

Council Minutes

MAY 1, 2001

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING AND SWEARING-IN OF NEW OFFICERS OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2001, AT 6:01 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 Taylor, Rogers, Bennett and Mayor Harrison. Commissioner Monk arrived at 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Harrison requested adding to Executive Session the discussion for the purchase of real estate, item 3.

Commissioner Taylor requested adding a payment to the Consent Agenda for Pitcher Insurance Brokerage, liability insurance, \$109,582.00, item 7.d.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that the Council recess to Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss personnel and the purchase of real estate. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reconvened at 7:02 p.m. with all members present.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - ALLEY VACATION/2000 BLOCK OF SHERIDAN ROAD

Mayor Harrison opened the public hearing for vacation of an unimproved alley in the 2000 block of Sheridan Road at 7:03 P.M. Sheridan Zion, L.L.C. is proposing to construct a 7-Eleven store and gas station in the 2000 block of Sheridan Road, at the location where the Midpoint Motel is located. The developer is requesting that the City vacate the unimproved alleyway adjacent to this site. Mayor Harrison invited questions and/or comments from the public. A question was asked whether or not the adjacent property owner has any objections to this development. Peter

Cioni stated the adjacent property owner has no objection. Mayor Harrison declared the hearing closed at 7:08 P.M.

UNIMPROVED ALLEY VACATION/2020 SHERIDAN ROAD

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (01-0-22) be passed vacating an unimproved alley in Block 58 in Frederick H. Bartlett's Sheridan-Lake View Properties Second Addition, City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

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 17, 2001 at 7:09 P.M.; a Special Meeting and Executive Session held on April 21, 2001 at 5:10 P.M.; Budget Workshop/Special Meetings held on April 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2001; with all members having previously received copies. (b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: City Clerk's Monthly Report, April, 2001; Police Department Reports, March, 2001 (c) BILLS: Vouchers 76031 through 76144 drawn on National City Bank, \$732,653.82; First Midwest Bank, \$7,537.59; Total: \$740,191.41 (d) PAYMENTS: Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Rolek, P.C., legal services, \$11,250.00, \$805.00, \$202.50, \$3,572.81, \$843.75, \$3,325.00, \$910.15, \$2,437.50, \$4,550.00; Total: \$27,896.71; Zion Park District, legal services for ComEd tax litigation, \$993.10; Northern Illinois Police Crime Lab, 2001/2002 Membership Assessment, \$28,001.00; MSI Strategic Communications, external communication activities, \$33,850.64; Business Districts, Inc., downtown redevelopment consulting services, \$3,185.01; T. Wallace Blacktopping, Inc., work performed on alley resurfacing project, \$80,101.40; Pitcher Insurance Brokerage, liability insurance, \$109,582.00 The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

NOSTALGIA DAYS/TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

A memo (01-DOC-54) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission for the temporary closure of Sheridan Road on June 23, 2001 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 Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that a Resolution (01-R-5) be passed, requesting permission of the Illinois Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of Sheridan Road on June 23, 2001 between 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. for Nostalgia Days. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

SETBACK VARIANCES/SHERIDAN ROAD & BARNHART COURT

The Zoning Board of Appeals considered a request for setback variances for a commercial lot at Sheridan Road and Barnhart Court, as petitioned by Sheridan Zion, L.L.C. - Zoning Docket 01-Z-5. The Zoning Board recommended approval. Sheridan Zion, L.L.C. is requesting a setback variance from 20 feet down to 19 feet for construction of a pump island canopy for a new 7-Eleven store and gas station on the southwest corner of Sheridan Road and Barnhart Court. The developer is also requesting a setback variance from 20 feet down to 11 feet for construction of a garbage receptacle enclosure on the northwest corner of the lot. It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the request for a setback variance for a commercial lot at Sheridan Road and Barnhart Court, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; Monk, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. 5/1/01 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 7:15 p.m.

SWEARING-IN OF OFFICERS

Mayor Harrison introduced Judge Ray McKoski. Judge McKoski administered the oath of office to L. Howard Bennett and Lloyd E. DeTienne for City Commissioners. Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. On call of the roll the following answered present: Commissioners Taylor, Rogers, Bennett, DeTienne and Mayor Harrison.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The City Council presented a plaque to Commissioner Amos Monk for his dedicated efforts to improving the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Zion.

CITY COUNCIL

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to appoint the City Council to their areas of responsibility as follows: Lane Harrison - Mayor and Commissioner of Public Affairs L. Howard Bennett - Commissioner Of Accounts And Finance And Mayor Pro Tem Jim E. Taylor - Commissioner Of Public Works J. Delaine Rogers - Commissioner Of Building And Public Property Lloyd E. DeTienne - Commissioner Of Public Health And Safety The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CITY OFFICIALS

The appointment of Department Heads and City Officials was deferred until the May 15 Council meeting.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Lloyd DeTienne as the City's representative on the Zion Chamber of Commerce Board. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, pass; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to appoint the following members to City Boards and Commissions:

Accident Review Board	Environmental Quality Advisory Commission	Police Pension Board
Dale Colwell	Nancy Shelton	Mary Ann Carlton
	Karen Breeden	
Cable TV Commission	Olga Wigoda	TIF Review Board
Guy Glenn Garrison	Mary Lou Rapson	Leroy Cliff
Charles King		Mike White
	Planning & Zoning Commission	Ardsley Congdon
Electrical Commission	Daron Mackey	Douglas Townsend
John Jones	Howard Burkemper	
Robert Payne	Frank Flammini	Fire & Police Commission
Dave LaBelle	Juanita Winfrey, Chair	Bob Worthington
Erwin Christensen	Howard Swank	
Constance Corder (ComEd)	Jim Bowman	
Charlie Revis	Ernest Isley	

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

WATERWORKS & SEWERAGE REVENUE BONDS

At a previous meeting, Kevin McKenna, Speer Financial, Inc., presented debt service schedules for Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds. The process takes approximately 60 days to complete, wherein ordinances are introduced and later followed by a Bond Information Notification Act hearing. The Law Firm of Chapman and Cutler has prepared the necessary documentation for the purpose of defraying costs of refunding certain City bonds for the repair, replacement and improvement of the existing water and sewer system. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois, in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of refunding certain previously issued Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the City and of improving the existing waterworks and sewerage system of the City. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the first reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois, in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of refunding certain previously issued Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the City and of improving the existing waterworks and sewerage system of the City. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ENERGY ADVISORS AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with an agreement with Business Energy Advisors on an option of up to 100 acres of property on State Line Road, currently owned by North Shore Sanitary District. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Toni Larsen questioned the status of the property on 9th Street, west of Green Bay Road. Mayor Harrison stated no one has requested any City permits for this property. Ms. Larsen also questioned whether or not the City was involved with a gas pipeline company for this property. Mayor Harrison stated the City neither owns this property nor are we in negotiations with a gas pipeline company.

George Pavelich stated a gas company is conducting core samples and environmental tests in the area. Mr. Pavelich stated Natural Gas Pipeline of America is asking for the sale of right-of-ways from area residents.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Frank Flammini stated the Christmas in April program on April 28 was a great success. A total of 375 volunteers worked on 12 homes with an estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000 in repairs. Jack Diliberti stated ESDA utilized Christmas in April as a field training exercise. Mayor Harrison stated that volunteerism is the heart of any community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 15 Swearing-in of Township Trustees & Supervisor
- May 15 Regular City Council Meeting
- May 19 Tire Collection and sale of composters at City Hall
- May 19 Perennial Flower Swap at Zion Library

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 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.