

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011, 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 Shantal Taylor, Jim Taylor, DeTienne, Flammini 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:

- Deleting to consider appointment for City Treasurer, item 7.I.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on August 16, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. and approval but not release of Closed Session minutes of a meeting held on August 16, 2011 at 7:44 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Public Works Department Monthly Report, July 2011
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 111295 through 111419 drawn on PNC Bank, \$609,504.35
- (d) **RECEIVE & PLACE ON FILE:** 2010 City Audit – Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2010

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Will Camp complained about potholes on Gilboa Avenue from 30th Street to 33rd Street. Ron Colangelo stated this area is part of the road program due for resurfacing this fall.

Shon Sadler thanked the Council and City staff for all of their assistance with various issues in Shepherd's Crossing Subdivision. Mr. Sadler stated Shepherd's Crossing has seen an increase in their recycling in part due to new containers, and recommended the containers be implemented throughout the city. Mr. Sadler encouraged the Council not to raise the tax rate next year, noting the number of foreclosed homes in his area.

Daron Mackey thanked the City and staff for the cleanup efforts during storms over the summer. Mr. Mackey also asked for the Council's help in encouraging State representatives to reopen the Illinois State Park, noting the City's financial gain from people using the park and frequenting Zion businesses.

Mayor Harrison and the Commissioners recognized Judy Mackey at her last City Council meeting as Zion City Clerk prior to retirement.

BUILDING DEPT/IUOE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Jim Taylor stated the City has negotiated a renewal contract with Building and the IUOE, Local 150, and an agreement has been reached. The main issues included:

- Health insurance – matching the amounts with Public Works and Clerical contracts
- Certifications – training for required certifications to be paid by City with other certifications paid at 50%
- Wages – no retroactive pay; with pay increases effective August 15, 2011

Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated she is concerned about approving a contract prior to final budget approval. Commissioner Jim Taylor stated the Council previously agreed to finalize agreements with all departments, noting almost all other contracts have been finalized with no impact on the overall budget deficit. Commissioner Jim Taylor stated he wishes to schedule a budget workshop to adopt a final budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the contract agreement with the Building Department and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, for May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2013. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, nay; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BUSINESS LICENSES

A memo (11-DOC-88) was received from Clerk Mackey, recommending changes for business licensing and fees. Clerk Mackey recommended increasing the license fees due on January 1 from \$50 to \$100 to coincide and be equitable with business license fees due on May 1. Letters would be sent to all affected businesses with follow-up letters in December. Several communities were reviewed regarding their businesses and fees, noting that several business categories can be licensed. The additional businesses would also be notified in advance with application forms to be mailed when license fees are due. The newly licensed businesses would be on a fiscal year for renewals. In order to better regulate permitted home-based businesses, Clerk Mackey recommended requiring such businesses to also be licensed, charging a \$10 annual fee. This would not include building-trade contractors registered through the Building Department. Licensed businesses would be listed on the City’s website, allowing an easy way for citizens to see if a business is licensed.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the addition of various business licenses and license fee increases, as recommended, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TASER EQUIPMENT/POLICE DEPARTMENT

A memo (11-DOC-89) was received from Chief Brooks, requesting permission to purchase Tasers and Taser cameras from preferred vendor, Ray O’Herron as follows:

Two (2) new Tasers with Taser cameras	
and sixty-five (65) Taser cartridges:	\$4,175.45 from Non-Lethal Weapons Line Item
Nine (9) replacement Taser cameras:	\$3,707.55 from Drug Forfeiture Fund

These are budgeted items.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve purchasing the Tasers, cartridges and Taser cameras, as presented, from Ray O’Herron Co. for a total of \$7,883.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried

REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE

A memo (11-DOC-90) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting permission to participate in a group-purchasing project with the Village of Beach Park for the purchase of a replacement ambulance. Chief Lewis stated the 1996 Marque International ambulance needs to be replaced with another ambulance nearing the end of its lifespan. Beach Park and Newport are also in need of ambulances, whereby a joint replacement project can provide significant cost savings. In 2012 new regulations will require additional costly equipment to be placed on ambulances at the time of manufacture. By securing a purchase now, the cost increase can be bypassed, delivery can take place in the current fiscal year, and payments wouldn't start until the next fiscal year. Chief Lewis stated money received through the recent contract with MRMC could be used for the financing and purchase of the ambulance. The Village of Beach Park is developing a bid specification, which should be prepared by October 1. Chief Lewis stated, once a vendor has been chosen, he would bring a request back before the Council for the purchase and contract.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to grant permission to continue participation in a group purchasing project with Beach Park and Newport, in order for bid specifications to be prepared to consider the purchase of a replacement ambulance. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAINING

A memo (11-DOC-91) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting permission to send two Firefighter/Paramedics to fire investigation training through the Illinois Fire Service Institute. This course prepares the student for taking the exam for the Illinois Fire Marshal's Fire Investigator certification. The cost for two registrations would be \$1,700, and this training is budgeted.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to grant permission to register two Firefighter/Paramedics to the Illinois Fire Service Institute fire investigation training for a cost of \$1,700. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT INVOICE/SCBA MASK AMPLIFIER KITS

A memo (11-DOC-92) was received from Chief Lewis, requesting approval of payment for an invoice as follows:

Air One Equipment – purchase of two SCBA mask amplifier kits \$657.00

This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve payment to Air One Equipment for the Fire/Rescue Department invoice in the amount of \$657.00, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/DEMOLITION OF 2785 GALILEE AVENUE

A Tabulation of Bids (11-DOC-93) was received from Rich Ianson regarding the demolition of 2785 Galilee Avenue. Mr. Ianson recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, AKA Wrecking Company LLC, in the amount of \$20,640.00. Commissioner Flammini stated the city does have a court order to demolish this building.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to award the contract for the demolition of 2785 Galilee Avenue to AKA Wrecking Company LLC for the amount of \$20,640.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

2011 CDBG ROAD PROJECT

A memo (11-DOC-94) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting approval for engineering services and advertising for bids for the 2011 CDBG Road Project. Mr. Colangelo recommended utilizing Christopher Burke Engineering for these services for the amount of \$33,300. This amount is included as part of the \$87,568 CDBG Grant Award the City will receive. The remainder of the project would be funded through the CDBG Grant and Motor Fuel Tax. Roads included in this project are:

- Gilboa Avenue from 28th Street to Carmel Blvd.
- Gideon Avenue from 31st Street to Carmel Blvd.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to approve engineering services for the 2011 CDBG Road Project with Christopher Burke Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$33,300, and to grant permission to advertise for bids upon completion of bid documents and drawings. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ROOT CONTROL TREATMENT/SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

A memo (11-DOC-95) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting to waive bids and approve a quote for root control treatment for various sanitary sewers. Mr. Colangelo recommended Dukes Root Control for this herbicide treatment for a total of \$11,841.35. Funding for this project would come from the Sanitary Sewer System line item. Mr. Colangelo stated he is requesting bids be waived, as this treatment is part of a 3-year process.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to grant permission to waive bids and approve the quote from Dukes Root Control in the amount of \$11,841.35 for root control treatment for various sanitary sewers throughout the City. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SANITARY SEWER SLIP LINING/2100 BLOCK OF ELISHA ALLEY

A memo (11-DOC-96) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting to waive bids and approve a quote for slip lining of the sanitary sewer in the 2100 block of Elisha alley. This section of sewer has experienced several collapses this year requiring emergency repairs. Mr. Colangelo recommended Visu-Sewer of Illinois for a total cost of \$36,063.75 with funds for the project to come from the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Colangelo stated he is requesting bids be waived, as this company is a premier installer and bid documents would cost up to 16% of the project.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to grant permission to waive bids and approve the quote from Visu-Sewer of Illinois in the amount of \$36,063.75 for slip lining of the sanitary sewer in the 2100 block of Elisha alley. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CARMEL BLVD/ROAD RESURFACING

A memo (11-DOC-97) was received from Ron Colangelo, requesting to waive bids and approve the low quote for Carmel Blvd. road resurfacing from Sheridan Road to Elizabeth Avenue. Three quotes were received, and Mr. Colangelo recommended awarding the contract to Peter Baker and Sons in the amount of \$57,708.61. Since no federal or state dollars are being used for this project, bids are not necessary and the project management can be performed by city staff. Waiving the bids would save the 16% consulting fee. Funds for this project will come from the Street and Bridge Fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to grant permission to waive bids and approve the low quote from Peter Baker and Sons in the amount of \$57,708.61 for road resurfacing of Carmel Blvd. from Sheridan Road to Elizabeth Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to accept the retirement of Judy Mackey as Zion City Clerk effective September 9, 2011. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to appoint Diane Burkemper as Zion City Clerk effective September 12, 2011 with authorization to be added to the City's financial accounts. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

IMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that a Resolution (11-R-11) be passed appointing Diane Burkemper as the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agent. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the appointment of Diane Burkemper to the Zion Fire Pension Board. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

JUBILEE DAYS FESTIVAL COMMISSION

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the appointment of Diane Burkemper to the Jubilee Days Festival Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Ron Colangelo stated Public Works is still conducting chipping services from storm damage, encouraging property owners with Thursday and Friday waste pick up days to put out all brush as soon as possible. Mr. Colangelo stated, due to the volume, he is still trying to catch up from the storms, therefore the fall brush-chipping program will continue longer into the fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Harrison thanked the Jubilee Days Festival Commission and everyone involved on another successful Jubilee Days weekend of events.

- September 17 Electronics Recycling Collection Event at former Fire Station 1 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Effective January 1, 2012, electronics will be banned from landfills.
- September 20 Town Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- September 24 Commissioner Shantal Taylor will be hosting a Community Network meeting along with various State representatives at City Hall at 3:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss purchase of real estate and probable litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:32 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

GRAND SLAM SPORTS

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed Grand Slam Sports and the Lake County Fielders.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to authorize the city attorney to begin litigation against Grand Slam Sports and Entertainment for breach of contract and other relief. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The City Council agreed to conduct a Special Meeting/Budget Workshop on September 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the budget for the current fiscal year, May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.

SUMMER MOWING

Commissioner Flammini informed the Council that summer mowing is behind schedule, as they can't keep up with the number of vacant properties. Commissioner Flammini noted mowing may need to be continued beyond the normal summer schedule.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 p.m. Motion carried.