

Council Minutes

April 17, 2001

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2001, AT 7:09 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, ZION, ILLINOIS

Chief LaBelle gave inspirational comments.

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order.

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

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

AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Harrison requested 1) deleting ordinance conveying surplus property (tanker) to the Lake County High Schools Technical Campus, item 7.b.; 2) deleting discussion regarding leachate recycling per the Onyx Liaison Committee, item 8.a., as item can be presented during citizen comments and discussed during future special meeting; 3) deleting discussion regarding City of Zion liability insurance, item 8.b.; 4) deleting discussion regarding City employees' health insurance coverage, item 8.c.; and 5) noting a Special Meeting for April 26 to be added to Announcements.

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 April 3, 2001 at 7:01 P.M. and a Special Meeting held on April 4, 2001 at 5:10 P.M., with all members having previously received copies. (b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Building Inspector's Report, March, 2001; Fire/Rescue Department Monthly Report, March, 2001; Public Works Department Monthly Report, March, 2001 (c) BILLS: Vouchers 74805 through 76030 drawn on the National City Bank, \$666,356.48: First Midwest Bank, \$3,576.27: Total: \$669,932.75 (d) PAYMENTS: New World Systems, computer equipment, \$50,212.00; Chicago Communication Service, Inc., service agreement for Centracom console, \$855.55; Cable & Wireless Solutions, WAN system upgrade, \$2,033.00; AGA Gas, Inc., cylinder lease agreement, \$560.00 (e) PROCLAMATIONS: Local Canvassing Board declaring the results of the April 3, 2001 Consolidated Election for

City Offices; Municipal Clerks Week - April 29 through May 5, 2001 The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Sandy deBruyn noted concerns regarding a proposal from Onyx relative to leachate recycling. Ms. Owen stated comments on the draft are due by April 20, and recommended the Council request an extension of this deadline. Mayor Harrison stated the City has been granted a 30-day extension. Mayor Harrison stated a special liaison committee meeting, including Onyx and the Zion Park District, would be scheduled to discuss this issue.

DONATION OF FIRE ENGINE

It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (01-0-17) be passed conveying certain surplus property, fire prevention and abatement equipment commonly known as an engine, to the Lake County High Schools Technology Campus, a division of the Lake County Community College District. Jeff Brierton of the Technology Campus explained their programs and services. Chief LaBelle thanked Alan Town for his assistance on this project. Chief LaBelle presented Sandy Galgan a plaque, thanking ZBTHS and her for their continued support. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (01-0-18) be passed creating and organizing the Environmental Quality Advisory Commission. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Monk that an Ordinance (01-0-19) be passed establishing a Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Zion. Per State requirements, this Commission will have a 7-member board. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

ANNEXATION/43125 GREEN BAY ROAD & 12375 RUSSELL ROAD

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk to approve a Pre-Annexation Agreement with Zion Park District for the

annexation of 43125 Green Bay Road and 12375 Russell Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that an Ordinance (01-0-20) be passed annexing certain territory to the City of Zion known as 43125 Green Bay Road and 12375 Russell Road. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM/FIRE/RESCUE DEPT.

A memo (01-DOC-48) was received from Chief LaBelle, regarding the telephone system in the Fire/Rescue Department. The bid for this system was awarded to Radicom, Inc. for the amount of \$15,483.00. Upon installation of the phone system, it became necessary to upgrade the paging equipment. Due to this additional installation, an additional amount of \$2,424.00 is needed for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve an additional payment of \$2,424.00 to Radicom, Inc. for the installation of the telephone system in the Fire/Rescue Department. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER/ZION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 6

A memo (01-DOC-49) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Zion Elementary School District 6 for the hiring of a School Resource Officer. The agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved by School District 6. The School Resource Officer would remain an employee of the City, and the school would reimburse the City 69% of the amount equal to the cost of the annual base salary of a first year police officer. Chief Malcolm stated he is also pursuing a possible grant to help pay for this position. It was moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Zion Elementary School District 6 for the hiring of a School Resource Officer. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/LYDIA AVE STORM SEWER PROJECT

A Tabulation of Bids (01-DOC-50) was received from Brian Usher, regarding the construction of the Lydia Avenue storm sewer project. Mr. Usher recommended awarding the bid to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, J.R. Myers Company, Inc., in the amount of \$95,135.70. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to award the contract for the Lydia Avenue storm sewer project to J.R. Myers Company, Inc., in the amount of \$95,135.70.

