

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012, 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 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 Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve the Council agenda with an amendment as follows:

- Add to Announcements – Zion Community Connections, June 16, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Russ Share and Tom Inghram of Big Chicago Brewing Company addressed the Council regarding a proposed craft beer brewing operation in the Warwick Building at 2701 Deborah Avenue. They are the former owners of Flatlanders Restaurant & Brewery in Lincolnshire, Illinois. They have plans to transform the restaurant into a contract brewery. They would brew craft beer on behalf of other brands for brewers who do not have the capital to invest in their own brewery. They would brew and bottle only and there would be no retail sales. Mr. Share stated that the Warwick Building has the character and craft atmosphere they are looking for. He stated brewing is a very quiet operation which uses a large quantity of water which they recycle. The brewery would employ 10 to 20 local people. They would plan to start up in 10,000 square feet and expand into an adjacent additional 13,000 square feet. Commissioner Flammini stated that a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance would be necessary to permit this use in the G1 Zoning District. Mayor Harrison stated that he is happy they are interested in Zion, however, the Council would wrestle with what the City has said they would do and not do with regard to alcohol in Zion. There is much sensitivity in the community. He stated he would like to see a Flatlanders Restaurant in Zion. He asked Mr. Share to provide the Council with a business plan. Commissioner DeTienne stated that it would be difficult for him and the City Council to support the brewery as people in Zion are not ready for this kind of activity. He stated he would vote against it. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that she would vote against it. Commissioner Jim Taylor stated that the City Council was able to get the liquor referendum passed by promising no other type of usage and he stated he could not support a brewery.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jason Jackson, 2704 Gilead, presented a photo to the Council regarding the intersection of 23rd Street and Gilead. Tree branches cover the stop sign and cause a hazard. He also asked if there was an existing ordinance that limits the number of people who can gather in one place at the same time. He has had to call the Police when 40 to 50 young people are walking down the street on summer evenings. He has had his car vandalized in his driveway twice. He asked if anything could be done to install lights in the middle of the block on the side streets as currently lights only exist at main intersections. Mayor Harrison stated that the Public Works Department will trim the trees obstructing the stop sign immediately. Ron Colangelo stated that he will look into the street lighting issue but that all street lights east of Lewis Avenue are ComEd lights and the City would have to get a cost estimate from ComE for installation of additional lights. Chief Brooks stated that there is no ordinance to control the number of people who may assemble in

a group, however, the Police Department can address the activity of the group. The Department can enforce the ordinance which prohibits walking in the roadway where sidewalks are provided.

Clyde McLemore, 2815 Ezekiel, stated that he would like the Council to reconsider Resolution 12-R-10 abolishing the Festival of Lights Commission. He stated that Christmas is a time of celebration and he enjoyed the holiday lights in the park. The lights should not be taken away. Commissioner DeTienne stated that no City Council member wanted to see the Festival of Lights go, however, the City is at a crucial financial time and the lights were a very expensive venture. Mayor Harrison stated that the City spent between \$50,000 and \$60,000 annually to present Kringle's Kingdom and the drive-thru which included materials, storage, and power costs. The City did incur labor costs, however, the Public Service Program provided much of the labor for the project at no cost to the City. Mayor Harrison stated that the Council had to weigh the holiday lights against providing services and eliminating jobs, and the decision was made to eliminate the lights.

April Powell, renter at 3012 Emmaus, stated that the driveway at her home is too high and would cause damage to her car if she attempted to use it. She asked the Building Department if she could lay gravel in the back yard for parking, but she was informed it was not allowed in the City. She receives permission from the Police Department regularly to park on the street overnight, but has to call daily to avoid getting a ticket. The landlord will not fix the driveway and she has nowhere to park. Mayor Harrison stated that the problem is with the landlord and that he should provide a useable driveway. He stated that the City can look into the problem but cannot grade on private property. The City may be able to help nudge the landlord to make the necessary repairs.

Lolita Watkins and her four children, 2117 Carmel Blvd., thanked the City for all the improvements to their home through the Rebuilding Together Program. They also thanked the congregation of Trinity Christian Church who were the driving force behind the improvements.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of a Regular Meeting held on May 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. as amended
- (b) **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Building Department Year End Report, May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012; Monthly Report, April 2012
- (c) **BILLS:** Vouchers 113191 through 113409 drawn on PNC Bank, Total: \$1,375,823.10

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/REGULAR MEETING/MAY 1, 2012

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held on May 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., with all members having previously received copies, be approved.

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

ORDINANCE/ABOLISHING E HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Mayor Harrison stated that the Human Relations Commission went for long periods of time without meeting and all terms of former members have expired. He recommended abolishing the Commission. Commissioner Shantal Taylor stated that three individuals who expressed interest in working on the Commission to keep it from being abolished were in the audience. She stated that she can get fresh interest and the City of Zion still has need for the Commission. She stated that she sees value in human relations. Commissioner Jim Taylor stated that there is content in the existing ordinance that is unconstitutional, activity in which the City should not be involved, and recommended the ordinance be re-written.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, that an Ordinance (12-O-27) be passed deleting Sections 2-526 through 2-533 and Sections 46-56 and 46-57 of the Zion Municipal Code abolishing the Human Relations Commission and encouraging any interested parties to meet with Mayor Harrison in the upcoming year to reorganize and re-energize the Commission and prepare a revised ordinance recreating it. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, nay; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/PROPERTY LEASE/GROSS GAMMA DETECTION UNIT

A letter (12-DOC-48) was received from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) requesting that the City of Zion and IEMA enter into a lease agreement to install and receive radiation telemetry from a single site in the City of Zion located at 3364 North Gabriel Avenue at the northeast corner of Gabriel Park. Zion Police and Fire Departments had no concerns with the physical site with regard to interference. Attorney Randall reviewed the lease without concern. A Certificate of Liability Insurance was provided.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor, that an Ordinance (12-O-28) be passed granting permission to enter into a lease agreement between the City of Zion and IEMA to install and receive radiation telemetry from a single site in the City of Zion located at 3364 North Gabriel Avenue at the northeast corner of Gabriel Park. 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.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION/CITY TREASURER

A letter of resignation (12-DOC-49) was received from Christopher Szymanski resigning as Zion City Treasurer, effective May 17, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to accept, with regret, the resignation of Christopher Szymanski as City Treasurer. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL

A document (12-DOC-50) was received from Sonolito Bronson requesting approval of the annual website maintenance service agreement renewal with GoFlo, Inc. This service agreement includes 12 months of maintenance including all updates and changes to content on the existing web pages, creation of new web pages within the existing site and formatting and posting of content images for a total cost of \$21,980.04.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to approve renewal of the website maintenance service agreement with GoFlo, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$21,980.04. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE/SURPLUS SHOTGUNS

A memo (12-DOC-51) was received from Chief Brooks requesting permission to declare sixteen (16) Remington shotguns as surplus property. He stated these are older unused weapons which can be used to trade to First Class Firearms for \$1,200 in equipment credit. This credit would include such items as reactive targets, cleaning materials, and other non-weapon items. The removal of the weapons reduces the City's liability and allows for the purchase of needed items with no budget impact.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, that an Ordinance (12-O-29) be passed declaring sixteen Remington shotguns as surplus property and that they be traded for equipment credit at First Class Firearms. 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.

PARKING LOT/WEST SIDE OF 2600 BLOCK OF SHERIDAN ROAD

A memo (12-DOC-52) was received from Chief Brooks regarding the parking problems of employees and customers of the businesses located on the west side of the 2600 block of Sheridan Road as presented by Kathy Richards at the previous Council meeting. CTCA employees monopolize the available parking. Kathy Richards has developed a plan to equally share the lot by restricting parking to permit only with businesses receiving a proportionate number of permits. Chief Brooks stated that an aggressive enforcement campaign would be implemented once the permit parking is in effect. A representative of K-LOG stated that they employ 30 employees, with 22 to 25 being present daily but not all at the same time. They are not opposed to the permit plan, however, they would like to be informed of the details of the plan. They requested a meeting with Chief Brooks and representatives from the other businesses to discuss the plan. Mayor Harrison suggested that Chief Brooks meet with Anne Meisner and Scott Jones at Midwestern Regional Medial Center once the permit parking plan has been finalized to notify them of the procedure.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to approve the parking permit plan, in concept, subject to final approval by Chief Brooks and the business group. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT & RELEASE/WAVELAND PROPERTIES

Commissioner Flammini stated that the City Council eliminated the administrative adjudication process for property maintenance fines, due to budget constraints, but never removed the provision for adjudication from the Zion Municipal Code. Waveland Homes, a large rental property owner, challenged the lack of adjudication claiming they had no method to appeal and were denied due process. Waveland Homes challenged nine tickets and will receive from the City a total reimbursement of \$2,250 in fines and any outstanding tickets will be voided. The City of Zion has since re-instated the administrative adjudication process.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor, to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between the City of Zion and Waveland Properties 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.

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS CONTRACT RENEWAL

A memo (12-DOC-53) was received from Chief Lewis requesting permission to renew the annual contract with Computer Informational Systems, Inc., which provides the CAD system used by the Police and Fire Departments for dispatching and records maintenance, at a cost of \$50,000. \$30,000 is allotted for the license agreement and \$20,000 is for maintenance and renewal. Chief Lewis requested permission to submit the CIS invoice for payment.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne, to approve renewal of the annual contract with Computer Informational Systems, Inc., at a cost of \$50,000, and grant permission to submit the CIS invoice for payment. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

RADICOM CONTRACT RENEWAL

A memo (12-DOC-54) was received from Chief Lewis requesting permission to renew the annual contract with Radicom, the dispatch communications maintenance provider for the system used by the Police and Fire Departments, at a cost of \$7,842.45. Chief Lewis requested permission to submit the Radicom invoice for payment.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini, to approve renewal of the annual contract with Radicom, at a cost of \$7,842.45, and grant permission to submit the Radicom invoice for payment. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE/STRYKER POWER LOAD SYSTEM

A memo (12-DOC-55) was received from Chief Lewis requesting permission to waive bids and purchase one power-load cot fastener system for the recently purchased ambulance. \$11,953.32 in grant money is available for this purchase. This system is marketed at \$21,275 through Stryker EMS Equipment who is participating in a matching grant program that allows for a \$7,000 rebate on the cost of the power load system. Using the \$11,953.32 of grant money, along with the \$7,000 rebate, the actual out of pocket cost would be \$2,321.68.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor, to waive bids and approve the purchase of one power-load cot fastener system from Stryker EMS Equipment for a total out of pocket cost of \$2,321.68. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 14	4:00 p.m.	Liquor Control Commission Meeting
June 16	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronic Recycling at the Public Works Facility 3220 27 th St.
June 16	4:00 p.m.	Zion Community Connections at Police Department Training Room
June 19	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting
June 22, 23		NOSTALGIA DAYS

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 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved June 19, 2012