

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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, Shantal Taylor, Jim Taylor, DeTienne, and Mayor Harrison.

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

**AGENDA CHANGES**

There were no agenda changes.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**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 October 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 114310 through 114396 drawn on PNC Bank, Total: \$811,459.80
- (c) **PROCLAMATION:** United States Marine Corps 237<sup>th</sup> Birthday – November 10, 2012

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

**RESOLUTION/30 YEAR SERVICE AWARD**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, that a Resolution (12-R-17) be passed recognizing Gordon R. Gripko for 30 years of service to the Zion Fire/Rescue Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

Mayor Harrison presented Mr. Gripko with a certificate and mantle clock in appreciation of his service to the City.

**RESOLUTION/MUTUAL AID FIRE & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACROSS STATE LINES**

A memo (12-DOC-91) was received from Chief Lewis requesting approval of a resolution supporting Illinois 2012 House Bill 4576, commonly known as MAMA-C (Mid-America Mutual Aid Consortium). The intent of MAMA-C is to remove the barriers disallowing day-to-day mutual aid between fire agencies from two or more different states. The proposed resolution will show legislative leadership that the bill, if signed, would have value and important consequences. This bill will directly affect Zion due to the City's close proximity to Wisconsin and its widely used health services.

It was moved by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne, that a Resolution (12-R-18) be passed in support of daily mutual aid across state lines for fire and emergency services and Illinois house Bill 4576 (MAMA-C). The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal

Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

**ORDINANCE/2<sup>nd</sup> ADDENDUM/SHEPHERD'S CROOK GOLF FEES AGREEMENT**

A memo (12-DOC-92) was received from Rich Walker, Zion Park District Executive Director and Jubilee Days Commission Executive Director, requesting approval of an ordinance authorizing a second addendum to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Zion and the Zion Park District for the payment of golf fees at Shepherd's Crook Golf Course. Mr. Walker stated in his request that the proposed ordinance would clarify ambiguous language in the First Addendum to the agreement which identifies the purposes for which the funds paid to the City are to be used. It would codify past practice of the City, namely a portion of the funds are used to pay for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display and funding for the Jubilee Days Festival. It has been the understanding that \$7,000 of these funds would be used for fireworks and the balance would be used to fund the Jubilee Days Festival. Approval of the proposed addendum would remove any uncertainty on the part of the Jubilee Days Commission regarding available funding from the City each year. Commissioner Jim Taylor stated that the First Addendum to the agreement restricts use of the funds to recreational purposes and that the existing language was satisfactory. He stated that the proposed language in the second addendum was more restrictive.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne, that the proposed second addendum to the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Zion and the Zion Park District for the payment of golf fees at Shepherd's Crook Golf Course be denied. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE/AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/AMBULANCE CHARGES**

A memo (12-DOC-93) was received from David Knabel requesting that Section 34-16 of the Zion Municipal Code regarding ambulance charges be amended. He stated that it would be in the best interest of the City as a whole to correct discrepancies between the current ambulance rates and the practices in the Zion Fire/Rescue Department compared to other local municipalities. He proposed the following changes :

1. Update ambulance rates based on the average rates of 13 other local communities
2. For Zion residents only - Include provision to forgive the balance of any services outstanding after insurance has processed the claims which would assure residents needing services never see a bill for these services from the City, only an explanation of benefits from their provider.
3. Add a provision for billing for mileage on medical transport

Mr. Knabel stated, if the amending ordinance is approved, the charges for services from Andres Medical Billing LTD would be lowered from 9% to 6%.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Jim Taylor, that an Ordinance (12-O-44) be passed amending Section 34-16 of the Zion Municipal Code updating ambulance rates, including a provision to forgive balances for outstanding services after insurance claims have been processed for Zion residents only, and adding a provision for billing for mileage on medical transport. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**ORDINANCE/CLEANING & MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR CITY FACILITIES**

