

April 16, 2007

Minutes of the budget hearing of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Monday, April 16, 2007. Mayor Roger Cyrulik, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander and Milton were present.

Mayor Cyrulik turned the hearing over to Clint Lichtenwalter, City Treasurer representing the staff budget committee that worked on putting together all the figures. The General Fund Budget of \$2.9 is up by 4.3% compared to last year – with the FY 2008 overall budget of \$8.7. One of the biggest concerns today is the City's Health Insurance cost, which seems to keep increasing each and every year.

Tom Edmunds, 617 W. Main St. said that he had took a little time review the internal service fund (health insurance) and he noticed that the disbursements exceeds the revenues by \$14,000 along with the hospital exceeding by \$64,500 for a total of \$79,000. With the trend of the deficits increasing due to high medical costs, this might be a point of focus.

The Sewer and Water Funds have projected negative balances that might need more detailed review of the Rate Ordinances, which are designed to keep the funds afloat. They are not optional, but are required by the bonding Ordinances.

With no further questions or comments on the proposed Annual Budget, Mayor Cyrulik adjourned the hearing.

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ROLL CALL, MINUTES, BILLS & PAYROLL

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Monday, April 16, 2007. Mayor Roger Cyrulik, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Alexander that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 2, 2007 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander, Milton and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes."

The bills and payroll were read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Alexander that the bills and payroll be allowed as read and the Clerk be instructed to issue warrants on the Treasurer for the several amounts. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander, Milton and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes"

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cyrulik called on Marvin Staton owner of the YAK Shack located on the west side of the square. Their problem is people who work on the square constantly park on the outside of the square limiting spaces for their customers at the restaurant. In brief, Marvin would like to see parking on the inside of the square with a sticker for a fee. This would free up more spaces for customers.

Council said they would like to refer this to the staff for discussion and possibly bring in the Chamber of Commerce Retailers Committee to come up with some recommendations.

Bryan Hanson representing Exelon Power Station came this evening to show their support and make a \$50,000 donation to the revitalization of Woodward Park Project located next to Webster School. Bryan thanked the Council for a great relationship and public support of the power station. Councilmen in return thanked Exelon for the donation, which will jump start this badly needed uplift to Woodward Park.

Chris Honecker and Pastor Jeff DeLaughter of the Woodward Park Partners came this evening to tell the Council that in communicating with the area neighborhood residents, the feedback seems to favor soccer fields instead of the softball field. Children can really enjoy this sport. Councilmen were definitely in favor if this is what the residents need and want. Plans can be easily changed at this point.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Cyrulik asked John Baker of the City's Tree Commission to present the awards to the school children for their Arbor Day posters they submitted. Cassey Wherry, Hunter Heusner and Ellie Higgins were the talented artists this year.

Mayor Cyrulik read through the Arbor Day Proclamation declaring April 27, 2007 as the 137th Arbor Day Celebration. A tree will be planted at Downey Park this year.

John Baker wrapped up the Arbor Day festivities by presenting Mayor Cyrulik and Councilmen with a new Tree City Flag to display.

Mayor Cyrulik also read and signed the National Hospital Week Proclamation for the week of May 6, 2007 through May 12th 2007. Expressing our appreciation for our Hospital both the big and small things they do for our community everyday.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman announced that the spring citywide cleanup day will be Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 8-12 and 1-5:00 p.m. Usual items will not be accepted during the cleanup day.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Alexander had no report for this evening.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton reports that the playground equipment along with the wood chips should be in place by the 1st of June.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES.

Commissioner Harris said he had no report except for the Budget items listed under unfinished business.

Mayor Cyrulik announced a list of volunteers to help work on the plans for the Jr. High Building – Dana Korneman, Jan Martin, Ron Devore, Kelly Riggs, Marian Brisard and Rev. Don Ferrill. They will continue to take anyone that might be interested in being on the Design Advisory Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1086, an Ordinance adopting Amended Budget 2007. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander, Milton and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Alexander to adopt Ordinance #1087, an Ordinance adopting Annual Budget FY 2008. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander, Milton and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Alexander to adopt TPA Agreement with Mutual Medical, Peoria, IL. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander, Milton and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Alexander to adopt Resolution #2007-4, Resolution authorizing Motor Fuel Tax funds for East Main St. in the amount of \$190,000. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander, Milton and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Purchase of Playground Equipment for Woodward Park - \$73,588.82
On File – 2 sets of bunker Gear and 1 pr Bunker Pants - \$3,065.

Clint Lichtenwalter and Tim Followell was going to give a report on the City's new Website – however it had to be delayed until a little more work has been done.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning the meeting, Harrold Weinberg, made a statement – just to thank this Council for it's effort and time they have put in on the City Council in the past four years. The community appreciates the efforts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Alexander to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk