

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, AT 7:00 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 Frierson, McDowell, DeTienne, McKinney, and Mayor Hill. A quorum was present.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to accept the City Council meeting agenda as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Willie Brooks, Zion, thanked the City Council and Zion residents for their assistance in helping him realize his vision of encouraging young men to exceed their limits, live positive lives and be more visible in the community by taking them to a historical museum to learn about the price that was paid for their freedom. He stated that Zion rallied around him after his concession stand business was robbed. Donations received paid for thirty one boys and eight adults to make the trip. He stated that he saw love in Zion. Mayor Hill thanked Mr. Brooks for his good works.

W. C. Bremner, Zion, stated that he previously requested use of city facilities for Boy Scout Troop 673 meetings and that the matter be tabled. He withdrew the request. He also presented Mayor Hill with a Chicago Tribune article which stated that the State of Illinois passed a law making Lake County Board members ineligible for an Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) pension.

Clarissa Walker, Zion, stated that following recent roof work at her residence, an animal gained access to her attic. She dealt with the matter over a period of at least five days. She stated that the roofer was very cooperative and returned twice to help. She stated that the Police desk gave her contact information for three wildlife removal companies. One company came out but was unsuccessful. She stated that she paid \$750 to catch nothing. Ms. Walker recommended that the City employ a "wildlife person". Chief Dumyahn stated that the City animal warden only deals with domestic animals. He stated that he would contact Lake County and attempt to get a better list of resources for referrals.

Damonte Martin, Zion, member of Black Lives Matter, stated that he and his family felt unsafe during the Labor Parade when parade goers called them names and made obscene gestures toward them. He asked what the City was going to do to make them feel safe. He stated that Black Lives Matter is a legitimate organization and members are trying to empower themselves. He read several distasteful Facebook posts. Commissioner McDowell asked Mr. Martin what he would like the City to do to make him feel safe. Mr. Martin stated that he did not know. Chief Dumyahn stated that all parade goers were afforded the same protection. He stated that the Police Department was aware that Black Lives Matter members would be present and took measures to protect them. Mr. Martin stated that he does not see equality and asked if it would be necessary for him to protect his family like they did in the 1960s. Commissioner Frierson asked if Mr. Martin could file a complaint against the social media participants. Chief Dumyahn stated that steps have been taken to do so. Mayor Hill stated that, if he feels threatened, Mr. Martin should file a criminal complaint. Clyde McLemore stated that he met with States Attorney Mike Nerheim who stated that the FBI will be looking into the social media posts. Mayor Hill stated that Mr. Martin can count on complete support from the City Council if any criminal activity is reported.

Zakee Dar, Zion, member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and Black Lives Matter, stated that he attended the parade with Black Lives Matter and witnessed the disrespectful activity. He stated that he is promoting community forums to discuss race, class and Black issues. He stated that people should get past the name "Black Lives Matter" and expand the movement to include community and family values discussions. Mr. Dar stated that a forum will be held on September 15th in Gurnee.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Frierson that Items (a) and (b) of the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of a Regular Meeting held on August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on August 2, 2016 at 7:40 p.m.
- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 124219 through 124340 drawn on First Merit Bank, Total: \$456,372.68

Approved by omnibus vote as follows: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Hill read a Buddy Poppy Day Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Wagoner of VFW Post 7448.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that Item (c) of the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- (c) **PROCLAMATION** – Buddy Poppies – September 9, 10, and 11, 2016

Approved by omnibus vote as follows: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/CITIZENS UNITED FOR A BETTER ZION (CUBZ) COMMISSION

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that a Resolution (16-R-18) be passed creating the Citizens United for a Better Zion (CUBZ) Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

ORDINANCE/SPECIAL USE PERMIT/ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX/600 29TH STREET

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that an Ordinance (16-O-30) be passed granting a Special Use Permit to GPT Enterprises, LLC to operate a full year entertainment complex to include escape rooms at 600 29th Street. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/AMENDING ZION MUNICIPAL CODE/ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that an Ordinance (16-O-31) be passed amending Zion Municipal Code Chapter 2 “Administration, Section 2-32 to provide for elected officials’ compensation. Mayor Hill stated that compensation for the Mayor will remain at \$35,000 and compensation for Commissioners will remain at \$15,400 annually. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE/GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX DEBT CERTIFICATES

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McKinney that an Ordinance (16-O-32) be passed authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$310,620 General Obligation Limited Tax Debt Certificates, Series 2016, for financing of the ash tree removal project. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

APPOINTMENTS/CITIZENS UNITED FOR A BETTER ZION (CUBZ) COMMISSION

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to appoint the following individuals to the Citizens United for a Better Zion (CUBZ) Commission:

Ginny Adams	Doug Carlson
Jerome Cole	Richard Frierson
Tynisha Gardner	Patrick Holmes
Madeline Santana	Josh Dozier
Donna Linder	David Fermaint
Lily Watson	Mike McDowell

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

AGREEMENT/MOTOROLA/STARCOM RADIO

A memo (16-DOC-76) was received from Chief Lewis requesting approval of a STARCOM agreement with Motorola. He stated that the City received a STARCOM radio from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) in 2004. He stated that at the time the radios were distributed, a five-year period of basic assess to the STARCOM network was provided by ITTF who was able to pay the user fees for twelve years. Chief Lewis stated that as of April 2016, ITTF will no longer cover the network access fees. He stated that the Department was given the option of returning the radio or taking ownership of the radio and pay the annual fee of \$100. He stated that staff recommends retaining possession of the radio and paying the annual fee.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve the STARCOM agreement with Motorola for STARCOM network access fees in the annual amount of \$100. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT/RETAIL STRATEGIES

Director Knabel stated that the professional services agreement between the Villages of Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor, the City of Zion, and Retail Strategies as presented is the formalization of the proposal and outlines the terms. Director Knabel reminded the Council that at the August 16 meeting, the Council passed a resolution authorizing the City's participation in an intergovernmental agreement by, between and among the Villages of Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor and the City of Zion concerning cost and revenue sharing among the communities relating to new retail development, which was contingent upon approval of a contractual services agreement with Retail Strategies. He stated that the Council took action previously to accept the proposal of Retail Strategies for retail recruitment and analytic services to attract businesses to the region in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement. Director Knabel stated that both the Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor Boards have approved the agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Frierson to approve the professional services agreement with Retail Strategies for consulting services for retail recruitment and analytics to attract businesses to the region. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; DeTienne, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Commissioner McDowell stated that the new Jubilee Days Parade route was a great success and that there were no real incidents reported. He commended the Police Department for a great job working the parade.

Mayor Hill commended the Jubilee Days Commission for their efforts on the Jubilee Days Festival. He stated that the Full Score Orchestra did a great job.

Chief Lewis stated that the Zion Fire/Rescue Department will be conducting a training burn on a house on Green Bay Road north of Rt. 173 between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. He stated that there should be no issues for surrounding residents.

Director Colangelo stated that brush pick up begins on September 12, 2016.

Director Colangelo stated that ash tree removal begins September 19, 2016 citywide. He stated that there will be a lot of activity throughout the City. He stated that it is estimated that the project will be completed in less than 90 days. He stated that residents should be aware that only dead ash trees on the City street and alley rights-of-way will be removed. This program does not apply to trees on private property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursdays	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Zion Farmer’s Market through September 29th Sheridan Road & Shiloh Blvd
September 10	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Zion Historical Society “Trash to Treasure” Community Lawn Sale – 1300 Shiloh Blvd.
September 11	6:00 p.m.	Community of Character Service
September 15	6:00 p.m.	Community of Character Walk
September 20	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved September 20, 2016