

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011, AT 7:01 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, DeTienne, Shantal Taylor, and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Jim Taylor was absent.

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:

- Add item 8f - Discussion regarding Accounts/Finance and Building Department offices being closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. daily
- Update on the status of Dome repairs

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners 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 Flammini, that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on October 18, 2011 at 7:04 p.m. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on October 18, 2011 at 8:27 p.m., with all members having previously received copies.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 111745 through 111859 drawn on PNC Bank, Total: \$737,334.31

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Steven Swift, 2116 Eshcol, stated he read the recent Sun Times article regarding the stadium project and asked how the City Council could take the word of a politician regarding the receipt of \$10 million to build the Lake County Fielders Stadium. Mayor Harrison stated that a State of Illinois official told the Council that “the money is a certainty.” When the Council learned the money was not coming, they sought other ways to finance the project. He stated the content of the recent article was a diversion from the real issue which is the non-payment of rent to the City by Richard Ehrenreich, owner of the Fielders. Financing could not be accomplished because of the non-payment of rent and the lack of revenue. Mayor Harrison stated that the Council relied on the fact that what they were told was true and it simply was not.

Dave Bloedorn, 1902 Daybreak Lane, asked why the PACE bus doesn't go to Walmart on Rt. 173. Mayor stated that he has been attempting to extend bus service west of Lewis Avenue for two years. PACE contends that due do budget cutbacks, the expansion is not possible. Mayor Harrison stated that PACE needs to hear from Zion residents regarding their need for bus service to Walmart.

Clarissa Walker, 2908 Gilboa, asked what is being done about the rising crime rate in Zion. She stated that break-ins and improperly tagged vehicles are adversely affecting her neighborhood. Chief Brooks stated that the crime rate is holding steady or decreasing. He agrees the theft of copper piping and gold is a problem, but the Police Department is working with pawn shops and recyclers. He stated that residents can form a Neighborhood Watch group in their neighborhoods to help reduce crime.

**ORDINANCE/RE-ZONING 2801-2813 ELISHA AVENUE**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-O-55) be passed rezoning 2801 through 2813 Elisha Avenue from R5 Residential to HB-2 Highway Business as petitioned by the City of Zion.

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

**ORDINANCE/AMENDING ZION MUNICIPAL CODE/FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-O-56) be passed amending Zion Municipal Code Sections 34-1, 4, 7, and 16 regarding authorized personnel, regulations governing the department and ambulance charges.

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

**ORDINANCE/TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE/YOUTH BUILD – LAKE COUNTY**

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that an Ordinance (11-O-57) be passed declaring property at 1821 Joanna Avenue and 2015 Elim Avenue in Zion as surplus, donating the properties to YouthBuild-Lake County, and conveying the properties to YouthBuild-Lake County on or before December 1, 2011.

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

**INVOICE/EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM**

A memo (11-DOC-115) was received from Chief Brooks requesting permission to submit an invoice for payment from Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) in the amount of \$11,167.90 for mandatory equipment for the city’s Emergency Services Team (EST) member. This is a one-time start up equipment expense. Funds are available in the forfeited seized narcotics line item 70-00-1-02-280.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to approve payment of the Northern Illinois Alarm System invoice in the amount of \$11,167.90, as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**HVAC MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS FOR CITY BUILDINGS**

A memo (11-DOC116) was received from Rich Ianson requesting that the Council consider consolidating HVAC building maintenance contracts through one HVAC contracting company for all city buildings. The City has not had a current maintenance contract for any city buildings for more than two years, and the systems are in dire need of maintenance. Mr. Ianson presented quote results for services at City Hall, the Police Administration Building, Fire Station No. 2 and Public Works. He recommended contracting for maintenance for all buildings with Northern Weather Makers in the amount of \$12,382.00 which includes two inspections per year for the Fire Station and Public Works and three inspections per year for City Hall and the Police Administration Building.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to accept the quote of Northern Weather Makers in the amount of \$12,382.00 for HVAC maintenance for city buildings. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT/CPVC POTABLE WATER INSTALLATIONS**

A memo (11-DOC-117) was received from Rich Ianson stating that an error was made in Ordinance 07-O-43, passed in November 2007 disallowing the use of chlorinated polyvinyl chloride (CPVC) in potable water installations. He proposed a text amendment to correct the ordinance, therefore allowing the use of CPVC pipe, tubing and fittings in potable water installations in single story residential structures only. Single or multi-family structures over one story tall and all commercial and residential structures are not allowed to use CPVC.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne, that an Ordinance (11-O-58) be passed amending Zion Municipal Code Section 10-297 and Sections 890.1130, 890.210 and Section 890 Appendix A of the Plumbing Code allowing the use of CPVC pipe, tubing and fittings in potable water installations in single story residential structures only and disallowing CPVC in single or multi-family structures over one story tall and all commercial and residential structures. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**NEW METER READING SYSTEM AND SOFTWARE**

A memo (11-DOC-118) was received from Ron Colangelo requesting consideration of two quotes for a new meter reading system. He stated that Elster Mega-Net AMI Fixed Network is the preferred system because 1) it provides better coverage, 2) requires only 2 gateways opposed to 5, 3) City's IT consultant is familiar with the system, 4) the Village of Beach Park has provided positive references re: the system, and 5) the system will work with almost any meter manufacturer. Funding would come from the Water Enterprise Fund. With this new system, drive by meter reading would be eliminated and readings can be retrieved daily. Mr. Colangelo recommended accepting the quote from Mid America Water of Wauconda, Illinois in the amount of \$51,544.00 for purchase of the Elster Mega-Net AMI Fixed Network.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to accept the quote of Mid America Water of Wauconda, Illinois in the amount of \$51,544.00 for purchase of the Elster Mega-Net AMI Fixed Network. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT/SWALCO ALTERNATE DIRECTOR**

A memo (11-DOC-119) was received from Commissioner Flammini requesting that Sheryl Spooner be appointed as Alternate Representative to the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) Board of Directors. He stated that the City has not had an alternate representative for several years.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to appoint Sheryl Spooner as Alternate Representative to the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) Board of Directors. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS & FINANCE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT/HOURS OF OPERATION**

Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that she received a phone call from a resident who came to City Hall to conduct business during the lunch hour of 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. and the offices were closed. The caller stated that she and thirteen other people, some of them on their lunch breaks, were waiting in the lobby to conduct business. She stated to the Commissioner that she felt the offices being closed during the lunch hour was inconvenient for residents and that the City needs to be "citizen friendly". Commissioner Shantal Taylor suggested that department employees stagger their lunch breaks and asked the Council to reconsider the shutdown. Mayor Harrison stated that the decision to close these departments during the lunch break was financial in nature as reductions in staffing had occurred. He expressed concern regarding residents being serviced properly during the lunch break. Mayor Harrison stated that the issue will be discussed with staff and placed on the next council agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

November 15	6:30 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting

Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that the carpentry work on the Dome, being performed by Wooden Valley Carpentry, should be completed by the end of the week if the weather is cooperative. More rot and damage was found than expected, but the contractor is confident that the Dome will be restored to a safe, sound structure. Once the carpentry work is completed, Coral Chemical will begin work on the Dome top, with them donating all materials and labor supplied.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss probable litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners 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 8:41 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**CODE AMENDMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE CODE HEARING DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Harrison stated the Council discussed the issue of the Administrative Code Hearing Department.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to table further discussion regarding a code amendment deleting the Administrative Code Hearing Department until the November 15 Council meeting. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal 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 Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk