

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011, 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, Shantal Taylor, DeTienne, Jim Taylor and Mayor Harrison.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/ZION ENERGY CENTER TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Pete Holtz of American Transmission Company (ATC) provided an overview of the Pleasant Prairie – Zion Energy Center Transmission Line Project. The project involves a 5.3-mile electric transmission line from the Pleasant Prairie Substation in the Village of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin to the Zion Energy Center Substation in Zion, Illinois. The additional high-voltage line would help relieve transmission system congestion, allow utilities to buy and sell power when it's economic to do so, and allow better regional access to emergency sources. The plan is to place the line alongside of the railway. Government regulators in Wisconsin and Illinois would need to allow permission to proceed prior to starting any construction. The application would be filed in late 2011 with construction anticipated in late 2013. Mr. Holtz stated the cost of this \$20,000,000 project would be distributed among customers served by ATC. There is a public meeting scheduled on April 6 in Pleasant Prairie with additional meetings yet to be scheduled in Illinois.

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 Regular Meeting held on February 15, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on February 15, 2011 at 7:34 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Public Works Monthly Report, December 2010; City Clerk's Monthly Report, February 2011
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 109819 through 109938 drawn on PNC Bank, \$854,378.81

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

VEOLIA LANDFILL/GAS COLLECTION & CONTROL SYSTEM PLANS

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-16) be passed approving the Gas Collection and Control System Plans of the Veolia ES Zion Landfill pursuant to Condition 2.2 of Ordinance 10-0-40 granting Siting Approval of a Pollution Control Facility. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

GLOBAL TOWER PARTNERS/720 29TH STREET/TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-0-17) be passed granting a lease to Global Tower Assets for the purpose of installing and maintaining a telecommunications antenna on property commonly known as 720 29th Street, Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

SUMMER MOWING PROGRAM/PUBLIC WORKS

A memo (11-DOC-16) was received from Commissioner Flammini, recommending the continuation of the Summer Mowing Program as follows:

- 13 week program starting May 15, 2011 through August 15, 2011
- Supervisor's wage to remain at \$19.25 per hour
- Hiring a minimum of six (6) summer employees at an hourly wage of \$10.00
- Utilizing current costs for inclusion in the 2011 budget with 1 supervisor and 6 workers, with review of all options during budget hearings

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to grant permission to approve the 2011 Summer Mowing Program, as recommended. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CAMERA & EQUIPMENT/POLICE DEPT.

A memo (11-DOC-17) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting permission to purchase a Nikon camera, related camera equipment and warranty for the evidence technician unit in the Police Department. The total cost for this purchase would not exceed \$1,500. These items would be paid from the drug forfeiture and seizure fund.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to approve the purchase of one (1) Nikon camera, related equipment and warranty for the evidence technician unit in the Police Department for a total amount not to exceed \$1,500. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOICES/NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM

A memo (11-DOC-18) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting approval of payment for invoices as follows:

Northern Illinois Police Alarm System – Membership Assessment	\$ 400.00
Emergency Services Team Assessment	\$3,300.00
Mobile Field Force Assessment	\$ 675.00
Communication Assessment	\$ 130.00
Total	\$4,505.00

These invoices would be paid from the drug forfeiture and seizure fund.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOICE/INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

A memo (11-DOC-19) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting approval of payment for an invoice as follows:

Safariland Training Group – Instructor/train the trainer courses \$895.00

This invoice would be paid from the drug forfeiture and seizure fund.

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

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT INVOICE/KNOX BOXES

A memo (11-DOC-20) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting approval of payment for an invoice as follows:

The Knox Company – 2 Knox key secure boxes \$629.00

The expense is included in the Knox box supply line item. When a contractor purchases a Knox box, the revenue received is then deposited into this line item.

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

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT INVOICE/REPAIR FOR AMBULANCE LIGHT BAR

A memo (11-DOC-21) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting approval of payment for an invoice as follows:

Horton Emergency Vehicles – repair to electrical system for light bar on ambulance 1842 \$510.00

This invoice would be paid from the motor equipment line item.

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

GCG FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS/HEALTH INSURANCE

The Plan Consultant and Accounting Administration Agreement renewal was received from GCG Financial, Inc. for the period of May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. GCG Financial provides services as the Plan Consultant for the City's health and life insurance plans. This renewal includes a one-time fee of \$1,000 plus \$2,908.69 per month, which reflects no cost increase.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the renewal of the Plan Consultant and Accounting Administration Agreement with GCG Financial, Inc. for the City's health and life insurance for the period of May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012, authorizing a one-time fee of \$1,000 plus monthly payments in the amount of \$2,908.69. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, purchase and sale of real estate, and probable and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 10:14 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to appoint Rich Ianson as the Health and Safety Officer. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE RATES

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve monthly health and life insurance rates for retirees and COBRA participants effective May 1, 2011, as follows:

Health Insurance**COBRA Coverage**

Single:	\$ 797.17
Single + One:	\$1,408.41
Family:	\$2,053.34

Retirees under 65 – Standard Deductible Plan

Single:	\$867
Single + One:	\$1,530
Family:	\$2,232

Retirees under 65 – High Deductible Plan

Single:	\$662
Single + One:	\$1,173
Family:	\$1,709

Retirees under 65 – Health Plan

Single:	\$635
Single + One:	\$1,124
Family:	\$1,639

Life Insurance

For eligible retirees, who retired prior to May 1, 2004
\$56.00

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, 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 DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 10:20p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved March 15, 2011