

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022, 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, Holmes, Fischer, and Mayor McKinney. Commissioner McDowell was absent. A quorum was present.

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

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

AGENDA CHANGES

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mary Lou Hiltibran, Zion ESDA Director, gave a monthly report of the recent activities that ESDA performs in assistance to the City. She invited those who wish to serve as a volunteer with ESDA as they are always looking for new members. Applications can be found on the City's website.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a Regular Meeting held May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.; and approval but not release of Closed Session Minutes of a meeting held on May 17, 2022 at 8:13 p.m.

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

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

- (a) **BILLS:** Vouchers 140718 through 140840 drawn on Huntington National Bank, N.A. Total: \$869,590.83.

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

ORDINANCE/ELEVENTH ADDENDUM TO LEASE AGREEMENT/MARTHA'S NURSERY & LEARNING CENTER/1225 27TH STREET

It was moved by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Frierson, that an Ordinance (22-O-23) be passed entering into an eleventh addendum to the lease agreement for 1225 27th Street for use by the daycare facility for outdoor activities between Martha's Nursery & Learning Center and the City of Zion.

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

ORDINANCE/AUTHORIZING 2022 CITY TOWING CONTRACT

Chief Barden stated the Tabulation of Bids was previously approved by the City Council for the City's Towing Service. The proposed ordinance and agreement have been on file in the Clerk's office for review for no less than 7-days as required by ordinance. Commissioner Fischer asked regarding page 2, paragraph G, if a person involved other than the City, would there be a charge and if so, is it in the fee structure? Chief Barden stated it was in the fee structure and there is a charge for every tow unless the vehicles are City-owned. The Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of August, 2022 and terminate on July 23, 2023, unless sooner terminated by either party. At the expiration of the initial one-year term, the agreement shall continue from year to year under its then existing conditions unless and until a party gives the other no less than 90 days written notice of termination prior to expiration (a) of the initial term or (b) of the one-year extension then in effect.

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, that an Ordinance (22-O-24) be passed authorizing the 2022 City Towing Contract with Roger's Towing Services. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Frierson, aye; Holmes, aye; Fischer, aye; and Mayor McKinney, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to appoint the following members to City Boards and Commissions:

Accident Review Board

Lt. Anthony Velardi
Barbara Fitz-Henley
Officer Brian Barber
Rich Ianson
Blake Rogers

Liquor Control

Christopher Szymanski

Planning & Zoning Commission

Kendra Heffleman
Ken Massey
Gerald Riley - Chairperson

Electrical Commission

Rich Ianson
Merlin Kreis
Justin Stried
Dave Geer
John Hucker
Pat Buchanan

Police Pension Board

David Knabel

TIF Review Board

Dr. Matthew Wilkenson
Colette Davis
Takeisha Adams

Fire and Police Commission

Debbie Lewis

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

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTARY

Director Ianson stated he has received calls regarding tall grass around the City. The lawn crews have started working on it. The City is doing the best they can with the staff they have available. Mayor McKinney stated the amount of rain that they have had has affected their ability to get out and mow.

Chief Stried stated they have finally filled their last full-time vacancy. Additionally, they will be hosting 3 ZBTHS summer interns. They will be learning the job by seeing day to day operations in the hope that they decide to become firefighters. He hopes to reach out to more local residents that may be interested in the job.

Chief Barden reminded citizens about the traffic laws during Nostalgia Days coming up in a few weeks. He asked that everyone be safe. Mayor McKinney stated Nostalgia Days will take place on June 18 and encouraged citizens to come and enjoy downtown Zion.

Commissioner Holmes reminded citizens that June is Pride Month and today is National Chocolate Ice Cream Day.

Commissioner Fischer stated recently there was a garage fire in his neighborhood. He reminded residents to be careful while working in their garages and to be mindful of materials left in the garage that may be flammable.

Mayor McKinney shared the following:

- Information regarding Pride Month and the LGBT community.
- After 51 years, Benton Lumber closed their doors on June 4th. Before the big box stores were here, Benton Lumber provided over 50% of the housing materials in the community. He gave a special recognition to the company for all they have done for the community.
- On June 4th a community meeting was held at ZBTHS. There were about 60 people in attendance which is down from the last meeting. He understands it is a busy time of the year and will have another event in October. This is a good place for the taxing bodies to listen to the citizens about their concerns in the community.
- There is an ordinance in place to control fireworks. They have seen a decrease in the disruption of illegal fireworks.

It was noted that there will be fireworks at the Zion Park District on June 30th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 21	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Zion Town Board Meeting Zion City Council Meeting
July 4		City Offices Closed for the Holiday
July 5	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 Frierson, seconded by Commissioner Holmes and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk