

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS (VIA ZOOM), CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor McKinney called the meeting to order.

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

Also present: Police Chief Eric Barden, Fire/Rescue Chief Justin Stried, Public Works Director Ray Roberts, City Administrator David Knabel, Building & Zoning Director Richard Ianson and City Attorney James Vasselli.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to approve the Agenda as presented.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Denise Lear, Zion, commented on the following:

- In light of the decision in Minneapolis, she would like to thank Police Chief Barden. She would also like to thank Officer Vaughn for reaching out to her sister. She would also like to thank Officer Taylor for his assistance with a recent matter.
- She thanked the City for their assistance in the removal of the trash and debris at 18th & Lewis Avenue. She stated the area looks very nice. She appreciates the landlord's efforts in keeping up their properties.
- She asked if there will be a way residents will be able to get rid of electronics, paint and tires.
- It has been over a year since kids have been able to go outside. This summer kids will be anxious to get out and do things. She would like everyone to get together to see what activities can be created for the kids to keep them busy. Programs at the Park District are not affordable to all families.

Administrator Knabel stated on August 7th there will be a City clean-up day that he hoping will include tires and electronics. They are looking at this option with Advanced Disposal. He suggested residents keep an eye out on Facebook and the City website for details.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Special Meeting held April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.; and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on April 6, 2021 at 8:06 p.m.

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

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

- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 137224 through 137305 drawn on Huntington National Bank, N.A. Total: \$198,349.20.

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

RESOLUTION/WEBSITE MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT/GOFLO, INC.

Administrator Knabel stated he is recommending renewal of the annual maintenance agreement with GoFlo, Inc. for City websites. He stated that the agreement extends from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 and covers unlimited maintenance and updates, in the total amount of \$23,980. He stated GoFlo, Inc. has not increased its rate in many years and does not charge extra for special projects. They did look at other quotes 2-3 years ago but nothing matched the rate and services they currently receive.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that a Resolution (21-R-5) be passed authorizing the renewal of the annual website maintenance service agreement with GoFlo, Inc. from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022, in the total amount of \$23,980. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

TABULATION OF BIDS/ 2021 PETROLEUM, OIL & LUBRICANTS/2021 ASPHALT AND AGGREGATES

A Tabulation of Bids (21-DOC-27) was received from Director Roberts regarding the annual purchase of Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants and the Asphalt and Aggregates for the 2021/22 fiscal year. Director Roberts recommended awarding contracts to the lowest responsible and responsive bidders as follows:

2021 Asphalt and Aggregates

Peter Baker & Son's	Cold Patch, Hot Mix Surface, and Hot Mix Binder
Kirschhoffer Trucking	#7 Road Gravel, TB Sand Backfill, #8 Wash Stone, ¾ inch Chips, and CA-6 Crushed White Limestone

2021 Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants

Al Warren Oil	Summer Diesel, Winter Blend, 5 W 30 Dexos, Automatic Transmission Fluid, 75 W 140 Synthetic Gear Lube, and Diesel Exhaust Fluid D.E.F.
PetroChoice	5 W 20 Full Synthetic Motor Oil, SAE #5 W 40 Full Synthetic Diesel Motor Oil, All Purpose Hydraulic Fluid, Universal Anti-Freeze Concentrate

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Frierson to award contracts for Petroleum, Oil, Lubricants and Asphalt and Aggregates as recommended. The vote on roll call was Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL/EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT REPAIR

A memo (21-DOC-28) was received from Director Roberts requesting payment of an invoice from Lakeside International, LLC. Director Roberts stated during the February 22nd snow event, a 2003 International truck #106 experienced an engine failure requiring a replacement. Additionally, a 2004 International truck #161 hydraulic lift cylinder failed, also requiring replacement. This reduced the fleet of 3 tandems to 1. The lead time for a hydraulic lift cylinder is 4 to 5 months. The possibility of winter weather staff decided to proceed with emergency repair of replacing the engine of truck #106. Staff recommends and requests payment of the invoice for the emergency repairs from Lakeside International, LLC for \$15,111.85. Commissioner Holmes asked if this was budgeted for. Director Roberts stated parts are budgeted for this expense exceeded the amount.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the payment for emergency equipment repairs from Lakeside International, LLC in the amount of \$15,111.85. The vote on roll call was Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

CYBER INSURANCE RENEWAL

A memo (21-DOC-29) was received from Administrator Knabel requesting approval of the City's Cyber Insurance Renewal. Administrator Knabel stated at the last Council meeting the various lines of insurance were renewed but they had not yet received the final quote on cyber insurance. Shortly hereafter he received the results of the marketing that Assurance did on the City's behalf. The recommended renewal came back at \$11,426, which is an increase of \$4,448. This is being driven by the cyber insurance marketplace. The Cyber marketplace is evolving very quickly. These changes include, carriers pulling out of the Cyber marketplace all together, carriers offering dramatically different terms and conditions (i.e. lower limits, higher deductible, shifting sub-limits, reduced coverage wording within forms, etc.), carriers increasing pricing across the board, and carriers rigidly enforcing technology controls be in place or be put in place. There was nothing specifically related to Zion that caused the increase. He believes it is a protection the City needs to have in place and recommends approval of the cyber insurance proposal as presented with Beazley.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to accept the proposal from Beazley for the City's Cyber Insurance as presented. The vote on roll call was Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Director Ianson stated they are making progress on getting the neighborhoods cleaned up.

Director Roberts gave an update on IDOT projects happening. ADA ramps are being repaired and on April 26th they will begin the resurfacing Sheridan Road beginning at State Line Road. They will be in Zion for approximately one month. Mayor McKinney stated Ms. Lear asked how residents can dispose of hazardous material. Director Roberts stated Waste Management has details regarding hazardous waste on their website. SWALCO is another option for hazardous waste. The link is provided on the City's website.

Administrator Knabel reminded residents that City stickers expire on April 30th. Residents should have received an application with their water bills. Applications and payments may be sent in by mail, once received by the City, they will mail out the stickers. Seniors and Active Military can schedule appointments to come in and renew their stickers. The stickers will be good for two years.

Chief Stried reminded residents of the Blood Drive on May 2nd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Information is available on the Fire Department Facebook page. He thanked the Township staff for assisting with the "repeat callers". He feels it is a great partnership.

Chief Barden stated the George Floyd case has weighed heavy on people. The Zion Police Department supports citizen's rights for a peaceful protest. He asked the protests be peaceful and respectful of others. He has spoken with the Zion officers and what happened to George Floyd has no place in Zion. He thanked the Commissioners and the Mayor for their support. He recognizes this is has been a difficult time for everyone. Mayor McKinney stated he hopes the verdict can be the start of a healing moment.

Commissioner Fischer reminded citizens that although the vaccines are rolling out they still have a responsibility to protect others. He urged citizens to continue to wear masks in public.

Commissioner Frierson urged residents to sign up for Blackboard Connect. This is a good communication tool to get the word out to the public.

Commissioner Holmes stated she received her first shot today. In speaking with others, they are very appreciative of the Mayor coordinating the vaccine for Zion residents.

Mayor McKinney commented on the following:

He encouraged residents to sign up for Blackboard Connect. The City sent out several messages regarding the vaccination. He has been working with CTCA to get Zion residents vaccinated. There have been two more days opened up for Zion residents on April 26th and 27th. Information is available on the City's website and Facebook page. There is a City phone line dedicated to COVID vaccine appointments at 847-746-4013. He will also be making appointments on his office line, 847-746-4011. He appreciates the commitment of CTCA to get these vaccinations done.

They have been a great corporate partner to service Zion and Lake County residents. Once CTCA gets more vaccines he is hoping to extend the availability. He thanked all the volunteers in a great community effort.

They continue to have discussions with State Representative Schneider and Senator Duckworth regarding the spent fuel rods in the City’s lakefront. They continue to push to get compensation for being a storage facility for the spent fuel rods. Although it has been an ongoing issue for many years, they continue to work behind the scenes with State and Federal representation hoping to get compensation that is owed to Zion through the Nuclear Waste Act of 1982.

Regarding Ms. Lear’s comments on kids, while this is not a typical function of the City itself, he recently met with two gentlemen that are trying to put together a program for kid’s computer literacy. He is also talking with individuals on what they can do as a community to keep kids busy and educated. They are attempting to attack these issues with the right people. He invited Ms. Lear to join the conversations. All residents including the kids have been under incredible pressure and stress of being sheltered in place during the pandemic. They will all need some healthy relief after the pandemic. He asked that citizens continue to have patience and support each other during these times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 22		Earth Day Clean up on the Bike Trail
April 26, 27		COVID vaccinations available
May 4	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting

Mayor McKinney asked that citizens be mindful of picking up after their dogs when they walk them along the Bike Trail. He stated it is a safety hazard for both people and pets and is a violation of the City Code to not pick up after your dog.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that the Council recess to Closed Session at 7:42 p.m., pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 “Open Meetings”, for the discussion of filed, pending and/or probable or imminent litigation, collective bargaining and personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 7:50 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

CLERICAL/IUOE BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the IUOE bargaining unit contract agreement between Zion Clerical Employees and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, and the City of Zion, for May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2024. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS/IUOE BARGAINING UNIT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to table approval of the IUOE bargaining unit contract agreement between Zion Public Works Department and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, and the City of Zion, for May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2024 until the May 4th City Council meeting. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

NON-UNION EMPLOYEE CONCESSION CHANGES

Administrator Knabel stated since May of 2018, non-union employees have been contributing extra towards their health insurance contributions to help with budget issues. This was intended to be a temporary concession but the City continues to have a budget shortfall. He is asking that the Council consider removing the additional insurance concessions but offering no salary increases.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve removing the additional insurance concessions for non-union employees while freezing their current salaries. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEE

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that a Resolution (21-R-6) be passed for Dismissal of "Employee B" and the adoption of Notice of Dismissal Charges Stating the Reasons for Dismissal. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; McDowell, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Holmes and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk