

Council Minutes

April 18, 2000

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 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 Monk,
Rogers, Taylor, Bennett and Mayor Harrison.
Mayor Harrison led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA CHANGES

Commissioner Taylor requested 1) changing the amount of payment to CTG, Inc. for computer equipment from \$17,062.50 to \$18,900.50, item 6.c.; 2) adding a discussion to consider employee health insurance, item 8.f.; and 3) adding a discussion to consider the City's property and liability insurance, item 8.g.

Mayor Harrison requested 1) adding to consider Festival of Lights Commission appointments, item 8.h.; 2) adding to consider a memorandum of agreement for the redevelopment of the Zion Shopping Center, item 8.i.; and 3) adding to consider the acceptance of letters of retirement from Chief McAdams, item 8.j., and Chief Ohmstead, item 8.k.

COMMONWEALTH EDISON DONATION

On behalf of Commonwealth Edison, Diane Emerson, Director of Public Affairs, and Kevin Kelly, Fire Marshall, have donated equipment to the Fire/Rescue Department. This equipment included 57 breathing apparatus, 21 spare bottles and 1 large compressor. These items have been delivered to Fire Station #1. Chief McAdams stated this donation provides a substantial savings to the city. Commonwealth Edison also donated trees, which were planted at Zion grade schools. Extra trees are being stored at the former landfill site, and are free to the public

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (a) MINUTES of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on April 4, 2000 at 7:00

P.M., with all members having previously received copies. (b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Detailed Balance Sheet, period ending March 31, 2000; Detailed Revenue & Expense Report, period ending March 31, 2000; Workers Compensation Report for January, February, March, 2000; Building Inspector's Report, March, 2000 (c) PAYMENTS: Pitcher Insurance Brokerage, Inc., treasurer bond renewal, \$376.00; E.O. Reed, engineering services rendered on Route 173 sanitary sewer extension, \$1,500.00; CTG, computer equipment, \$18,900.50 (d) PROCLAMATION: Arbor Day, April 28, 2000; National Municipal Clerks Week, April 30 - May 6, 2000 The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE/SEWER CAMERA

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (00-0-25) be passed authorizing the purchase of a sewer camera and trailer for Public Works with Pear Point in the amount of \$104,972.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

NOSTALGIA DAYS/TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

A memo (00-DOC-46) was received from Chief Ohmstead, requesting permission for the temporary closure of Sheridan Road on June 24, 2000 for Nostalgia Days. This closure would be between 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of having a closed cruise along Sheridan Road. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (00-R-18) be passed, requesting permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of Sheridan Road on June 24, 2000 between 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. for Nostalgia Days. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

TAB OF BIDS/SIGN MATERIALS

A Tabulation of Bids (00-DOC-47) was received from Chuck Gleason, regarding the purchase of various sign materials. Mr. Gleason recommended awarding the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Lyle Signs, Inc. in the amount of \$2,871.65. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to award the contract for the purchase of various sign materials to Lyle Signs, Inc. in the amount of \$2,871.65, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS

A Tabulation of Bids (00-DOC-48) was received from Chuck Gleason, regarding the purchase of employee uniforms. Mr. Gleason recommended awarding the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Royal Uniforms. There are several categories of uniform items, and Royal Uniforms provides the lowest overall cost. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to award the contract for the purchase of employee uniforms to Royal Uniforms, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/JANITORIAL SERVICES/POLICE BUILDING

A Tabulation of Bids (00-DOC-49) was received from Chief Ohmstead, regarding janitorial services for the Police Administration Building. Chief Ohmstead recommended awarding the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, TLC Custom Cleaning, at a cost of \$1,846.00 per month or \$22,152.00 per year. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk to award the contract for janitorial services for the Police Administration Building to TLC Custom Cleaning in the amount of \$22,152.00, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

NON-CONFORMING USES VARIANCE/1022 27TH STREET

The Zoning Board of Appeals considered a request for a variance concerning non-conforming uses for property at 1022 27th Street, as petitioned by Alexander Pinkney - Zoning Docket 00-Z-3. The Zoning Board responded to a motion to approve with three yes votes and one no vote. A minimum of four yes votes is necessary for approval, therefore this variance request comes before the Council with no recommendation. Mr. Pinkney proposes to locate a business for furniture restoration, antique sales and an auction house. This property has been vacant for approximately 4 years. Per Code, if a non-conforming use is discontinued for more than one year, the non-conforming use may not be reestablished. Peter Cioni stated if a variance is approved, he recommends including the following conditions: 1) All life safety code violations shall be rectified prior to occupancy, 2) Within 4 months, parking areas shall be paved and landscaping provided, with plans approved by the Building Department prior to commencing work, 3) There shall be no outdoor storage of any materials or goods, and 4) Within 4 months, the small garage on the property shall be repaired or torn down. Mr. Pinkney is attempting to obtain a bank loan for this business. Mr. Cioni stated Mr. Pinkney would be eligible for TIF District assistance. Rick Cochrane noted Mr. Pinkney has been cooperative in addressing violations at his current business location. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by

Commissioner Rogers to approve a non-conforming use variance for the proposed furniture restoration, antique sales, and auction house at 1022 27th Street, subject to recommended conditions, as presented, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE

A memo (00-DOC-50) was presented by Commissioner Taylor, recommending the renewal with Hartford Insurance for the City's property, liability, auto, equipment and public officials insurance. Hartford submitted the lowest quote of \$158,018 through Pitcher Insurance Agency with an increase of \$5,961 or 3.9% over last year's cost. The initial installment of \$63,206.80 would be due May 1, 2000. Commissioner Bennett questioned whether or not the vehicle inventory was up to date. Commissioner Taylor stated this inventory was submitted as of April 17, 2000. Commissioner Taylor noted that only city employees or volunteers are allowed to ride in city vehicles. The City Clerk will address a memo to all Department Heads regarding this matter. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the renewal of Hartford Insurance through Pitcher Insurance Agency for the City's property, liability, auto, equipment and public officials insurance at an annual cost of \$158,018, and to authorize an initial installment of \$63,206.80 due May 1, 2000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

A memo (00-DOC-51) was presented by Commissioner Taylor, recommending the approval of a Claims Administration Agreement with Health Plan Management for employee health insurance. Commissioner Taylor stated the city's only control is over fixed costs. Third party administrator Health Plan Management offers a savings of \$80,000 per year, based on three factors: 1) Reduced overall costs, 2) Same insurance coverage, and 3) A three-tiered premium. There is a 60-day cancellation clause in the contract. Commissioner Monk noted concerns regarding conventional insurance coverage versus PPO plans, and whether Health Plan Management can offer the same benefits for conventional coverage. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve Health Plan Management as third party administrator for City employees' health insurance for the period May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2001. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, nay; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS COMMISSION

A memo (00-DOC-52) was received from Diana Guthman, Chairperson, Festival of Lights Commission, recommending officer and director appointments, as follows:

Chairperson	Diana Guthman
Vice Chairperson	vacancy
Secretary/Treasurer	Diane Burkemper
Shiloh Park Drive-thru Director	Pete Reinier
Kringle's Kingdom Director	Chuck Gleason
Promotions Director	Dr. Dick Dreyer
Parade Director	Al Hill
Fundraising Director	Carol Ruesch
Closing Ceremony Director	Lt. Greg Nugent

Commissioner Monk also suggested the Commission consider a future appointment of Jim Wiedner as an officer. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to appoint officers and directors to the Festival of Lights Commission, as recommended. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ZION SHOPPING CENTER REDEVELOPMENT

A memo (00-DOC-53) was received from Peter Cioni, regarding a memorandum of agreement for the redevelopment of the Zion Shopping Center. This non-binding agreement is asking for the City's consideration of proposed improvements. Developer Gerald Grobman is proposing to demolish vacant buildings, add landscaping and repave the parking lot. Mr. Grobman is requesting consideration for reimbursement from TIF District revenue for professional fees and expenses involved in the design and execution of this project. 4/18/00 It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that a Resolution (00-R-19) be passed, approving the execution of a memorandum of understanding with Zion Sheridan LLC, with respect to the issuance of an obligation for and a development project within the City of Zion, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

FIRE/RESCUE CHIEF DAVID MCADAMS

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to regretfully accept a letter of retirement for Fire/Rescue Chief David McAdams. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF GORDON OHMSTEAD

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to regretfully accept a letter of retirement for Police Chief Gordon Ohmstead. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Susan Zingle questioned whether or not a consultant had been hired to analyze the proposed peaker plant. Mayor Harrison stated a consultant had not yet been hired. The City newsletter requested citizen input on this matter. Negotiations have not been finalized, and property value guarantees are being considered during these negotiations.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

A budget meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 27 at 4:30 P.M. Mayor Harrison discussed potential future development in the City with a major chain restaurant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 21	City Hall closed for Spring Holiday
April 29	"Christmas in April" work day
May 2	City Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk that the Council recess to Executive Session at 8:53 p.m. to discuss personnel, real estate and possible litigation. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 11:38 p.m. with all members present.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to increase the starting hourly wage for Community Service Officers to \$8.00 per hour. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; Rogers, aye; Taylor, 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 Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 11:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved May 2, 2000