

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Hill called the meeting to order.

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

Also present: Police Chief Steve Dumyahn, Fire/Rescue Chief John Lewis, Public Works Director Ray Roberts, City Administrator David Knabel, Building & Zoning Director Richard Ianson and City Attorney Paula Randall.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

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

- remove item 8 (a) Establishing and implementing a program to charge mitigation rates for the development of emergency and non-emergency services by the Fire Department for services provided/rendered for the City of Zion per Chief Lewis

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

William Bremnar, Zion, stated at the last meeting he voiced his frustration with the City's electrical aggregation program. He was switched from ComEd to the City's supplier Eligo Energy without his permission. He contacted ComEd and switched backed to ComEd and on June 18th he received a letter from ComEd confirming the switch. On June 25th he received a letter from Eligo Energy switching him back to Eligo Energy from ComEd. He asked that the City do something about this issue.

Mr. Bremnar stated he is a war veteran and when he recites the Pledge of Allegiance often times he feels as though his heart may burst with pride. He stated often times as people are reciting the Pledge they don't always think about what the words mean. Mr. Bremnar recited the Pledge of Allegiance expounding on the meaning of each word. He asked the Mayor Hill to do him one favor on the July 17th meeting; slow down when reciting the Pledge so that the citizens may think about what they are saying.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on June 5, 2018 at 8:10 p.m.; a Regular Meeting held June 19, 2018 at 7:02 p.m. and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on June 19, 2018 at 8:12 p.m.
- (a) **BILLS:** Vouchers 129605 through 129722 drawn on, Huntington National Bank, N.A., Total: \$758,426.64

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

RESOLUTION/TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE/JUBILEE DAYS

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer, that a Resolution (17-R-17) be passed requesting permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of Sheridan

Road on September 4, 2017 between 12:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. from 23rd Street to 31st Street for the Jubilee Days Parade. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION/AMENDMENT COMMERCIAL SIGN AND FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A memo (18-DOC-53) was received from Economic Development regarding amendments to the CDBG Commercial Sign and Façade Grant Program. Director Knabel stated that on March 21, 2017, the City Council approved a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) agreement between the City of Zion and Lake County, Illinois to establish a Commercial Sign and Façade Improvement Program to provide financial assistance to trigger coordinated improvements to incrementally contribute to a substantially improved retail and business district environment. He stated that the program provides available grant funds to property and business owners to be matched by their equal or greater investment of private funds for the purpose of restoring or renovating commercial facades. He stated there have been some requests from the strip mall tenants at Green Bay Road and Route 173 for assistance with their monument signage. Under the current grant, the cap for reimbursement for signage is \$7,500 and for facades it is \$20,000 and this would not be sufficient to cover the costs. After meeting with the Lake County Community Development office it was determined the City could utilize the remaining funds to support area businesses in low/moderate income areas by improving their storefronts/signage using CDBG funds by removing the cap all together.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that a Resolution (18-R-18) be passed authorizing the execution of an amended CDBG Commercial Sign and Façade Grant Program agreement between the City of Zion and Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

ORDINANCE/SURPLUS VEHICLES/POLICE DEPARTMENT

A memo (18-DOC-54) was received from Chief Dumyahn requesting that vehicles in the police department be declared surplus property and liquidated through Clinton Auto Auction which is the City’s approved process.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (18-O-26) be passed declaring five (5) squad cars as surplus property. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 17	6:15 p.m.	Town Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:20 p.m., pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 “Open Meetings”, for the discussion of pending litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 7:41 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, aye; and Mayor Hill, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL/DAVIDSON V. CITY OF ZION RELEASE

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the release agreement for Davidson v. City of Zion with the inclusion of the paragraph that any and all tax consequences belong to the plaintiff alone and the paragraph relating to full capacity and authority and that they be added to paragraph nine (9). The vote on roll call was: Commissioners DeTienne, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; McKinney, 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 Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Approved July 17, 2018