

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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 McDowell, Holmes, Frierson, Fischer and Mayor McKinney. A quorum was present.

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

Mr. William Bremner led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell seconded by Commissioner Holmes to accept the City Council meeting agenda as presented.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Barbara Price, Zion-Benton Library Board Member, shared her vision of a Community Garden and why she feels it is vital to the community.

Mary Lou Hiltibran, Director of ESDA, gave a monthly report of the recent activities that ESDA performs in assistance to the City. Ms. Hiltibran invited those interested in seeing what ESDA does to stop by the ESDA Center at 3222 27th Street on Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. She also invited those interested in becoming part of the ESDA program to fill out an application that is available on the City's website.

Shone Davis, Zion Business Owner, stated there are 5-7 streetlights burned out at 31st Street and 33rd Street. He stated if it was a cost issue for the City, he would be willing to contribute in order to help get the bulbs replaced.

Mayor McKinney presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Zion Business Owner, Saeed Rahman. Mr. Rahman has been instrumental in arranging for a free COVID testing site on the corner of 27th Street and Emmaus Avenue in the City of Zion. Mayor McKinney praised Mr. Rahman for his leadership and thanked him for taking action in providing the service to Zion residents.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of a Regular Meeting held on August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on August 17, 2021 at 7:47 p.m.

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

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

- (b) **BILLS:** Vouchers 138077 through 138437 drawn on Huntington National Bank, N.A.
Total: \$1,236,099.01

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

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

- (c) **PROCLAMATION:** Buddy Poppy Days – September 17, 18, and 19 2021

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

ORDINANCE/SERVICE AGREEMENT/AT&T LONG DISTANCE

A memo (21-DOC-77) was received from Administrator Knabel requesting approval of a contract for long distance service. Administrator Knabel stated the current contract for long distance service with AT&T expired on August 31, 2021. A quote was received for renewal pricing that was unchanged from what was previously contracted. He recommended renewing services with AT&T as presented for a 2 year term at the rates detailed under the \$600 MAC detailed in the agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, that an Ordinance (21-O-54) be passed authorizing and approving a service agreement between the City of Zion and AT&T Corp for long distance service for a two year term. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

TABULATION OF BIDS/PUBLIC WORKS ROOF REPAIR

A Tabulation of Bids (21-DOC-78) was received from Director Roberts for the Public Works Facility Roof Repair. Director Roberts stated staff recommends awarding the project to the lowest responsible bidder, DCG Roofing Solutions, Melrose Park, IL in the amount of \$72,500.00. Funding for the project was included in the Fiscal Year 22 Budget. Copies of the bid tabulation can be obtained from the City of Zion website and are on file in the City Clerk and Public Works offices. Commissioner Frierson asked if there was something special about the type of roofing as he is surprised they did not receive more local bids. Director Roberts stated that it is a specialized roofing material called Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO), single-layer membrane. The material will be going over the top of a metal roof and not a lot of people can do that. He stated to replace the existing metal roof could cost in upwards of \$200,000. Commissioner Frierson asked if there was a recommended life of the roof. Director Roberts stated they have been given a manufacture guarantee of 20 years.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Holmes that the bid for the Public Works Facility Roof Repair Project be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, DCG Roofing Solutions in the amount of \$72,500.00. The vote on the roll: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

**ENGINEERING SERVICES/ /CHRISTOPHER BURKE ENGINEERING/JOPPA ALLEY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

A memo (21-DOC-79) was received from Director Roberts requesting approval of a proposal from Christopher Burke Engineering for Engineering Services for the Joppa Alley Improvement Project. Director Roberts stated that the proposal is providing the engineering design and preparation of bidding documents reconstruction of 3 blocks of alleyway including addressing issues with drainage and sanitary sewer. Funding for the project has been submitted for a \$914,000.00 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grant. The engineering costs are reimbursable under the grant funding. Staff requested and recommended approving the proposal for Engineering Services from Christopher Burke Engineering for a cost of \$55,720.00 and to advertise for bids. Commissioner McDowell asked when they might see the grant money come in. Director Roberts stated they have passed the second round which is farther ahead than it's ever been. He hopes they will receive the funds by the end of the year which will make it a spring project. Administrator Knabel stated the last update they received is that the grant is getting bundled in with all the other State projects. It is in their hands on when the funds will be released to Zion. Mayor McKinney stated this is a project that was worked on by Senator Melinda Bush They have been waiting for the funds for the last two as there has been a hick-up at the State level. Director Roberts stated they will advertise for bids until they have received the funds.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to accept the proposal from Christopher Burke Engineering Services at a cost of \$55,720.00 and to advertise for bids for the Joppa Alley Improvement Project. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER/RAFFLE MANAGER'S FIDELITY BOND

A memo (21-DOC-80) was received from Clerk Spooner regarding a request for waiver of the raffle manager's fidelity bond requirement from the Zion Historical Society. The Club submitted a raffle application requesting permission to conduct a raffle for fundraising purposes. The applicant is requesting a waiver of the manager's fidelity bond. Per the Zion Municipal Code, only the City Council can waive the bond requirement.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Fischer, to waive the raffle manager's fidelity bond requirement, as requested by the Zion Historical Society, per their application to conduct a raffle for fundraising purposes. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, abstain; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Director Ianson stated the demolition project for 2771 Galilee is underway. They started by removing asbestos.

Director Roberts they will be starting the annual hydrant flushing and it will continue for the next two weeks. The schedule is available on the City website. Additionally, he noted that Lake County has a lot of construction projects going on. The resurfacing of Sheridan Road will be going on for another 2-3 weeks. Mayor McKinney noted that with the recent heavy rains, debris has started collecting in the storm drain and asked if there was a schedule to keep them clean. Director Roberts stated that they do not have a set schedule only to try and keep up with them the best they can. Mayor McKinney stated residents can help by checking for debris at storm drains near their residence.

Administrator Knabel stated at the last meeting there was discussion regarding water shutoffs. They were initially planning on doing shut-offs in September. The extension by Governor Pritzker was announced

after the meeting took place. The date has now been extended until the beginning of October. As of now, the City will schedule shut-offs for the next section eligible in October. Residents have had plenty of time to bring their accounts current. The Township is ready to assist with funding and finding other entities that are available to help. Mayor McKinney stated if residents are having difficulty financially, they can call 211. The United Way is available to provide assistance. Zion has the largest percentage of calls in Lake County to 211.

Chief Barden reminded citizens to watch their speed in the construction zone within the City. Today they posted to Blackboard Connect that an area was closed due to police activity. He asked that when something like this happens, people avoid the area for safety of the residents and the officers. Additionally, he asked that if people see something, say something. They can call the Police Department non-emergency number or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 847-662-2222.

Chief Stried encouraged residents to sign up for Blackboard Connect. It is a good way to receive important announcements from the City. He recently sent the Commissioners the August activity report. Most of their calls are medical in nature. They have seen an increase in COVID calls. Hiring is moving forward in the department. A new officer was sworn in earlier today. They have also seen an increase in the POP program.

Commissioner Fischer encouraged citizens to get vaccinated. If people are hesitant, they should speak with their doctor. It is important for those who are immunocompromised. The AMA has a good website for information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 21	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Township Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting
October 5	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 7:42 p.m., pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 “Open Meetings”, for the discussion of filed, pending and/or probable or imminent litigation, collective bargaining, sale of real estate and personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 8:15 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

FOP/PATROL OFFICERS CONTRACT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the contract agreement with Fraternal Order of Police, David M. Parker Memorial Lodge No. 91 and the Illinois FOP Labor Council, for May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2023 for Patrol Officers. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

FOP/SERGEANTS CONTRACT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the contract agreement with Fraternal Order of Police, David M. Parker Memorial Lodge No. 91 and the Illinois FOP Labor Council, for May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2023 for Sergeants. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners McDowell, aye; Holmes, aye; Frierson, 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 Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk