

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012, 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 Flammini, DeTienne, 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 approve the Council agenda with an amendment as follows:

- Under "Announcements" - Change the date of Zion Community Connections from October 20 to October 27, 2012

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/ENERGY IMPACT ILLINOIS

Bob Fuller, Lake County Field Organizer, Energy Impact Illinois, presented an energy saving program which could benefit Zion homeowners. An alliance was formed between the US Department of Energy and local electrical and gas utilities for the purpose of improving home energy efficiency as 40% of energy use goes toward buildings with the greatest energy loss due to poor insulation, gaps between floors/room, etc. Energy Impact Illinois is an instant rebate program which pays up to 70% of air sealing and insulation work performed on a residence and up to \$1,750 in energy efficient upgrades, with the contractor reducing the amount from his bill. The program connects homeowners with highly skilled contractors. The homeowner can have an assessment performed for \$99 and receive an evaluation on how energy is lost and how to correct it. Mr. Fuller stated that the average home requires \$2,000 to \$4,000 in repairs. Repairs can reduce energy use by 15%, conserve resources, and save homeowners about \$500 annually. After undergoing energy saving repairs, homes receive the Energy Star certification. Mr. Fuller suggested residents visit the Energy Impact Illinois website at www.energyimpactillinois.org or contact him directly at 773-972-6410. Flyers will also be available in the Zion Building Department.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Beverly Mull, 2808 Gilead, thanked the Street Division of Public Works for repairing potholes on Gilead in August. She asked when the street would be repaved. Ron Colangelo stated that Gilead is included in the street improvement program in either 2012 or 2013. Ms. Mull asked about the status of the vacant building at 2771 Galilee. Mayor Harrison stated that the property is in court working through the demolition process. Commissioner Flammini stated that the old bus garage in the same block was demolished and the City is attempting to gain title to the property.

Clyde McLemore, 2815 Ezekiel, stated that the open house at 2200 Elim, which is an Oxford House, on October 6, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, was cancelled.

Charles Fitzgerald, 1818 Gideon, stated that he read a September 20, 2012 Chicago Tribune article regarding consumers paying less for electricity. The article included a list of communities and rate reduction percentages which revealed a significant savings. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that government can help by taking a serious look at the possibility of bundling to negotiate with electricity providers for lower rates.

He stated it is not too late to place a referendum question on the 2013 April election ballot. Mayor Harrison stated that each electric company that purports to the City and residents all seem to have different rates for switching service and claim to offer the lowest possible rates allowable by law. The length of time these rates would be available also seems to change from provider to provider. Mayor Harrison stated that the Council has taken no action to date, and the City Council as a body has not decided to legislate a rate change for the entire community when they can do it on their own. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the City has more negotiating power as a group than an individual would have. He also stated that Representative JoAnn Osmond was instrumental in passing legislation that would allow Townships to negotiate rates.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting held on September 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 114106 through 114199 drawn on PNC Bank, Total: \$593,312.75

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

RESOLUTION/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor that a Resolution (12-R-16) be passed authorizing the annual application to the Lake County Community Development Block Grant Program for assistance to repair and resurface streets within the City. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

AGREEMENT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AUDIT

A memo (12-DOC-84) was received from David Knabel requesting permission to enter into an agreement with SpyGlass Group, Inc. for audit services. Upon review of various invoices for telecommunications services that the City has, Mr. Knabel recommends that an audit be performed of existing services to determine where there may be billing errors or opportunities for future savings. SpyGlass Group would handle all aspects of gathering the necessary information and taking inventory of services and existing bills and recommend areas for savings to the City. The fee paid would be based on the savings found so there is no additional cost to the City for the audit.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve entering into an agreement with SpyGlas Group, Inc. for a telecommunications services audit. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PARKING LOT REPAIRS

A memo (12-DOC-85) was received from Chief Brooks requesting that the Council consider three quotes for Police Administration Building parking lot repairs including patching, striping and seal coating. Quotes were reviewed with Ron Colangelo who has experience with the contractors. He recommended awarding the contract to NP & Son Paving Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$4,665. These repairs are budgeted under Line Item 10-03-1-04-795 Building & Grounds.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the contract for Police Administration Building parking lot repairs. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

Clerk Burkemper stated that the motion did not include to whom the contract would be awarded. Lt. Kirk Henderson stated that Police Department staff recommends accepting the quote of NP & Sons Paving Contractors, Inc. Commissioner DeTienne moved to amend his motion to include awarding the contract to NP & Sons Paving Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$4,665, seconded by Commissioner Flammini. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TABULATION OF BIDS/2012 STREET PROGRAM

A memo (12-DOC-86) was received from Ron Colangelo for the 2012 street program. Funding for this project is from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and Street & Bridge funds. Mr. Colangelo recommended awarding the project to the lowest responsible bidder, Payne and Dolan, Inc., of Kenosha, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$278,791.60.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to award the contract for the 2012 street program to the lowest responsible bidder, Payne and Dolan, Inc., of Kenosha, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$278,791.60. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO VACATE 26TH STREET BETWEEN ELISHA & EMMAUS AVENUES CANCER TREATMENT CENTERS OF AMERICA

A memo (12-DOC-87) was received from Ron Colangelo requesting preliminary approval to vacate 26th Street between Elisha and Emmaus Avenues and a small portion of the alley north of 26th Street per an application submitted by Cancer Treatment Centers of America. This property would be used as green space and for a ground level walking connection between the proposed parking garage and the hospital. If vacated, a full utility easement would be needed for the north alley. CTCA also requested that fees be waived if the vacation is granted. Estimated costs to the City are \$525 for legal and recording fees and the cost per square foot for this use per the City's R.O.W. Vacation Policy is \$24,510.60, for a total estimated cost of \$25,035.60. Mr. Colangelo stated that, if the Council grants preliminary approval, CTCA can then decide if they want to proceed with the application and incur the costs if applicable. The next step would then be preparation of a plat of vacation and utility easements, with an ordinance to follow for final approval. Commissioner Jim Taylor stated that he believes this is a great project and he is in full support of Midwestern Regional Medical Center. He stated that he supports the vacation, however, he cannot support waiving the fees due to the City's current financial status, having had to borrow money to make payroll a short time ago.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to grant preliminary approval to vacate 26th Street between Elisha and Emmaus Avenues and a small portion of the alley north of 26th Street per an application submitted by Cancer Treatment Centers of America. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor to deny the request of Cancer Treatment Centers of America to waive fees and square foot costs as outlined in the City's R.O.W. Vacation Policy as they relate to the vacation of 26th Street between Elisha and Emmaus Avenues and a small portion of the alley north of 26th Street. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Chief Lewis stated that October 7 through October 13, 2012 is Fire Prevention Week. The Fire/Rescue Department will host an Open House at Fire Station No. 1 on October 13, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Ron Colangelo stated that fall leaf pick-up will begin the week of October 15, 2012 and continue for five weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| October 6 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon | Electronic Recycling at the Public Works Facility, 3220 27 th St. |
| October 16 | 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting |
| October 20 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon | Electronic Recycling at the Public Works Facility, 3220 27 th St. |
| October 22 – November 3 | M - F - 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. SAT - 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Early Voting - City Hall Council Chambers |
| October 27, 2012 | 4:00 p.m. | Zion Community Connections at Zion Police Administration Building Training Room |
| October 28 | 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Zion Trick or Treating |

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk