

Council Minutes

February 15, 2000

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2000, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Rev. Mayfield gave inspirational comments.

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Bennett, Monk, Taylor, Rogers and Mayor Harrison.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

Commissioner Monk requested 1) deleting the discussion regarding additions to fencing at Public Works facility, item 8.f. and 2) adding a bid tabulation for a sanitary sewer extension on Highway 173, item 8.f.

Commissioner Rogers requested adding a presentation entitled Christmas in April, item 8.a.a

Commissioner Taylor requested adding a request for a temporary road closure by MRMC, item 8.h.

Mayor Harrison requested 1) adding potential litigation and the purchase of real estate to Executive Session, item 12; 2) adding to consider passing a Resolution in support of House Bill 3535; 3) deleting a payment from the Consent Agenda to Belli & Kenny, L.L.C. in the amount of \$14,600.00, item 5.e.; and adding a formal thank you to those aiding in the emergency efforts during the mid-air plane collision, item 10.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- a. **MINUTES** of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on February 1, 2000 at 7:02 P.M., with all members having previously received copies.
- b. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** Detailed Balance Sheet and Detailed Revenue & Expense Report, period ending January 31, 2000; Zion Police Dept. Financial Report and comparison with December, 1998; Traffic Summary and Enforcement Report and comparison with December, 1998; Community Service Officer Activity Report with 1999 final accumulative

totals; Index Crime Summary Report for 1999; Building Inspector's Report, month ending January 31, 2000

- c. **NOTICE TO BIDDERS:** Police Administration Building carpet; Parkway trees; 2000 Spring newsletter.
- d. **BILLS:** Vouchers 70923 through 71062 drawn on the National City Bank, \$600,922.07; First Midwest Bank, \$10,044.73: Total: \$610,966.80
- e. **PAYMENTS:** The Davenport Group, ArcView training, \$1,500.00; Chem-Rite Products Co., janitorial supplies, \$4,233.91; McDonough Mechanical Services, Inc., AHU investigation/repairs at Police Administration Building, \$5,731.15; Sewer Equipment Co. of America, Tiger Vac, \$4,819.00

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Mayor Harrison noted it is important that only bottom line bids be submitted for the spring newsletter.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/ANN M. KILEY CENTER

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (00-R-5) be passed commending the Ann M. Kiley Center on their 25th Anniversary of serving the needs of the developmentally disabled. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION/MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (00-R-6) be passed supporting the passage of House Bill 3535, which amends the State Finance Act creating the Municipal Assistance Grant Fund. The proposed legislation would offer municipalities special assistance in implementing economic development initiatives. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/PURCHASE OF VAN/POLICE DEPT.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (00-0-10) be passed authorizing a contract for the purchase of a 2000 Dodge van for the Police Department Animal Warden with Bob Ridings Fleet Sales Corp. in the total amount of \$15,349.00. The

vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

JUBILEE DAYS FESTIVAL

A letter (00-DOC-16) was received from Richard Walker, Chairman of the Jubilee Days Festival, Inc. requesting a donation in the amount of \$10,000. This donation would help support the 52nd Jubilee Days Festival. Mr. Walker stated the typical budget is \$28,000 to \$32,000, of which \$12,000 to \$15,000 are direct parade expenses. Commissioner Taylor questioned whether or not neighboring communities contribute to Jubilee Days. Mr. Walker stated the other communities do not contribute, as the festival has evolved into a Zion celebration. The queen candidate is a student from Zion-Benton Township High School, but this is a self-supporting event, plus the high school is supportive of Jubilee Days. Commissioner Bennett noted the Council discussed last year a probable decrease in the city's donation. Commissioner Bennett stated severe cuts throughout the city would be forthcoming in the next few years, including the city's financial support of Jubilee Days. Mr. Walker noted the Jubilee Days Committee would need to look at either alternative fundraisers or ways to cut expenses. Mayor Harrison noted a recommendation was previously presented, whereby a central fundraising committee could be formed for Zion events. Jim Weidner noted grant money is available for special events. Commissioner Taylor stated he can support the request this year, but will not support donating Zion funds next year, unless this festival becomes a Zion only event.

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve a donation in the amount of \$10,000 to the Jubilee Days Festival, Inc. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

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CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

Christmas in April is a national project, helping low income homeowners, the elderly and disabled to rehabilitate their homes. Jim Usler, Executive Director, gave an informational presentation, stating five homes have been targeted for repairs in Zion. The work will be done the last Saturday in April. The goal for 2000 is to raise \$100,000 and rehabilitate 30 homes in the North Suburban Chicago area. Funds come from corporations, organizations, foundations and individuals. Mr. Usler encouraged local businesses, churches, civic organizations and interested citizens to participate. The Community Development and Building and Zoning Departments would determine which homes would be included. Mayor

Harrison stated this project embodies the concept of neighbor helping neighbor, whereby the Building Department becomes an area of code enhancement. Commissioner Rogers stated any persons interested in participating or donating should contact the Building Department or Mr. Usler.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Harrison recommended the appointments of Diane Rizzio and Jim Bowman to fill two vacancies on the Planning Commission, noting John Paul recently tendered his resignation.

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Diane Rizzio and Jim Bowman to the Planning Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

EVIDENCE CONTROL SOFTWARE/POLICE DEPT.

A memo (00-DOC-17) was received from Chief Ohmstead, requesting permission to purchase Evidence Bar Coding Software for better evidence control. The sole source for this equipment is Porter Lee Corporation. The total cost for this software is \$3,940.00. This is a budgeted item.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to waive bids and grant permission to purchase Evidence Bar Coding Software from Porter Lee Corporation for the total amount of \$3,940.00, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BACK-UP COMMUNICATIONS/POLICE DEPT.

A memo (00-DOC-18) was received from Chief Ohmstead, requesting permission to renew the contract with Back-Up Communications for 2000-01. Chief Ohmstead stated Section three (c) was previously deleted from the existing contract and would also be removed from the new contract. Section three (c) states, should the City hire an employee of Back-Up Communications, the City would be required to pay a \$1,000.00 fee. Attorney Evans recommended that Section three (b) also be further reviewed. This section regarding payments states invoices are due 15 days after receipt, followed by a penalty of 10% for non-payment within 21 days. Attorney Evans recommended that payments be due 30 days after receipt with no penalty clause, and that John Stark should review this document. Chief Ohmstead will discuss this recommendation with Back-Up Communications.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to table the renewal of the contract with Back-Up Communications for 2000-2001, subject to the review of John Stark and the recommended changes being presented to Back-Up Communications. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

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STORM WATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

A memo (00-DOC-19) was received from Chuck Gleason, recommending a petition be filed for Lake County Stormwater Management Commission certification. The certification allows the city to manage its own storm water practices. Mr. Gleason stated a revised Watershed Development Ordinance would also need to be adopted.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk to approve filing for certification with the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, directing Attorney Evans to prepare an ordinance, amending Zion's Watershed Development Ordinance. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION/ROUTE 173

A Tabulation of Bids (00-DOC-20) was received from Chuck Gleason, regarding the sanitary sewer extension project on State Route 173. Only one bid was received from Campanella and Sons in the amount of \$221,781.00. The estimated project cost was \$150,000.00. Mr. Gleason recommended rejecting this bid and rebidding the project, stating the project could still be completed in a timely manner.

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to reject the bid from Campanella and Sons for the sanitary sewer extension project on Route 173, and authorize advertising to rebid the sanitary sewer extension project on State Route 173. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WESTSIDE HILLS SUBDIVISION

A memo (00-DOC-21) was received from Chuck Gleason, considering final acceptance of public improvements in Westside Hills Subdivision. Pavement striping and another inspection of parkway trees would still be required, however this work will not be able to be performed until the summer. The total amount of the maintenance warranty would be \$108,410, including \$15,000 for the striping and trees. Mr. Gleason stated

he has met with the developer, and recommends acceptance of the public improvements for Westside Hills Subdivision, subject to the following:

1. Requiring a \$15,000.00 letter of credit for the striping and trees,
2. Requiring a \$93,410.00 two -year maintenance warranty bond,
3. Requiring a cash payment of \$6,990.50 within 30 days for engineering and consulting fees, and
4. If the \$6,990.50 fees are not paid within 30 days, drawing on the existing letter of credit for payment of the engineering and consulting fees.

Commissioner Taylor recommended that the developer pay the engineering fees prior to Council approval. Mr. Gleason stated if his recommended conditions are not met, then the acceptance of the public improvements would be void.

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to accept the public improvements in Westside Hills Subdivision, subject to the following conditions:

1. Requiring a \$15,000.00 letter of credit for the pavement striping and inspection of parkway trees,
2. Requiring a \$93,410.00 two -year maintenance warranty bond,
3. Requiring a cash payment of \$6,990.50 within 30 days for engineering and consulting fees, and
4. If the \$6,990.50 fees are not paid within 30 days, drawing on the existing letter of credit for payment of the engineering and consulting fees.

The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

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MRMC/TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the temporary closure of the 2500 block of Emmaus Avenue through March 15, 2000 for the repairs and renovations at Midwestern Regional Medical Center. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. W.C. Bremner presented a flag to the City of Zion, requesting this special flag be flown over City Hall for President's Day, February 21. This flag has had the honor of flying over the U.S. Naval Air Facility, Midway Island; U.S. Naval Station, Cuba; the flag ship of the Pacific fleet, U.S.S.

Arizona, Pearl Harbor; U.S. Training Center, Great Lakes; and U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C. Mr. Bremner also requested documentation be provided to him, authenticating that the flag was flown over Zion City Hall.

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve flying the flag presented by Mr. W.C. Bremner over Zion City Hall for President's Day, February 21, supplying documentation to Mr. Bremner of this action. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PLANE CRASH DISASTER

Mayor Harrison thanked everyone for their time, efforts, organization, and donations during the plane crash disaster of February 8, and for all the days after spent on this incident. People in this community and many neighboring communities came together unselfishly to help during this traumatic time. Fire Captain Mike Stried and fellow firemen attended the funeral of Bob Collins as an honor guard, helping put a closure to the disaster.

Robert DeTienne commended all fire and rescue units and all volunteers for their efforts during the plane crash disaster on February 8. Mayor Harrison stated he plans to present a resolution to this effect at a later date.

U.S. CENSUS

Mayor Harrison stated an accurate census count helps determine funding received by the community. Participating in the census is in everyone's best interest. Currently, the Bureau of the Census only has 30% of the workers needed to conduct the census. Anyone interested in participating should contact Peter Cioni.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 21	TIF Review Board Meeting
February 22	Last day to register to vote before the Primary Election
February 24	Planning Commission Meeting
February 28	Absentee Voting begins at City Hall
March 1	Zoning Board Meeting
March 7	City Council Meeting
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that the Council recess to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel, possible litigation and purchase of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 11:20 p.m. with all members present.

EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASE/BUILDING DEPT.

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve a wage increase for Jim Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer, Building and Zoning Department from Pay Grade 11-4 to Pay Grade 11-5. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 11:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved March 7, 2000