

Council Minutes

DECEMBER 18, 2001

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZION CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2001, 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
Bennett, DeTienne, Taylor, Rogers and Mayor Harrison.

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

AGENDA CHANGES

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to accept the Council agenda with amendments as follows: · Adding payments to the Consent Agenda for Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Rolek, PC, legal services, \$11,250.00, \$437.50, \$2,617.50, \$1,265.00, \$303.75, \$2,863.09, \$303.75, \$630.00, \$1,020.00; Total: \$20,690.59, item 6.d. · Adding to consider passing Resolution authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement for utilization of the Lake County Sheriff's shooting range, item 8.b. · Deleting the approval of the Closed Session minutes held on December 4, 2001 from the Consent Agenda, item 6.a. and adding the discussion of the December 4 Closed Session minutes to Closed Session, item 13. · Adding pending litigation and deleting probable litigation from Closed Session, item 13. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DECORATING CONTEST

Mayor Harrison announced Festival of Lights residential decorating contest winners. The following homes received awards: Erik Hanson 908 20th Street Roosevelt Nelson 1801 Joppa Avenue Joyce Washington 2508 Gabriel Ave. Dave Millard 1507 Schooner Court Mike Cliff 2409 Emmaus
CONSENT AGENDA It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (a) MINUTES of a Regular Meeting held on December 4, 2001 at 7:10 P.M., with all members having previously received copies. 12/18/01 (b) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Building Inspectors Report, month ending November 30, 2001; Public Works Department Monthly Report, November, 2001; Police Department Monthly Reports, October, 2001; Workers Compensation Claims for October,

November, December, 2001 (c) BILLS: Vouchers 78302 through 78450 drawn on the National City Bank, \$532,898.29; First Midwest Bank, \$5,782.60; Bank of Waukegan; \$5,708.36; Bridgeview Bank, \$5,401.78; Total: \$549,791.03 (d) PAYMENTS: Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, legal services for IUOE negotiations, \$6,250.40; Business Districts, Inc., services rendered on Downtown Redevelopment Project, \$4,858.48; ENSR, services performed on BRG Program, \$2,905.53; Computer Help Key, computer services rendered, \$3,021.60; WIRFS Industries, engine repair, \$6,117.00 & \$4,775.05; Total: \$10,892.05; Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Rolek, PC, legal services, \$11,250.00, \$437.50, \$2,617.50, \$1,265.00, \$303.75, \$2,863.09, \$303.75, \$630.00, \$1,020.00; Total: \$20,690.59 The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jim Howard questioned the cost and benefit of the Police National Accreditation. Chief Malcolm stated approximately \$7,000 has been paid in application fees, in order to bring the Police Department up to nationally accepted standards, which also reduces liability costs. Mr. Howard also questioned whether or not the City has plans to annex property north of 9th Street, west of Green Bay Road and immediately east of the railway tracks. Mayor Harrison stated the owner of this property has just requested annexation.

Bobby Dodd, owner of Dodd's Towing, stated he is opposed to the City renewing its current towing contract, which does not include his company. Mr. Dodd stated, since he is qualified, he should get part of this business. Commissioner Rogers stated Mr. Dodd was eliminated one year due to not submitting his certificate of insurance with his bid, and this past year the City renewed the contract with two other towing companies on a rotating basis.

William Bremner presented a copy of a magazine entitled Illinois Country Living, suggesting the City place ads in this magazine announcing local events.

RESOLUTION/EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that a Resolution (01-R-30) be passed commending Paul Lewis for 20 years of service and dedication to the City of Zion. Commissioner DeTienne accepted the plaque on behalf of Mr. Lewis. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S SHOOTING RANGE

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that a Resolution (01-R-31) be passed authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Lake and the Sheriff of Lake County for the utilization of the Lake County Sheriff's shooting range. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

MIDWESTERN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne that an Ordinance (01-0-65) be passed authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the City of Zion, Lake County, Illinois, in the aggregate principal amount of \$15,000,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of improving the existing Midwestern Regional Medical Center, located in the City. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/ZION LIQUOR CONTROL ORDINANCE

It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (01-0-66) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 56, pertaining to the business hours of Class "C" liquor licenses only, extending the opening hour of business to 7:00 a.m. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/SANITARY SEWERS & SEPTICS

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (01-0-67) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 94, Sections 94-153, 94-154 and 94-155, relative to the provision of sanitary sewers and septic. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE/WATER & SEWER SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett that an Ordinance (01-0-68) be passed amending the Municipal Code of the City of Zion, as amended, Chapter 94, Sections 94-84 and 94-262, setting new requirements for disconnecting from sewer and water service mains. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried. Ordinance passed.

NO PARKING SIGN/2200 BLOCK OF HEBRON

A memo (01-DOC-178) was received from Chief Malcolm, recommending that a "No Parking" sign in the 2200 block of Hebron Avenue be extended south 120 feet to include the home at 2216 Hebron Avenue. Since parking is not allowed immediately to the south of this residence, people are now parking in front of this home, creating a problem for the resident. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner DeTienne to approve relocating the "No Parking" sign in the 2200 block of Hebron Avenue south 120 feet of its current location, as requested, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CLEANING OF AIR SYSTEM & CEILING TILE/POLICE STATION

A memo (01-DOC-179) was received from Chief Malcolm, requesting permission to advertise for bids for the cleaning of the air system and ceiling tile at the Police Administration Building. The police facility has not had this system cleaned since it was built in 1976, and is in need of a professional cleaning. It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to grant permission to advertise for bids for the cleaning of the air system and ceiling tile at the Police Administration Building. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CITY TOWING

Commissioner DeTienne stated the City towing contract needs to be considered for 2002. Commissioner DeTienne questioned Bobby Dodd as to whether or not his storage facility was now located at his business. Mr. Dodd stated his storage is now on the premises with access to storage available 24 hours per day. Commissioner DeTienne noted the City is currently satisfied with the towing companies it is utilizing, however, he recommended advertising for bids for the 2002 towing contract. Mayor Harrison stated there have been problems in past years with towing contracts, however there have been no such problems this last year. Mayor Harrison stated Commissioner Rogers conducted a study reviewing rates, with the following recommendations: Flat fee for daytime towing 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: \$100.00 Flat fee for nighttime towing 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.: \$100.00 Separate fee for accident scene clean up: \$25.00 Storage fee: \$20.00 Additional equipment fee: \$25.00 per item Commissioner Rogers stated the companies currently conducting the City's towing, Roger's Towing Service and Auto Center of Beach Park, have agreed to the renewal of their contracts for 2002 with the new fees, as recommended. Attorney Rolek stated the City is not required to go to bid for towing service, but recommended a statement of qualifications be completed for this service. Commissioner Taylor stated the current

contract expires as of December 31, 2001. Commissioner DeTienne suggested splitting the towing business between three companies, in order to include Dodd's Towing. Mayor Harrison stated currently towing contracts are split with 50% of the business for each company, and including a third company would decrease each contract to only 33 1/3%. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the renewal of the City towing contracts for 2002 with Roger's Towing Service and Auto Center of Beach Park, with fees to be amended as recommended, and for a statement of qualifications to be included in the process for authorizing the 2003 towing service. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, nay; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the contract agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, Public Employee Division, for May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2004, and to authorize the signing of the May 1, 2001 contract. Commissioner Bennett stated this is a 3-year contract currently involving 18 employees. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

A memo (01-DOC-180) was received from Brian Usher, regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the traffic signal maintenance. IDOT and the Illinois Municipal League negotiated this agreement for costs, which are now being assessed based on the proportionate share of the maintenance responsibility. Beginning in July of 2002, the City would see a decrease in the cost of providing energy to these signals. Mr. Usher recommended approving this agreement. Commissioner Bennett questioned what services would be provided and who would perform the work, requesting more specific information. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to table the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the maintenance of traffic signals until January 2, 2002, in order to obtain further information. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

WATER METERS/PUBLIC WORKS

A memo (01-DOC-181) was received from Brian Usher, requesting permission to waive bids and purchase 500 water meters and 150 transponders. Badger Meter, Inc. is the only supplier of these meters. The meters cost \$152.50 each and the transponders cost \$125.00 each. It was

moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to waive bids and grant permission to purchase 500 water meters and 150 transponders from Badger Meter, Inc., as requested. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

TAB OF BIDS/DEMOLITION OF 2112 EMMAUS & 2820 EZEKIEL AVES.

A Tabulation of Bids (01-DOC-182) was received from John Jones regarding the demolition of 2112 Emmaus Avenue and 2820 Ezekiel Avenue. Mr. Jones recommended awarding the contract for 2112 Emmaus Avenue only to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, JCS Enterprises, in the amount of \$16,352.27. Mr. Jones recommended tabling the demolition of 2820 Ezekiel Avenue due to pending litigation. Commissioner Rogers recommended placing the 2112 Emmaus property for bid after the home is demolished. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to award the contract for the demolition of 2112 Emmaus Avenue to JCS Enterprises in the amount of \$16,352.27, and to table the demolition of 2820 Ezekiel Avenue. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING APPEARANCE VARIANCE/3333 20th STREET

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered a request for a building appearance variance for 3333 20th Street, as petitioned by Robert C. Wiese and Ivanhoe Industries - Zoning Docket 01-Z-17. The Planning/Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request. Mr. Wiese wishes to add 15,000 square feet to his existing building, requesting to match the existing exterior. John Jones noted that similar construction has been approved in this same area. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the building appearance variance for 3333 20th Street, as requested, and for an ordinance to be prepared accordingly. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ALLEY VACATION/BEULAH PARK SUBDIVISION

A memo (01-DOC-183) was received from Peter Cioni, regarding the vacation of an alley in Beulah Park Subdivision. This subdivision was previously approved including the vacation of the west half of the alley, however, the vacation was not noted on the plat. Commissioner Bennett stated the adjoining property owner was interested in purchasing this alley, and if the property owner is still interested, he would have to be willing to pay all vacation costs. Mr. Cioni stated the plat has been recorded with the county, and this alley should have been included. Commissioner Bennett stated consideration should be given to sell the full

22' of this alley to the property owner, with the owner paying all vacation costs, so the plat would need to be either rescinded or corrected. Commissioner Bennett, Attorney Rolek and Peter Cioni will review all options. It was moved by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rogers to table the vacation of a portion of an unimproved alley in Beulah Park Subdivision until January 2, 2002. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Harrison stated an alternate designee needs to be named to serve on Lake County Stormwater Management. Commissioner Bennett is the current alternate designee, however, Stormwater Management's meetings are held on the same night as City Council meetings. Mayor Harrison recommended, and the Council agreed, for Brian Usher to serve as the City's alternate designee for Lake County Stormwater Management.

Mayor Harrison reported that, upon review with financial experts, bond financing is available to encompass the entire downtown streetscape project. It would require a 10 year extension of the current TIF District.

Commissioner DeTienne noted on-going parking problems near the post office, and recommended prevailing upon the proper elected federal officials to secure a new post office. Commissioner DeTienne and Attorney Rolek will pursue this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 24 & 25	City Hall closed for Holiday
December 31 & January 1	City Hall closed for Holiday
January 2, 2002	(Wednesday) City Council Meeting

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner DeTienne, seconded by Commissioner Rogers that the Council recess to Closed Session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, purchase of real estate, and discussion of closed session minutes. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to reconvene the Regular Council meeting at 9:18 p.m. with all members present. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, aye; and Mayor Harrison, aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES/DECEMBER 4, 2001

Mayor Harrison announced there was a misunderstanding regarding the content of the December 4, 2001 Closed Session minutes. These minutes are therefore presented for approval and not for release. It was moved by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the minutes of a Closed Session held on December 4, 2001, the content, which is not for release at this time. The vote on roll call was: Commissioners Bennett, aye; DeTienne, aye; Taylor, aye; Rogers, 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 9:20 p.m. Motion carried.