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

MATTHEW PLACE STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS

A memo (01-DOC-51) was received from Brian Usher, requesting permission to enter into a contract with Harza Engineering Company for Matthew Place storm water improvements. Harza Engineering has submitted a proposal for the design, permitting and construction supervision of a project to help reduce an ongoing flooding problem in this area. This company is proposing to complete their work for a cost not to exceed \$34,100. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to grant permission to enter into a contract with Harza Engineering Company at a cost not to exceed \$34,100 for the design, permitting and construction supervision of the Matthew Place storm water improvements. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BICKET BUILDING REHABILITATION

Commissioner Rogers stated designs for the rehabilitation of the Bicket Building were completed as a separate project prior to starting the downtown redevelopment project. Commissioner Rogers requested pursuing costs for the final design drawings and construction of this building. Mayor Harrison noted the Bicket Building was the flagship building and is outside of the purview of the Business Development Council, but not outside of the grant program. Commissioner Bennett questioned the owner's responsibility for this building. Commissioner Rogers stated it is the owner's responsibility to bring the building up to code, as the program is only for the outside façade. The owner would have to follow façade guidelines, other than financial, as set by the downtown project. Teska Associates would have to present their drawings to the Business Development Council and the City's Building Department for review. An agreement would also be needed with the owner, prior to starting any work. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to grant permission to seek proposals for the final design drawings and façade construction for the Bicket Building. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY

A memo (01-DOC-52) was received from Brian Usher recommending a rate study be conducted of the water and sewer fund. Mr. Usher stated there is an insufficient balance in the fund to support repair, replacement or upgrades of the systems. Mr. Usher recommended hiring Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers for the preparation of a water and sewer rate study at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Mayor Harrison stated a study

should not have to be conducted just to inform the City it needs to raise rates. Attorney Rolek noted the study would be more in-depth, including tap-on fees and a long-range plan for costs and revenues. Commissioner Taylor stated Accounts and Finance will be giving their projections during budget hearings, and questioned whether or not this study would help when the City considers restructuring its debt bonds. Attorney Rolek stated such a study would assist the City in this consideration. Mayor Harrison stated the public should be made aware of what the City has to pay for water, in comparison to what residents pay. Mayor Harrison also suggested checking into what other communities charge for this service, and placing all of this information in the next newsletter. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to enter into a contract with Baxter & Woodman for preparation of a water and sewer rate study at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Discovery Channel will be filming in Zion on May 10 - 12. This one-hour program will be airing this fall.

Mayor Harrison noted concerns regarding a vehicle sticker issue pertaining to disability certificates. These certificates are issued by the State, however, under the City's current ordinance, this does not qualify for a reduced vehicle sticker. Commissioner Taylor stated the reduced rate is tied to the vehicle and not to the person. Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Rogers and Attorney Rolek will study this matter and bring a recommendation to the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2001	City Vehicle Stickers on sale
April 23, 24, 25 & 26	Budget Workshops
April 26	Special Council Meeting
April 28	Christmas in April Program Day with 15 homes to receive assistance this year
April 29	Picnic for Christmas in April volunteers
April 30	Reception for Amos Monk and Truman Hudson at City Hall
May 1	City Council Meeting and Swearing-in Ceremony for City Officials
May 7	Swearing-in/oath of Cheri Ditzig as Township Supervisor
May 15	Swearing-in Ceremony for Cheri Ditzig and

Township Trustees

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Executive Session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss personnel and real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Monk, aye; Taylor, aye; Bennett, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 9:51 p.m. with all members present.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, it was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Monk and unanimously approved the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 p.m. Motion carried.