

Council Minutes

JULY 18, 2000

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 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 Rogers, Bennett, Taylor and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Monk was absent.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

Commissioner Rogers requested 1) adding a payment to the Consent Agenda to Lloyd Roofing and Construction, dome repairs, \$3,250.00, item 6.d.; 2) taking a separate vote for approving the minutes of the Special Meetings, item 6.a.; 3) adding to consider a City Hall sign proposal, item 8.m.; 4) adding to consider installation of carpeting for the Community Development offices, item 8.n.; 5) adding to consider purchasing booth space at the "Summer Fair", item 8.o.; and 6) deleting the special presentation for YAHOO, item 5.

Mayor Harrison requested deleting an ordinance approving the transfer station siting, item 7.a.

MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve minutes of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on July 5, 2000 at 7:03 P.M., with all members having previously received copies. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, pass; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (a) MINUTES: Minutes for the Special Meeting held on July 5, 2000 at 5:03 P.M. and the Special Meeting held on July 11, 2000 will be considered for approval at the meeting on August 1, 2000. (b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Fire/Rescue Dept. Monthly Report, June, 2000; Building Inspector's Report, June, 2000; Detailed Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expense Reports, month ending June 30, 2000 (c) BILLS: Vouchers 72372 through 72487 drawn on the National City Bank, \$574,362.68: First Midwest Bank, \$5,618.17: Total: \$579,980.85 (d) PAYMENTS: Pitcher Insurance Brokerage, Inc., public officials liability, \$2,409.90, law enforcement, \$6,544.20, property blanket, \$5,854.20, scheduled equipment, \$1,562.40, commercial auto, \$14,278.80, general liability, \$9,459.30, umbrella liability, \$14,592.60; Total: \$54,701.40; Ciorba Group, Inc., professional services rendered on Galilee Avenue reconstruction, 33rd Street to 21st Street, \$817.50; Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc., concrete work performed, \$75,201.30; Campanella & Sons, Inc., work performed on the reconstruction of 29th Street, \$38,749.45; Lloyd Roofing & Construction, dome repairs, \$3,250.00 7/18/00 (e) RECEIVE & PLACE ON FILE: Lake County Public Water District Financial Report, April 30, 2000 The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/OIL & AGGREGATE MATERIALS

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (00-0-60) be passed, authorizing contracts for the purchase of various oil, petroleum, bituminous and aggregate products. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPT/TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

A memo (00-DOC-89) was received from Chief LaBelle, requesting the Fire and Police Commission authorize the appointment of a temporary Lieutenant. This appointment is necessary to fill the position of Lt. Greg Friedrich, who will be off work for 4 months due to a non-work related injury. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to authorize the Fire and Police Commission to appoint a temporary Lieutenant in the Fire/Rescue Department for up to 4 months. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE/RESCUE DEPT. PERSONNEL

A memo (00-DOC-90) was received from Chief LaBelle, requesting to amend the Personnel Authorization to reflect the department's current personnel as follows: 1. Chief (ft) 2. Deputy Chief (ft) 3. 3 Captain/Paramedics (ft) 4. 3 Lieutenant/Paramedics (ft) 5. 1 Civilian Paramedic (ft) 6. 15 Firefighter/Paramedics (ft) 7. 1 Administrative Secretary (ft) It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve amending the Personnel Authorization to reflect the current Fire/Rescue Department employees, as requested, and

for a Resolution to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

A memo (00-DOC-91) was received from Chief LaBelle, requesting to add one representative from both the Police Department and the Fire/Rescue Department, as well as one civilian, to Zion's Emergency Telephone System Board. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to amend Zion's Emergency Telephone System Board, adding one representative from both the Police Department and the Fire/Rescue Department, as well as one civilian, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

POLICE PENSION FUND

A memo (00-DOC-92) was received from Dwight Ower, President of the Zion Police Pension Fund. Lt. Ower recommended hiring an independent actuary for the annual property tax levy, as the Illinois Department of Insurance no longer provides this actuarial report. John Stark stated the Department of Insurance informed him they would still provide actuarial reports, which should be available within the next two weeks. Mr. Stark recommended waiting for these reports in order to complete the levy, which is not due until December. The Council agreed to Mr. Stark's recommendation, and no action was taken.

TAB OF BIDS/BACKHOE LOADER/PUBLIC WORKS

A Tabulation of Bids (00-DOC-93) was received from Don Leicht, regarding the purchase of a backhoe loader. Commissioner Bennett recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, who met specifications, Burris Equipment, in the amount of \$58,275.00. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to purchase a backhoe loader for Public Works from Burris Equipment in the amount of \$58,275.00, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/SKID STEER LOADER/PUBLIC WORKS

A Tabulation of Bids (00-DOC-94) was received from Don Leicht, regarding the purchase of a skid steer loader. Commissioner Bennett recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, who met specifications, Burris Equipment, in the amount of \$36,269.00. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded

by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to purchase a skid steer loader for Public Works from Burriss Equipment in the amount of \$36,269.00, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CURBSIDE GARBAGE PICKUP

A proposal (00-DOC-95) for curbside garbage service was presented by Commissioners Bennett and Rogers. The problems with alley garbage service are: · The rodent population has increased. · Alley conditions have deteriorated due to heavy truck use. · Surplus trash is left in alleys. · The City is unable to patrol all alleys for proper maintenance. Curbside pick up would help eliminate these problems. Similar successful programs are being used in neighboring communities. Benefits of this program are: · Repairs to existing alleys, including cleaning and sealing, can be done. · The life expectancy of alleys will nearly double. · The build up of excess garbage would be eliminated. · BFI's heavy trucks and the City's chipper would not need to go into the alleys. · It would improve the rodent problem, vandalism and the general appearance. Obstacles with possible solutions of this program are: · Containers vary throughout the City. A possible solution would be to conduct a container promotion for discounts and/or exchanges. · Access to the curb may be limited. A plan would need to be developed for apartment buildings and residents along high traffic roads, such as Sheridan Road. · Elderly or disabled residents may not be able to comply. Such individuals could be provided assistance per the contract with BFI. Commissioners Bennett and Rogers will be meeting with BFI to develop a plan and to tour the alleys. If the plan is adopted, the City newsletter would contain information on the program. The change could begin with one route at a time, leaving instructions on each container each week. Commissioner Taylor stated he was concerned about the elderly and limited access to the curb. Commissioner Bennett noted BFI has agreed they would allow for special circumstances. Mayor Harrison welcomed citizen input, noting the improvement of alleys is a major concern of many citizens. At this time, no action was taken.

REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES

A memo (00-DOC-96) was presented by Commissioner Bennett, regarding proposals for the removal of dead, dying and hazardous trees. The lowest proposal for the removal of 32 trees was from Aerial Work Services for a total of \$8,448.84. Commissioner Taylor questioned when the tree stumps would be removed. Commissioner Bennett stated he will check with Public Works, as the grinding of the stumps will be the responsibility of the City. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to waive bids and award the contract for the removal of 32 hazardous trees to Aerial Work Services Company for a total amount of \$8,448.84, and for an ordinance to be prepared

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

28TH STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

A memo (00-DOC-97) was received from Peter Cioni, regarding sidewalk improvements on 28th Street, adjacent to the new Auto Zone. Mr. Cioni recommended an expenditure of \$12,644.90 be taken from the Downtown TIF fund for these improvements. The sidewalk improvements near Auto Zone were also included in an Illinois Department of Transportation grant application. Pete Zappa, Chairman of the TIF Review Board, stated he has not seen this proposal, and questioned whether or not these improvements would conform to the overall downtown sidewalk plan. Commissioner Bennett stated this proposal is for a solid concrete sidewalk, and does not include any brick. Commissioner Rogers recommended deferring this item until after results of the downtown sidewalk grant application become available. No action was taken.

IEPA GRANT/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

This item was deferred until the August 1 Council meeting.

REZONING/2541 & 2545 EMMAUS AVE.

The Zoning Board of Appeals considered a request for rezoning 2541 and 2545 Emmaus Avenue from Residential R-13 to HO Hospital, as petitioned by Midwestern Regional Medical Center - Zoning Docket 00-Z-8. The Zoning Board recommends approval of this request. This property would be used to expand the hospital's parking lot. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve rezoning 2541 and 2545 Emmaus Avenue from Residential R-13 to HO Hospital, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING SETBACK VARIANCE/1707 GALILEE

The Zoning Board of Appeals considered a request for a building setback variance for a detached garage at 1707 Galilee Avenue, as petitioned by Glen Stewart - Zoning Docket 00-Z-9. The Zoning Board recommends approval of this request, subject to raising the garage foundation 6 inches higher than the manhole for the storm sewer. Mr. Stewart has agreed to this condition. This variance would allow for the construction of a detached garage within 5 feet of the partially unimproved alley adjacent to the property's north line and 5 feet of the unimproved alley behind the home. The requested variance is from 12 feet to 5 feet. Commissioner Bennett noted there are no current plans to improve this alley. There were also questions as to whether or not the alleyway already has a gravel base. Commissioner Bennett will check into this issue with the Public Works

Department. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the building setback variance for the construction of a detached garage at 1707 Galilee Avenue, subject to raising the garage foundation 6 inches higher than the storm sewer manhole, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY HALL SIGN PROJECT

A memo (00-DOC-98) was presented by Commissioner Rogers, regarding a proposal for a City Hall sign for the corner of 29th Street and Sheridan Road. The sign would identify Zion City Hall, while providing information about local events and City deadlines. The proposed sign would be carved stone on raised posts. The display lettering would be visible 24 hours a day. Mayor Harrison noted the cost of this proposed sign is a third of what was approved in the budget. Commissioner Rogers stated all costs and a time line for project completion would be forthcoming. No action was taken on this item.

CARPET INSTALLATION/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICES

A memo (00-DOC-99) was presented by Commissioner Rogers, considering the installation of carpet for the Community Development offices. These offices include the Community Development Director's office and the adjacent storage room. Quotes were received from three companies, with the lowest proposal from Cenni Ambrose Carpeting in the amount of \$1,614.17. This proposal includes removal of the old carpet. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to accept the proposal from Cenni Ambrose Carpeting in the amount of \$1,614.17 for the installation of carpeting for the Community Development offices. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SUMMER FAIR

A "Summer Fair" is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Sheridan Health Care Center on Saturday, August 26. This all-day event will be held in the 2500 block of Sheridan Road, on the property adjacent to the Sheridan Health Care Center. Pete Zappa stated there will be entertainment, activities, food and events, making for a wholesome family day. All proceeds of this event will go towards the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Many businesses are donating equipment and items to make the Fair successful. Commissioner Rogers recommended purchasing a booth/table space for the amount of \$20.00, in order to display DARE, recycling pamphlets, and other City information. The Council agreed to participate, and Mayor Harrison stated the cost of the booth could come from the Public Affairs budget.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Harrison stated a 4-minute time restraint on a citizen's comments may be needed during meetings with very full agendas. Mayor Harrison also stated it would be prudent to allow Zion citizens only an opportunity to voice opinions and concerns regarding specific Zion issues. Mayor Harrison read a letter from a citizen praising Jim Kelley and the Community Service Officers for all of their assistance during the time this citizen was temporarily disabled.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nancy Shelton inquired into the status of the house on the northwest corner of 29th Street and Ezekiel Avenue. Ms. Shelton stated she thought the property was to either have been renovated or demolished. Commissioner Rogers stated this property owner has led the Council to believe he would be conducting renovations, however, to date the owner has only completed minimal work. Mayor Harrison stated the owner has an active permit good until January 1, 2001, however no extension will be allowed.

Tom Jablonski complained about the condition of the streets and alleys. Commissioner Taylor stated the City is addressing improvements for both streets and alleys.

Glen Stewart thanked Mayor Harrison for his letter in the Zion-Benton News regarding peaker plants. Mr. Stewart also noted the reconstruction of Galilee and Route 173 will no longer permit left turns for vehicles heading south on Galilee to Route 173. Mayor Harrison stated there are problems in the State's plans, and the City has proposed certain alterations to the State.

Burgess Ewing stated problems continue to exist with the developer of Brighton Ponds, including poorly maintained roads and the lack of other services. Mr. Ewing stated the Brighton Ponds Homeowners Association is virtually non-existent. Mayor Harrison stated this is a private subdivision, with the Homeowners Association put in place by the developer. Mayor Harrison directed the City Attorney to research this matter, and reply to Mr. Ewing accordingly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 4 ZION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAYOR'S LUNCHEON

August 1 City Council Meeting

August 4 Zion Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Luncheon

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that the Council recess to Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss possible litigation, the purchase of real estate, and personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Taylor, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 10:40 p.m. with same members present.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONERS SALARIES

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to increase the salaries for the two Commissioner officials, elected to office in 2001, as follows: May 1, 2001 \$10,000.00 May 1, 2002 \$11,000.00 May 1, 2003 \$12,000.00 May 1, 2004 \$13,000.00 and; to increase the salaries for the Mayor and two Commissioner officials, elected to office in 2003, as follows: Mayor: May 1, 2003 \$20,400.00 May 1, 2004 \$21,400.00 Commissioners: May 1, 2003 \$12,000.00 May 1, 2004 \$13,000.00 and; for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Bennett, 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 Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 p.m. Motion carried.