

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 Frierson, Fischer, Holmes, McDowell and Mayor McKinney. A quorum was present.

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

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

**AGENDA CHANGES**

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

Delete: Item 8 (c) Consider approval of proposed wage changes in the Police Department

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no Citizen Comments

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** of a Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.; approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on October 5, 2021 at 7:55 p.m.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; McDowell, 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 138871 through 138977 drawn on Huntington National Bank, N.A. Total: \$706,925.68.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner McDowell that the Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2021 be approved as follows:

- (c) **RECEIVE & PLACE ON FILE:** Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2021

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

### **ORDINANCE/SURPLUS PROPERTY/FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

A memo (21-DOC-97) was received from Chief Stried requesting that chairs in the Fire/Rescue Department be declared as surplus property. Chief Stried stated that they recently replaced the kitchen chairs at Station 1 from the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. The old chairs dated to when the station was built in the spring/summer of 2008 and are mostly tattered and broken. He is requesting that the chairs be declared as surplus property so they can dispose of them. Any potential proceeds from the disposal would be turned over to the City.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Frierson, that an Ordinance (21-O-67) be passed declaring kitchen chairs in the Fire/Rescue Department as surplus property. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

### **KEY CARD/FOB INSTALLATION BIDS**

A memo (21-DOC-98) was received from Director Ianson requesting that the Council rescind the bid for the Key Card & FOB Installation Bids. Director Ianson stated after awarding the bid to Tech Systems, Inc. for the amount of \$41,935.08, it was determined that the project was required to follow the requirements of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. Staff is recommending that the bid be rescinded and that the project be re-bid.

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Frierson that the bid for the Key Card & FOB Installation previously awarded to Tech Systems, Inc. be rescinded and that the project be re-bid. The vote on the roll: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; McDowell, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

### **2020 ROAD PROGRAM CHANGE ORDER**

A memo (21-DOC-99) was received from Director Roberts requesting approval of a change order to the 2020 Road Program. Director Roberts stated the during the final inspection of the 2020 Road Program Project, he and Burke Engineering observed several discrepancies with the application of the asphalt program. He stated Payne & Dolan have agreed to remove and replace the asphalt pavement. Staff requested removal of additional road base material and increase the asphalt pavement profile. The change order reflects the agreed replacement of existing pavement and a cost estimate for the requested additional work. Approval of the change order will increase the project cost \$119,680.95. The additional cost would be funded through the Street & Bridge Fund. Staff requests and recommends approval of the change order.

It was moved by Commissioner McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the change order for the 2020 Road Program to reflect the agreed replacement of existing pavement and a cost estimate for the additional requested work. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

### **PROPOSED WAGE CHANGES/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to table approval of proposed wage changes in the Police Department until the December 7, 2021 meeting. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Fischer, aye; Holmes, aye; McDowell, aye and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried.

### DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Director Ianson stated the demolition of the building on 2771 Galilee is complete. They will be taking out the parking area and disconnecting utilities next. The Helia building on 27<sup>th</sup> Street will be next building set for demolition.

Director Roberts stated he has received notice from Lake County that Russell Road will be closed from October 23-25 from Green Bay to Delaney. Additionally, he will be posting the schedule for the Fall Leaf Vacuuming Program. The program starts October 25<sup>th</sup> and runs through November 20<sup>th</sup>. Waste Management will continue to pick up the landscape bags until November 30<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged residents to go to the City's website to view the proper way to bag the leaves. He asked that residents not rake or blow the leaves into the street.

Administrator Knabel stated the City has begun shut-offs for unpaid water bills. They will be addressing one section each month. In the first section, there were 700 accounts eligible for shut-off but there were 240 that were actually turned off. They have been working closely with the Township to outreach for assistance. They are currently at 17 accounts that are off, most of which are vacant. He reminded residents that shut-offs have been delayed for 18 months. He encouraged residents to get their bills current and to reach out to the Township if they are in need of assistance. The next section of shutoffs will be addressed the beginning of November. He stated there will not be any more extensions. The City has been paying for the water from the Lake County Public Water District and has about \$800,000 in outstanding revenue, some of which is used to pay for the costs of main breaks.

Chief Barden discussed the shooting that transpired on Sunday night. He asked the community if they know something they should say something. This can be done anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers. He asked that if citizens know someone who has a gun they will take the gun with no questions asked. It saddens him to discuss the shooting and hopes the family heals and asked the public to keep them in their thoughts and prayers. They hope to soon provide the family with answers. Mayor McKinney stated this incident affects everyone in different ways. Sometimes bad things happen to good people. As a Council they are doing as much as they can to keep the community safe. He believes the City has an image that it doesn't deserve. Incidents like this continue to invite the news media to talk about negative incidents in the City. He stated it is happening everywhere. They must continue to remain strong as a community.

Commissioner McDowell thanked the Mayor for his words on reflection of the recent tragedy. He stated people have often sought and looked to god for comfort.

Commissioner Fischer echoed the sentiment felt by all. He stated these incidents are becoming a common occurrence. He asked that those with any information please come forward. In order to get some sense of safety, they need people to speak up.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 29	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	“Trail of Treats” at Shiloh Park
October 31	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Zion Trick or Treat
November 2	7:00 p.m.	Zion City Council Meeting

**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 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk