

Council Minutes

September 19, 2000

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, September 19, 2000, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

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

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

AGENDA CHANGES

Commissioner Rogers requested 1) adding to consider approval of an expenditure for equipment at the Zion Studio per the Zion-Winthrop Harbor Cable TV Commission, item 8.g.; 2) adding to consider replacement of the fire alarm system for the Police Administration Building, item 8.h.; 3) adding a Tabulation of Bids for the sale of Fire/Rescue Department equipment, item 8.i.; 4) adding to consider participation with the Chamber of Commerce for the Discover America program, item 8.j.; and 5) adding a discussion regarding a Building Department policy regarding the parking of vehicles, item 8.k.

Mayor Harrison requested adding an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation and personnel, item 11.a.

ONYX/SUPERIOR SERVICES/WASTE CONTAINERS

Ray Carter of Onyx/Superior Services, formerly BFI, presented their recommended waste container for residential use. The containers are available in either 65 gallons or 96 gallons. These containers, which are used by other neighboring municipalities, are heavy-duty with lids. Mr. Carter suggested that residents could use their old metal cans for yard waste. Superior Services would still continue their weekly garbage pickup of unlimited containerized waste. The cost of these containers would be an additional \$1.30 per unit per month, or the containers could be purchased outright. Residents would order the containers, as needed, and then be billed accordingly by the City. At this time, residents with similar containers would be allowed to continue to utilize their present containers. Commissioner Taylor stated that containers have been sold by the City since 1982 for a total of 3,067 units. The City currently has an inventory of 500 containers. Commissioner Bennett stated the Council would discuss

at the next meeting whether or not to consider requiring containerized waste pickup.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (a) MINUTES of a Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on September 5, 2000 at 7:00 P.M., with all members having previously received copies. (b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Detailed Balance Sheet, period ending July 31, 2000 and Detailed Revenue & Expense Report, period ending July 31, 2000; Building Inspector's Report, month ending August 31, 2000; Police Department Reports, Administrative Division and Operations Division, August, 2000; Zion Fire/Rescue Department Monthly Report, August, 2000 (c) BILLS: Vouchers 72887 through 72997 drawn on the National City Bank, \$414,017.50; First Midwest Bank, \$8,978.92: Total: \$422,996.42 9/19/00 (d) PAYMENTS: Kane, McKenna & Associates, Inc., professional services rendered on South Sheridan Road TIF District, \$4,241.25; Business Districts, Inc., professional services rendered on Zion Downtown Project, \$3,347.89; Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc., concrete work performed at various locations, \$17,045.90; Burris Equipment Co., skid steer loader, \$36,269.00 (e) PROCLAMATION: Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week, September 17-23, 2000 The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF AIR PACKS/FIRE/RESCUE DEPT

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that an Ordinance (00-0-71) be passed authorizing the purchase of 24 air packs for the Fire/Rescue Department from Air One Equipment for a total cost of \$41,478.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FINGERPRINT SYSTEM/POLICE DEPT

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (00-0-72) be passed authorizing the purchase of a Live-Scan Fingerprint System for the Police Department for a total cost of \$52,621.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF WATER METERS/PUBLIC WORKS

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor that an Ordinance (00-0-73) be passed authorizing the purchase of water meters, as needed, for Public Works from Badger Meter, Inc. The

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

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS/FIRE/RESCUE DEPT

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that an Ordinance (00-0-74) be passed authorizing the purchase of four (4) laptop computers for the Fire/Rescue Department from CDS Office Technologies for a total cost of \$22,000.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF CARPETING/POLICE DEPT

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that an Ordinance (00-0-75) be passed authorizing the purchase and installation of carpeting for the Police Administration Building from Cenni, Ambrose and Smith Tile & Carpet in the amount of \$2,972.99. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS PLANNING COMMISSION

A letter (00-DOC-126) was received from the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) requesting a contribution in the amount of \$3,043.00. The City has belonged to NIPC off and on over the past 15 years. Peter Cioni stated the City receives no beneficial services or assistance from this organization, and they have no economic development programs. Commissioner Taylor stated a contribution to NIPC is not included in the budget. Commissioner Monk recommended tabling this item, in order to request information from NIPC regarding their benefits. Brian Usher and Peter Cioni were directed to contact NIPC regarding their benefits and services. The Council agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

BICYCLE AUCTION

A memo (00-DOC-127) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to conduct a bicycle auction on Saturday, September 23, 2000 at 9:00 A.M. in the Police Administration Building garage. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to conduct a bicycle auction on Saturday, September 23, 2000 at 9:00 A.M. in the Police Administration Building garage. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY PEST CONTROL

Commissioner Rogers discussed the renewal of the City's pest control service. The services include rodents, but neither skunks nor raccoons. A-Rest-A-Pest would continue to charge \$600 per month for up to twenty on-call inspections. Commissioner Rogers stated she is not aware of any calls received for this service. Commissioner Rogers also noted that this company was to have trained the Animal Warden for the appropriate licensing, but has never done so. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to deny the renewal of the contract with A-Rest-A-Pest for the City's pest control. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SALE OF 2875 GALILEE AVENUE

A memo (00-DOC-128) was received from John Jones, regarding the sale of 2875 Galilee Avenue. A bid opening was conducted, and one bid was received. Mr. Jones recommended awarding the bid to Mike Garcia in the amount of \$20,000.00. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to award the sale of 2875 Galilee Avenue to Mike Garcia in the amount of \$20,000.00, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SALE OF GARBAGE TRUCK

A memo (00-DOC-129) was received from Don Leicht, regarding the sale of a 1976 International garbage truck. Bids were previously advertised for the sale of this vehicle, with no bids received. George Neeve has offered to purchase this truck for \$400.00. Mr. Leicht recommended selling the garbage truck to Mr. Neeve in the amount of \$400.00. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Monk to approve the sale of a 1976 International garbage truck to George Neeve in the amount of \$400.00. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ALLEY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

A memo (00-DOC-130) was received from Brian Usher and John Jones regarding alley improvements, recommending the following: · Any alleys partially installed should be improved and surfaced at the City's expense. · Any unimproved alleys/easements should be sold to the adjacent property owners, with the City retaining the right to utility easements. · Any alleys with residential garages, creating a need for access, would be improved. Commissioner Taylor questioned the number of alleys involved and the related costs, also asking what the legal aspect would be regarding utility easements. The Council agreed to table this item until the next meeting, in

order for Mr. Usher and Mr. Jones to address Commissioner Taylor's questions.

ZION/WINTHROP HARBOR CABLE TV COMMISSION

A letter (00-DOC-131) was received from the Zion/Winthrop Harbor Cable TV Commission, requesting permission to purchase equipment for the Zion Cable Studio. The equipment in need of repair is a portion of the playback system. The expenditure would be \$26,000. The Cable TV Commission has sufficient funds to purchase this item. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to grant permission to purchase replacement equipment in the amount of \$26,000.00 for the Zion Cable Studio for the Zion/Winthrop Harbor Cable TV Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM/POLICE BUILDING

Chief Malcolm stated the fire alarm system has totally failed at the Police Administrative Building, leaving the building and its occupants in a dangerous situation. Jewell Electric has indicated this failure is probably the result of a lightning strike or a power surge, so Chief Malcolm stated a replacement could possibly be covered through insurance. The replacement cost would be \$8,684.00. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to waive bids and approve the replacement of the fire alarm system at the Police Administrative Building with Jewell Electric in the amount of \$8,684.00, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/SALE OF FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES

A Tabulation of Bids (00-DOC-132) was received from Chief LaBelle, regarding the sale of used vehicles from the Fire/Rescue Department. Chief LaBelle recommended awarding the bids to the highest and most responsible bidders as follows: 1984 Chevrolet Suburban: James H. Locke \$1,500.00 1985 Chevrolet Ambulance: Patronato de Bomberos El Cercado \$1,600.00 It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to award the contracts for the sale of used vehicles from the Fire/Rescue Department, as recommended, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PARKING ON LAWN AREAS

A memo (00-DOC-133) was received from John Jones, regarding the Municipal Code's reference disallowing parking on lawn areas in residential areas. Mr. Jones stated it has been past policy of the Building Department to make limited exceptions for certain types of vehicles. Mr. Jones requested that these exceptions be clarified. Commissioner Taylor stated he is opposed to a policy, which violates the ordinance. Commissioner Rogers stated this is an attempt to accommodate residents with recreational vehicles or motor homes, based on what has been allowed in the past. Mayor Harrison stated not everyone has room for an extra cement pad, and the cement pad itself can be unsightly. Commissioner Taylor noted there are rental facilities available for storage. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to accept the policy allowing limited exceptions for certain types of vehicles parking on lawn areas, and to amend the ordinance accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, nay; Taylor, nay; Bennett, nay; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, nay. Motion denied.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/DISCOVER AMERICA PROGRAM

Debbie Lewis stated the Zion Chamber of Commerce has been contacted by the Teaching Learning Network, a national television broadcast, to consider participation in a tourism/documentary program. This would include a 6-minute segment in an episode of the Discover America television series. The cost of the project is approximately \$360,000, and the majority of the costs are absorbed by the network. The network does require a participation fee of \$17,500, including travel expenses for the film crew. The Chamber has committed \$2,000.00 toward this project, leaving a balance of \$15,500, and is sending requests to Chamber members for donations. Ms. Lewis requested a donation from the City. Commissioner Rogers stated the City would also be included in advertising, press releases and on the network's website. A copy of the episode would also be made available. Commissioner Rogers stated they would be filming in this area in December. Mayor Harrison suggested that after the Chamber receives donations, the City could make up for the difference out of the economic development fund. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to support the Chamber of Commerce's participation in the Discover America Program, contributing an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00 from the economic development fund. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jim Booth, Booth Swager & Associates, stated he is interested in expanding his business on 16th Street, and questioned the availability of water. Mr. Booth questioned what would happen if the City's state allocation were exceeded. Mayor Harrison stated the City can request from the State to increase the water allocation. Mr. Booth noted his

concerns regarding the provision of ample water for citizens and businesses. Mayor Harrison stated he would look into Mr. Booth's concerns.

Toni Larsen questioned when the public meeting regarding the peaker plant would be scheduled. Mayor Harrison stated this meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 26 at Central Junior High School. Ms. Larsen stated she did not feel this would provide enough notice for all interested parties to attend. Mayor Harrison stated this meeting date is not set and can be changed to another date.

Verena Owen suggested having a moderator for the public meeting who was not either a member of the City Council or SkyGen.

Commissioner Monk stated all parties need to stay unbiased, allowing for accurate and complete information. Mayor Harrison stated several taxing bodies are going to be affected by Commonwealth Edison's loss, and the City is looking at several means for protecting the tax base.

Sandra de Bruyn questioned whether or not the trees that were removed for the new Walgreens building would be replaced. Mayor Harrison stated many new trees have been planted, and he will provide Ms. de Bruyn with the number of trees. Ms. de Bruyn also questioned whether or not Zion was affected by the Nicor mercury problem. Mayor Harrison stated People's Energy Gas Company has informed him that Zion is not affected by this problem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 19	1st day of petition circulation period for office of City Commissioner
October 3	City Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss possible litigation and personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 11:26 p.m. with all members present.

COMMONWEALTH EDISON AGREEMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk that a Resolution (00-R-44) be passed approving Zion Settlement Agreements with Commonwealth Edison, including the Power Station

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

SPECIAL MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk to schedule a Special Council Meeting on Friday, September 22, 2000 for the purpose of discussing personnel. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Rogers, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, 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 Rogers and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 11:36 p.m. Motion carried.