A Tabulation of Bids (12-DOC-94) was received from Rich Ianson for the combined cleaning and maintenance services for City Hall, the Police Administration Building and the Public Works facility. He stated that nine bids were received, however, only two bidders provided all supporting bid documents as required in the bid specifications. Mr. Ianson stated that staff recommends awarding the bid to the most responsive and responsible bidder, VMG Quality Services, Zion, Illinois, in the amount of \$48,000 annually. Commissioner Shantal Taylor asked, since VMG Quality Services is the current cleaning contractor, if there have been complaints regarding the quality of service. Mr. Ianson stated that no complaints have been received.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (12-O-45) be passed authorizing execution of a contract for cleaning and maintenance services for City Hall, the Police Administration Building and the Public Works facility with VMG Quality Services in the annual amount of \$48,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

**INVOICE/ONLINE RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

A memo (12-DOC-95) was received from Chief Lewis requesting permission to submit an invoice for payment to Target Solutions online risk management system, which provides a one-year subscription, in the amount of \$1,950.00. All Fire/Rescue personnel are able to log in and complete regular training that allows the completion of annual mandated training requirements during times that are convenient to the department and personnel. This is a budgeted line item in the current budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor, to approve payment of the Target Solutions online risk management system in the amount of \$1,950.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**PURCHASE/SMRT BATTERY SYSTEM**

A memo (12-DOC-96) was received from Chief Lewis requesting permission to purchase a SMRT battery system to power the new Power-Load cot system. The current Dewalt battery is being phased out in favor of the SMRT battery. The purchase would include one SMRT Power Kit, bracket and charger in the amount of \$880.00. Funds were budgeted in the EMS Equipment line item.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to approve the purchase of one SMRT Power Kit, bracket and charger in the amount of \$880.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**PROPERTY/CASUALTY/WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL**

A memo (12-DOC-97) was received from David Knabel requesting consideration of quotes for property, casualty, and workers compensation insurance. Two quotes were solicited, one from the incumbent broker, Mesirow Financial and one from Arthur Gallagher & Company. Based on review of the available options, Mr. Knabel recommended Option #4 on the Premium Summary and Comparison chart. This option would switch property and casualty insurance from One Beacon to Brit and Arch, would retain Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) as the workers compensation carrier and switch the broker from Mesirow Financial to Arthur

Gallagher. In comparing this option to maintaining the current package, it would result in an annual savings of \$51,176 in premiums while providing consistency in coverage limits.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal Taylor to accept the quote of Arthur Gallagher & Company, based on Option #4 on the Premium Summary and Comparison chart, switching property and casualty insurance from One Beacon to Brit and Arch, retaining Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) as the workers compensation carrier and switching the broker from Mesirow Financial to Arthur Gallagher. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION COMMITTEE**

A memo (12-DOC-98) was received from Commissioner Jim Taylor recommending that the City Council approve, upon recommendation by Mayor Harrison, a committee of five or seven representatives of the Zion residential community and small retail businesses to consider the option of aggregation of electricity for Zion citizens. He further recommended that the committee bring a report back to the City Council outlining the pros and cons of aggregation including a recommendation as to whether or not this option should be placed on the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election ballot as a public question. He stated that the last day for the City Council to adopt an ordinance or resolution to place the public question on the ballot is January 22, 2013. The last day for the City to file the legal question with the Lake County Clerk’s office for placement on the ballot is January 31, 2013. Commissioner Shantal Taylor confirmed that investigating municipal electrical aggregation was a good idea and stated that she had met with a citizen on the subject last evening.

It was the consensus of the Council that a citizen municipal electrical aggregation committee be formed, comprised of five members being appointed by Mayor Harrison with concurrence of the Council.

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY**

Commissioner Shantal Taylor thanked Directors Ianson and Colangelo for their input on the recent upgrades to the Zion Commuter Warming Station.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

November 8		Voter Registration re-opens
November 17	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronics Recycling at the Public Works Facility at 3220 27 <sup>th</sup> St.
November 20	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Regular Zion City Council Meeting
November 22 & 23		City Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Mayor Harrison stated that photos of the recent roadwork project, taken by Gibbie Buchholtz, are available on ZBGuide.com.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shantal that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss personnel and collective bargaining. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, 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 7:48 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Flammini, aye; Shantal Taylor, aye; Jim Taylor, aye; DeTienne, 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 Jim Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk