Avenue until the next regular Council meeting. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOICE/PURCHASE OF STOP STICKS**

A memo (10-DOC-97) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting approval of payment for an invoice as follows:

Stop Tech – purchase of ten Stop Sticks; vehicle tire spike strips	\$4,042.40
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Chief Brooks noted this purchase was made during the 2009/10 fiscal year.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve payment to Stop Tech in the amount of \$4,042.40 for a Police Department invoice, as presented with payment to be made out of the current year Police budget. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**FIRE/RECUE DEPARTMENT INVOICES**

A memo (10-DOC-98) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting approval of payment for invoices as follows:

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| 1. MES Illinois – replacement uniforms   | \$1,269.14 |
| 2. Comlink Technologies – upgrade of portable radios & programming                             | \$3,828.32 |
| 3. Air One Equipment, Inc. – annual preventive maintenance on SCBA<br>fill station compressors | \$551.29   |
| 4. Fitness Techs – repair of treadmill at Station #1   | \$1,114.70 |

The first three requests are budgeted items. The treadmill repair is not budgeted, but would be paid from a gift donation.

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOICES/TRAINING ROOM MEDIA EQUIPMENT**

A memo (10-DOC-99) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting approval of payment for invoices as follows:

Grand Appliance – multi media projector, receiver & speakers	\$3,162.00
K-Log – video presentation station	\$552.00

The funds for these purchases would come from a gift donation received earlier this year.

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

**DEPARTMENT HEADS & CITY OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS/CITY ORGANIZATION**

Mayor Harrison recommended conducting an open session workshop for the purpose of discussing the City’s organization and appointments, as they relate to the overall budget. Mayor Harrison stated the City’s deficit is increasing, noting a huge shortfall from Veolia. Veolia’s last check to the City was \$180,000 less than the payment made at this same time last year. Commissioner Flammini stated this shortfall is expected to last two more years. Mayor Harrison stated Veolia’s fees make up a large part of the City’s revenue.

Mayor Harrison suggested reviewing items discussed during the last budget hearings, including the possibility of the combination of areas, noting the Council needs to do what is fiscally responsible. The Chief County Assessor has announced that the EAV next year will be down 10% to 14%, with 14% representing \$1.2 million less than the City received last year.

The Council agreed to conduct a workshop on September 14, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY**

Chief Lewis thanked everyone for attending the Guns and Hoses baseball game fundraiser and for financial donations with all proceeds going to MDA.

Larry Pannell stated yard waste stickers are available in Accounts and Finance for \$0.99. New recycling bins are also available for \$10.00 each.

Elliot Eldridge stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Forum will be held on September 18 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall with speakers from the Lake County Housing Authority.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Flammini stated the electronics recycling day held on August 28 was a huge success with over 28 tons of items turned in, filling 2 ½ semi-trailer trucks.

Mayor Harrison thanked everyone involved for the Labor Day weekend Jubilee Days Festival events.

September 21                      Town Board Meeting at 6:30 P.M.  
    City Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, purchase of real estate and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:14 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, 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 DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk

Approved September 21, 2010