

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners DeTienne, Taylor, Hill, Flammini, and Mayor Harrison. A quorum was present.

Also present: Chief of Police Steve Dumyahn, Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis, Public Works Director Ron Colangelo, Finance Director David Knabel, Building Director Richard Ianson, ESDA Field Director Brandon Busch, and City Attorney Paula Randall

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows:

- Tabling Item 9a – Consider approving forgiveness of annual rent and remaining loan receivable due from Zion Township per Director Knabel

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lisa Isaac, 3013 Emmaus, stated that she surveyed the Sheridan Road business corridor and there are 160 business addresses in the corridor and 36 vacant storefronts. She stated some stores have been boarded up for more than two years and some buildings are condemned. She stated that some stores have been abandoned with garbage visible through the windows. She stated that she does not know what the answer is but that something needs to be done. She asked the Council to clean up the business district and make it safe. She stated that no fee is charged to park in the Metra parking lot in Zion while all other communities along the line charge a fee. She stated that Zion is not taking advantage of this revenue stream and asked that the Council consider installing fee boxes. Mayor Harrison stated that in the last fifteen years, the Council and administration have added numerous new businesses and he will compile a list. He cited examples of community improvements at various locations throughout the City. He stated that Ms. Isaac should see the positive changes in Zion as well as the needed improvements. He stated that it takes investors to bring business not just City of Zion money. Ms. Isaac stated that the stores look abandoned to visitors and the City should stay on property owners to maintain their properties, and if they do not comply, then they should receive citations. Commissioner Hill stated that landlords owe much in fines from citations but the City is the last in line to receive money following court rulings. He stated that the City is hoping to start a program to turn unpaid fines over to collections. Mayor Harrison stated that, if a resident wants to make a difference, they should serve on a business related City board or commission like the Planning/Zoning Commission.

Janet Jones, 1728 23rd Street, stated that several months ago Channel 19 was upgraded using City money. She stated that AT & T does not air the City Council meetings on the public channel. She stated that perhaps AT & T could help pay for the cable show. She stated that AT & T has an obligation to stand by its Zion customers. She stated that AT & T airs every other communities' public meetings but Zion's. Ms. Jones asked the Council to investigate why no funding is received from AT & T for this purpose.

Clyde McLemore, 2815 Ezekiel, asked the Council to consider naming one block of Galilee from 23rd to 24th Streets in honor of Joshua Summeries, a baby who was killed in that block in August 2013. He asked what the procedure was to formally request that this action be taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of a Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on August 19, 2014 at 7:58 p.m.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 119050 through 119163 drawn on First Merit Bank, Total: \$477,654.09
- (c) **PROCLAMATION:** Buddy Poppies Days, October 24, 25 & 26, 2014

Approved by omnibus vote as follows: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

Christine Pauley and Annemarie Baker of Winthrop Harbor VFW Post 7448 were present to receive the proclamation.

Commissioner Hill asked Director Knabel to provide a breakdown of revenue and expenses for the Jubilee Days Commission and the Nostalgia Days Commission for the 2014 events.

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
20 YEARS OF SERVICE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Hill that a Resolution of Commendation (14-R-13) be passed recognizing Lieutenant Tony Velardi of the Police Department for 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Zion. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION/HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT/2502 DEBORAH AVENUE

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Hill that a Resolution (14-R-14) be passed approving a Highway Authority Agreement for property located at 2502 Deborah Avenue owned by W. Grant Sisson. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

Director Colangelo stated that per this agreement, if any contaminants are found in the ground water under Deborah Avenue, the area cannot be used for residential purposes. He stated that if contaminants are uncovered during the course of road work on Deborah Avenue, any required soil removal would be at the cost of the property owner of 2502 Deborah Avenue.

ORDINANCE/AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/RESTRICTED PARKING

A memo (14-DOC-77) was received from Chief Dumyahh stating that residents in the 1300 block of 24th Street and the 1300 block of Shiloh Blvd. (north lane) continue to express concerns regarding parking issues resulting in driveways being partially blocked or access in and out of their driveways being difficult. He stated that these issues appear to be the result of Cancer Treatment of America employees using the available on-street parking in these areas. Chief Dumyahh recommended restricting parking in these locations.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, that an Ordinance (14-O-40) be passed amending Zion Municipal Code Article III, Section 90-133 (c) to restrict parking in the 1300 block of 24th Street with "Resident Parking Only Mon-Fri" signs being posted and the 1300 block of Shiloh Blvd. (north lane) with "No Parking" signs being posted. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/LICENSE AGREEMENT/FLAT ROCK HOLDINGS LLC

It was moved by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (14-0-41) be passed to enter into a license agreement between the City of Zion and Flat Rock Holdings LLC for parking purposes for property located adjacent to and west of previously leased property at 2809 Damascus. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/GRANTING EASEMENT/FLAT ROCK HOLDINGS LLC

It was moved by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (14-0-42) be passed granting a permanent non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress to Flat Rock Holdings LLC for property located adjacent to and west of previously leased property at 2809 Damascus. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/SURPLUS PROPERTY/2002 HORTON AMBULANCE

A memo (14-DOC-78) was received from Chief Lewis requesting that a 2002 Horton Ambulance Model 623-1, Navistar Chassis 4300 LP, be declared as surplus property. He also requested approval to enter into an agreement with B & P Fire Apparatus to advertise and sell the ambulance once it is declared as surplus.

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that an Ordinance (14-0-43) be passed declaring one 2002 Horton Ambulance Model 623-1, Navistar Chassis 4300 LP, as surplus property and approving the sale of this vehicle through a fire service apparatus broker. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

PAYMENT/EMERGENCY WATERMAIN REPAIRS

A memo (14-DOC-79) was received from Director Colangelo requesting approval of payment to Campanella and Sons in the amount of \$47,959.35 for emergency watermain replacement and repairs on Route 173 just west of the Sheridan Road intersection. He stated funding would come from Fund 49 Waterworks and Sewer Capital Improvements.

It was moved by Commissioner Flammini, seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve payment of an invoice from Campanella and Sons in the amount of \$47,959.35 for emergency watermain replacement and repairs on Route 173 just west of the Sheridan Road intersection. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Director Knabel stated that, as part of the Community of Character initiative, six words will be identified to represent core character values that the communities of Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor, and Zion would like to adopt. Three words have been chosen to date: respect, responsibility and integrity. He asked for input from the community and stated that suggested words can be written on cards found in the City Hall lobby and placed in a collection box.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursdays through September 26th	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Zion Farmer's Market Sheridan Road & Shiloh Blvd.
September 11	6:00 p.m.	Zion Community of Character Walk at Zion Park District Bandshell
September 16	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting
September 20	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Electronic Recycling at the Public Works Facility, 3220 27 th Street
September 20	10:30 a.m.	"Stormwater from the Ground Up" Seminar at ZB Public Library

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Flammini that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss purchase of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; Flammini, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:14 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Hill, aye; Flammini, 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 Hill, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved September 16, 2014