

March 3, 2008

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, March 3, 2008. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds that the minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 18, 2008 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

The bills and payroll were read.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wollet read a Proclamation declaring March as Red Cross Month with Mr. J.D. McRoy accepting the signed document.

Mr. Richard Goff, 705 N. Madison St. asked to speak this evening regarding Special Use Case #340. Mayor Wollet interceded at this point to say the Council couldn't take any testimony since the Planning Commission had already heard this previously. After looking at the Findings of Fact, he asked Council two questions – one concerning the operation of a beauty salon in a multi family residence and secondly that such an operation will not change the nature of the area. Parking seems to be the main concern of this special use issue. Richard was in hopes that Council might take caution in their decision this evening whatever that action might be.

Mr. Charles Ware of 45 Park Lane spoke to Council about a storm drain in front of his home and several neighboring homes that is clogged. Because of this water runoff, flooding occurs at end of their block. Council thanked Pete for making them aware of this problem.

A communication from Sue Calvert – sending their appreciation for escorts when the Clinton Jr. High M-Squad won their State Dance competition.

John Wise wanted to remind everyone that the DCRA is having a fundraiser – play and dinner theater this next weekend. Tickets are still available for the Friday night performance.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet reported on a meeting at the Extension Office he attended on wind energy and other renewable energy sources.

This week he will be attending a municipal officials conference in Springfield to talk about the Public Safety Pension reform.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman had no report this evening.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise had no report.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton reports that beginning Tuesday, March 18th all grave blankets, wreaths and decorations on the ground at the cemetery should be removed for spring cleanup.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds said they just received the first draft of the preliminary budget from City Treasurer, Clint Lichtenwalter.

Mayor Wollet said at the next meeting the Northern Illinois University – IMAP study will be presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the purchase of 500 foot of 4" fire hose in the amount of \$2,500. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve the various upgrades to computers at City Hall in the amount of \$1,143.03 plus shipping/handling – installation \$400. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Mayor Wollet asked City Attorney Steve Myers for clarification on the next item on the agenda – Special Use #340, Headlines Salon & Spa 621 N. Madison St. Steve reported that the application involves off-site parking that was provided by the St. John's Church by way of a signed letter stating such. The Council will need a more substantial

agreement (easement) that would show the future availability for parking of their client's cars – then other questions addressing traffic flow and fire protection safety can be discussed in detail later. Under Zoning Code, 10 spaces would be required.

At this point, a 5-minute recess was called to allow a couple Councilmen to talk with Zoning Officer, Tim Followell. After returning to open session, Steve Myers repeated again that the applicant's need to have a permanent agreement prepared before discussion on whether or not this special use can be granted. Realizing the applicant's are in a timing crunch, Mayor Wollet told them a meeting could be called within a 48-hour period.

Commissioner Edmunds pointed out that the Planning Commission stated in one of the Findings, that the parking would be monitored – this left what is to be acceptable and what is not – hard for Councilmen to know. Tim Followell gave some additional information that came out in the Planning Commission meeting when Headline employees went before the Commission. Tim admitted the intent of some points was not included in the verbiage.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to table Special Use request #340. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioner Wise voted "Present"

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt Resolution #2008-2, a Resolution approving Minor Subdivision (Koons Brothers subdividing parcel after excluding the DeWitt/Piatt Health Dept.). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton, and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

This amended agreement is with Green Oil Co. of Lincoln owners of Lara's Pantry the corner of W. Main and Grant. After an issue about the extent of contaminated soil from the gasoline station, the City will agree to wait and do soil testing on W. Main if a water leak or any other excavation occurs at a later date – and they (Green Oil Co.) will agree to reimburse the City for all costs to remove this contaminated soil.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Wise to approve an Amended Highway Authority Agreement with Lara's Pantry 100 N. Grant St. contingent upon Green Oil Co. paying the City's engineering costs associated with the agreement. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve an addendum to the Willoughby Façade Grant Agreement – not to exceed \$1,600. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Last item for unfinished business – Bids for renovation of City Hall. After further review, the bids came in over the budgeted amount for the project – so staff is recommending that all bids be rejected and redraft the specs to bring it back in line with the funds available.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to reject all bids submitted for the City Hall Renovation Project. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Conceptual Design of Warner Moore Hyatt Trust Property – Farnsworth Group
\$2,250 (60 acres)

On File – Vacation of Alley (between Main/Adams on Miller St.)

On File – Steel Entry Doors – Water Dept. – Triple K Konstruction \$5,120

On File – Ordinance to Sell Personal Property – Chain Link Fence at Woodward Park
(including purchase plus removal of the fencing).

On File – Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement – Eagle Com Inc. – Theater

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk