

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 2828 SHERIDAN ROAD, ZION, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Pro-Tem Fischer called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Holmes, Frierson, and Mayor Pro-Tem Fischer. A quorum was present. Commissioner McDowell and Mayor McKinney were absent.

Also present: City Administrator David Knabel and City Attorney James Vasselli.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fischer led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Frierson to accept the City Council meeting agenda as presented. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye and Mayor Pro-Tem Fischer, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizen Comments.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/GEOSYNTEC

Jesse Varsho from Geosyntec consultants presented an overview of the siting process and what the expectations will be in the next 180 days. Included will be the siting criteria, timeline and communications. Mr. Varsho stated that the process is set up the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Administrator Knabel asked if the process starts as of filing of the application. Mr. Varsho stated yes. Attorney Vasselli stated if there was a deficiency in the filing, the Clerk will reject the application. The Clerk can send an email to acknowledge the receipt of the application. Administrator Knabel stated any discussions would go through the perspective attorneys. Commissioner Frierson asked if there would be multiple public hearings. Mr. Varsho stated that the last siting hearing he was involved with was in the evening and lasted 5 days. Hearings can last anywhere between 5-30 days. The amount of public comments will determine the length of the hearing.

ORDINANCE/AMENDING CHAPTER 31/ZION MUNICIPAL CODE/POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY SITING

Attorney Vasselli stated the proposed changes to the ordinance have been recommended by Counsel. The ordinance governs how the application is accepted. He asked Council if there were any questions related to the changes in the ordinance. Commissioner Frierson asked if the application will cover a plan for gases and will past data be included. Attorney Vasselli stated they will be looking at the operating experience for the past 5 years. He stated many questions will be answered during the siting hearings. Commissioner Frierson asked what the max height was for the landfill expansion. Attorney Vasselli stated he was not sure but will get the Commissioners the answer. He stated the expansion will not exceed the max height.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Frierson that an Ordinance (21-O-62) be passed amending Chapter 31 of the Zion Municipal Code regarding Pollution Control Facility Siting. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Holmes, aye; Frierson, aye; and Mayor Pro-Tem Fischer, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

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 5:40 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk