

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Pro Tem DeTienne called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Frierson, McDowell, McKinney, and Mayor Pro Tem DeTienne. Mayor Hill was absent. 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.

W. C. Bremner led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Frierson to accept the City Council meeting agenda with the following change:

- (a) Add pending litigation to Closed Session

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Latoya Howell, Waukegan, asked what the City Council is going to do about the number of police involved shootings in Zion in the last two years. She stated that there have been three police involved shootings in the last two years. Mayor Pro Tem DeTienne recommended that Ms. Howell talk to the Police Chief or the Public Health and Safety Commissioner after the meeting or schedule an appointment. Commissioner Frierson stated that the matter is under discussion now and internal policy reviews are being conducted with the Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief, and the Public Health and Safety Commissioner. He stated to Ms. Howell that he would like to hear her thoughts.

Clarissa Robles and other members of the Zion School District 6 Youth Leadership Team shared about the team's projects, accomplishments and goals as they relate to the Community of Character. They reminded the elected officials that they are role models. They presented to the Council members who are seeking re-election a Community of Character Candidate Pledge to sign and challenged them to live by the Community of Character traits.

Kathy Eldridge, North Chicago, stated that she had a vehicle taken and has tried to contact Commissioner McKinney, Director Ianson, and Mayor Hill with no success. She stated that the vehicle was not reported stolen. She stated that she received a letter from Collection of America stating that she owed \$300. She stated that no one notified her and that she was not aware that she had a \$300 ticket until she got a collection letter. She stated that she spoke with Inspector Warren Ferry who told her if she could provide paperwork that she was not a Zion resident, he would help her. She stated that he denied her help after she complied. Mayor Pro Tem DeTienne recommended that Ms. Eldridge talk to Director Ianson after the meeting.

Calvin Mitchell, Zion, stated that he had experience with the Chicago Police Department and social work prior to moving to Zion. He stated that he is being harassed by Cancer Treatment Centers of America drivers. He stated that he should not be held hostage in his own community. He stated that he is highly sensitive to violence. He stated that he has been involved in a vicious circle of referrals on who to talk with to have the thugs removed from the street. He stated that there is a lot of traffic and suspicious characters in his building parking lot. He stated that the parking lot needs cameras and better security and policing.

Clyde McLemore, Zion, stated that the Zion Police are out of control. He stated that the Police have had no sensitivity or diversity training. He stated that a recently released video shows there was no danger to police, but an officer shot from a moving vehicle. He stated that it is a violation of policy and it endangered bystanders. He stated

that the police officer did not use good judgement. Mr. McLemore stated that the City Council is obligated to protect citizens and that there needs to be an overhaul of the whole police department. Police Chief Dumyahn stated that Mr. McLemore was grossly ill-informed on the training at the Zion Police Department. He stated that last year the entire department, including dispatchers and office staff, not just officers, participated in ethics and cultural awareness training. He stated that mental health awareness training was completed in March 2016. He stated that officers participated in shoot/don't shoot training and training for responding to First Amendment protected events. He stated that the Department has had sensitivity awareness training. Chief Dumyahn stated that the State has mandated additional training and the Department is working feverishly to satisfy the mandate requirements. Commissioner McDowell stated that in-house training is conducted by members of the local community and the officers are involved in constant training. He stated that a lawsuit is pending regarding the incident in the recently released video and the Council cannot comment on it.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2017 at 7:05 p.m.; and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on January 17, 2017 at 8:06 p.m.
- (a) **BILLS:** Vouchers 125555 through 125758 drawn on First Merit Bank, Total: \$1,036,557.20

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

ORDINANCE/VARIANCE/PARKING SPACES/1712 JOPPA

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that an Ordinance (17-O-5) be passed granting a variance from Zion Municipal Code Section 26-380(e) to allow for two additional tandem parking spaces for property at 1712 Joppa. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem DeTienne, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER/RAFFLE MANAGER'S FIDELITY BOND

A memo (17-DOC-6) was received from Clerk Burkemper regarding a request for waiver of the raffle manager's fidelity bond requirement from the Kiwanis Club of Zion Benton. The Club submitted a raffle application requesting permission to conduct a raffle for fundraising purposes during their annual pancake breakfast at Zion-Benton Township High School. The applicant is requesting a waiver of the manager's fidelity bond. She stated that, per the Zion Municipal Code, only the City Council can waive the bond requirement.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, to waive the raffle manager's fidelity bond requirement, as requested by the Kiwanis Club of Zion Benton, per their application to conduct a raffle for fundraising purposes. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem DeTienne, aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 21	6:30 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Public Hearing for Trumpet Park TIF District
	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting
March 7	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Frierson that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:28 p.m., pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 "Open Meetings", for the discussion of collective bargaining and pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem DeTienne, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McKinney to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:03 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Pro Tem DeTienne, 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 McDowell and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved February 21, 2017