

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014, AT 7:01 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 Hill, Taylor, Flammini, DeTienne 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 Flammini, to approve an agenda change as follows:

- Item 11 – Add “Lease of Real Estate” to Closed Session

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Regular Meeting held February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on February 4, 2014 at 7:25 p.m.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 117633 through 117734 drawn on First Merit Bank, Total: \$430,590.38
- (c) **RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE:** City of Zion, Illinois Financial Statements for Year ended April 30, 2013

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

ORDINANCE/AMENDING ZION MUNICIPAL CODE/UNATTENDED DONATION BOXES

A memo (14-DOC-11) was received from Director Ianson requesting that an ordinance be passed adopting regulations pertaining to unattended donation boxes. Director Ianson stated that in 2011, the City Council amended the Zion Municipal Code requiring that all unattended donation boxes have a permit. The ordinance also regulated where the boxes could be located, how they were to be secured, and how many were allowed on a single property. He stated that so far, the City has had very little success in contacting the owners of the boxes in order to gain compliance when issues arise. Director Ianson stated that the proposed ordinance declares all unattended donation boxes located within the City as nuisances. He stated that, following the guidelines as outlined in the proposed ordinance, the City will have the authority to have the boxes removed. He stated that, in certain situations, unattended boxes are allowed as an accessory use to a property's principal use so long as the box is owned, operated and maintained by the owner of the principal use. He stated that the City would be authorized to place donation boxes on City-owned property. Director Ianson stated that the City has six months to review the guidelines and have the boxes removed. Commissioner Hill stated that the unattended box owners are recycling the donations for profit, not giving them to charity, so removal of the boxes will not harm the impoverished. Commissioner Flammini stated that SWALCO will have a donation box at one or two locations on City-owned property from which the City will share in the profit.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Hill, that an Ordinance (14-O-13) be passed amending Section 102-152(8) of the Zion Municipal Code adopting regulations pertaining to unattended donation boxes. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Hill, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES/PATROL OFFICERS

A memo (14-DOC-12) was received from Chief Dumyahn requesting permission to fill two patrol officer vacancies, one created by promotions within the department and one by the resignation of a probationary officer.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Hill to fill two patrol officer vacancies and request the names of the next two qualified candidates from the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Patrol Officer Final Eligibility Register. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Hill, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Director Knabel stated that Nostalgia Days is scheduled for June 21, 2014. He stated that registration forms are available at www.NostalgiaDays.com. He stated that the Commission is planning to have a carnival this year. Mayor Harrison stated that there have been many issues with a carnival in the past and asked why the Commission is doing it again. He stated that he has a problem with the carnival. Director Knabel stated that, in the past, the carnival operators have been the issue. He stated that they have thoroughly interviewed the existing contract vendor, with Police Department staff included, and any issues will be addressed. Commissioner Hill asked if the closing time of the carnival has been set. Director Knabel stated that the carnival will close earlier than in the past with a closing time of 9:00 p.m. Commissioner Flammini stated that, in the past, the vendor contract was cancelled due to non-performance in the second year of a three year contract. Director Knabel stated that it is expected that revenue will cover staffing and security provided by the Zion Police Department.

Commissioner Hill stated that Mayor Harrison should get involved in the lakefront and determine what Exelon plans to do with the property once the power plant demolition project is complete. He stated that in the next three to four years the power plant will be down and now is the time to determine who will own the property and what it will look like. He stated that Mayor Harrison is best suited to approach Exelon before final decisions are made that do not include the City of Zion. Commissioner Hill stated that the spent fuel rods will be stored there long term and the City needs to be compensated. He stated that he is doubtful that storage of spent fuel rods was part of the original agreement when the plant was built. He stated that the City should proceed quickly. Mayor Harrison stated that the issue has always been to get ComEd to answer very direct questions. He stated that legislators have been asked about the property's future. He stated that ComEd condescended during conversations regarding revenue for the City. He stated that ComEd has state and federal law behind them regarding storage of the spent fuel rods and the rods cannot be moved now. Mayor Harrison stated that questions were asked repeatedly when negotiating a five year plan to encapsulate the rods. He stated that he is not opposed to going back again and asking questions. Commissioner Hill stated that the Mayor needs to lead the contingent to address the issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 1	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronic Recycling at the Public Works Facility, 3220 27 th Street
March 3	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Early Voting begins at Zion City Hall
March 4	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
March 15	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronic Recycling at the Public Works Facility, 3220 27 th Street

March 18

6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Town Board Meeting
Zion City Council Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Hill that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss purchase and lease of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Hill, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Flammini to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:35 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Hill, aye; Taylor, aye; Flammini, 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 DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk