

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, AT 7:01 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS

Mayor Hill called the meeting to order.

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

Also present: Chief of Police Steve Dumyahn, Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis, Building/Zoning Director Richard Ianson, and City Attorney Paula Randall. Public Works Director Ron Colangelo and Accounts/Finance Director David Knabel were absent.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to accept the Council agenda as presented with the following change:

- Item 13 - Closed Session – delete pending litigation per Commissioner McKinney

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/TESKA ASSOCIATES/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Kon Savoy and Larry Lund, Teska Associates, gave a presentation regarding the City's proposed comprehensive plan. Mayor Hill thanked the citizen committee who worked with Teska Associates for more than a year and a half to create the plan and the Planning/Zoning Commission members who reviewed and recommended approval of the plan. He stated that the proposed comprehensive plan will be placed on the City Council meeting agenda for approval on September 15 or October 6 in order to allow ample time for any questions regarding the plan to be answered.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Clyde McLemore, Zion, stated that at the last City Council meeting, Mayor Hill questioned his integrity. He stated that none of the City staff can answer his questions. He stated that even though Zion has a new Mayor, there is still a lot of the old regime left. He stated that the only change in the Mayor's office is the name on the door. He stated that he is not going to be quiet and allow the shenanigans that are going on. He stated that he is not a liar. He asked Mayor Hill what changes he has made since taking office. Mayor Hill stated that, at the last Council meeting, he did not call Mr. McLemore a liar. He read the statement, word for word, that he read at the previous Council meeting, after which, he stated that he called Mr. McLemore nothing. He stated that the issue surrounding the JAG grant discussed at the last meeting will effect Mr. McLemore's credibility with him, however, each Council member must decide for himself. Mayor Hill stated that Audrey Nixon, County Board member, denied talking to Mr. McLemore regarding the grant as he stated at the last meeting. Chief Dumyahn stated that Mr. McLemore never came to the Police Department to ask questions regarding the grant, but only submitted a FOIA request. He stated that Mr. McLemore did not engage in any dialogue with Police Department staff. Mayor Hill stated that Mr. McLemore may speak before the Council at any time but he must be accurate with his facts. Mayor Hill stated that Mr. McLemore will not "be someone" at the expense of City staff.

Tracey Johnson, Zion, thanked the City for supporting the Potawatami Trails POW WOW event. He stated that it was very enriching and educational for kids without relying on technological theatrics. He stated that churches do a lot for the community and he has no problem with the fee waivers granted by the Council. He stated that he has observed many vehicles with out-of-state license plates and no city vehicle stickers parked in the City, particularly at multi-family buildings.

Jacqueline Holmes, Zion, stated that she is concerned about pedestrian safety at the intersection of Kedron and 19th Street across from Beulah Park. She stated that vehicles do not stop at stop signs. She asked the Council to consider addressing this safety concern.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of a Regular Meeting held on August 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on August 18, 2015 at 7:55 p.m.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 121653 through 121753 drawn on First Merit Bank, Total: \$665,151.25
- (c) **PROCLAMATION:** Buddy Poppies Days, September 18, 19 and 20, 2015

Approved by omnibus vote as follows: The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; McKinney, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION/AMENDING PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION/
FIRE/RESUCE DEPARTMENT/ESDA**

A memo (15-DOC-91) was received from Chief Lewis requesting permission to amend the personnel authorization by decreasing the number of grant funded positions in the Fire/Rescue Department from three to zero and changing the oversight of ESDA from the Commissioner of Public Works to the Commissioner of Public Health and Safety.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that a Resolution (15-R-21) be passed amending the personnel authorization by decreasing the number of grant funded positions in the Fire/Rescue Department from three to zero and changing the oversight of ESDA from the Commissioner of Public Works to the Commissioner of Public Health and Safety. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; McKinney, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

ORDINANCE/TIF#1 ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT/DEBBY KATE, LLC

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, that an Ordinance (15-O-47) be passed approving and authorizing execution of a TIF District #1 economic incentive agreement for Debby Kate, LLC at 2429 Sheridan Road in an amount not to exceed \$32,550 for the repair and improvement of the building, due to the demolition of the attached building on the north face of the existing property, which includes crack repair, readying the wall for siding, insulation and siding. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; McKinney, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM POLICY REVISIONS

A memo (15-DOC-92) was received from Chief Lewis requesting approval of revisions to the City's Emergency Notification System (CODE RED) policy. He stated that with the recent changes in the City Council, it is necessary to revise Attachment 1, the authorized users, of the notification system policy. He stated that Mayor Lane Harrison should be deleted and Mayor Al Hill should be added. He stated that the Mayor Pro Tem designation should be changed from Commissioner Taylor to Commissioner DeTienne.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne, to revise the City's Emergency Notification System (CODE RED) policy, Attachment 1, by 1) deleting Mayor Lane Harrison and adding Mayor Al Hill, and 2) changing the Mayor Pro Tem designation from Commissioner Taylor to Commissioner DeTienne. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; McKinney, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT/ESDA COORDINATOR

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis as the City of Zion Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) Coordinator. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; McKinney, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Mayor Hill stated that video café liquor license applications were due September 1, 2015. He stated that 18 applications were distributed and 10 were submitted. He stated that 5 licenses will be awarded by the Liquor Control Commission. He stated that those applicants who are awarded licenses must have their business up and running within 6 months.

Mayor Hill noted that several historical documents and photos are now being displayed in the Council Chambers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursdays through September 24th	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Zion Farmer's Market Sheridan Road & Shiloh Blvd.
September 5	6:30 p.m.	Zion's Queen Pageant
September 6	8:15 p.m.	Jubilee Days Fireworks
September 7	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Jubilee Days Arts & Crafts Festival Jubilee Days Parade
September 14		Fall Chipping Program begins – see City website for details
September 15	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Meeting Zion City Council Meeting
September 19	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Zion Community of Character Walk at Zion Park District Bandshell

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; McKinney, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:29 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; McKinney, aye; DeTienne, aye; McDowell, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried.