

May 18, 2009

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, May 18, 2009. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2009 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 Hickman 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 Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wollet read a communication from Bridget Becker asking the possibility of making W. Johnson St. a two-way street since the former Jr. High School has now been demolished. West Macon on the north side of the school was also one-way traffic to allow for the safety of loading and unloading students. It would be a benefit to the community to allow for two-way traffic on W. Johnson.

Becky Adams, President of the Library Board and Stan Stites, Library Board member both came to speak of the reasons that they would also like to open Johnson Street to help the Library with parking cars and foot traffic to the facility. For the sake of safety, several cars have been seen going the wrong way many times.

Dave Jackson, owner of Save-A-Lot on North Center St. is also urging Council to turn both Johnson & Macon back to two-way streets. This will just help link his customers with the west side of town, a little easier.

Dave also thanked the Council for the TIF money that helped remodel the front of Save-A-Lot and for which he has received many positive comments.

Commissioner Edmunds also commented that he had personally observed many cars going the wrong direction on Johnson Street, which is rather dangerous situation. Proper signage has never existed on these two streets for various reasons.

Commissioner Hickman responded saying that he and Steve Lobb are trying to put together the cost of reversing the one-way pattern. After conducting some traffic patterns, it most likely will be the end of June before he arrives at a decision.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet announced that Dan Grant of the Illinois Dept of Veterans Affairs will be honoring Ken Moore of Clinton with Veteran of the Month on May 27th 2009. An honor well deserved.

I.D.O.T. will be giving an award to the City of Clinton for the 2009 Heliport of the Year.

Mayor Wollet took a few minutes to talk about two articles he had read relating to the concepts of Global Green Sphere Resolution that Council just approved recently. This will be addressed further down under New Business – Management of Carbon Credits.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman reports that they are in conversation with an engineering group to do a study on the City sewers. In the last couple of years two heavy rainstorms have backed up water in a lot of basements. To move forward with this study he will be bringing a contract to Council possibly next meeting. Actual testing to start gathering data wouldn't begin until fall. After the preliminary work is done, next year a direction to solve backup should be very evident.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reports that Well #11 (Kiwanis Park) has been losing suction and Layne Western was called to check out the problems. After extensive analysis has resulted with a recommendation to do a super chlorination to clean pump, screens and extend the pump 50 feet further down in the water table. Being one of two main wells it has to be repaired since our water supply heavily depends on it.

On File - Commissioner Wise placed a proposal from Layne Western to do this super chlorination up to two times with a cost not to exceed \$25,010.00.

The agenda was amended to include a contract with Layne Western in the amount of not to exceed \$25,010.

Council will recess to consider this request because of an urgent need to address this well issue.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton expressed his thanks to Lance Schmid of Clinton Auto Auction for donating their service and building for the annual auction of unclaimed bikes at the Police Dept. This year Lance collected almost \$1,200 but he was very generous to add \$300 making the proceeds at \$1,500. Police plan to use this toward the purchase of another

canine dog to replace Frank that was hit by a car. Much appreciation goes to Lance Schmid and his staff for everything.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Amendment to City Code 6-2-1 (no parking places designated)

On File – Purchase of a Power Washer – Water – low bid M&M Pump \$3,625

On File – Special Use Permit – Case #346 for 318 N. Monroe St.

On File - Work to Well #11 by Layne Western – not to exceed \$25,010

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the proposal of Schindler Elevator to do maintenance required for State of IL Inspection in the amount of \$2,705. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Lastly under new business, Mayor Wollet introduced Ed Ingalls of Greenfield Energy asking him to condense a proposal to manage any carbon credits the City might accumulate after Patrick Engineering does an energy audit. Even though this subject is pretty complex, Ed described a carbon credit as a “tradable financial instrument”. This emission reduction by some act the City would have preformed creates a carbon credit. This is all based off of Green Sphere Global, which DeWitt Co/City of Clinton has become a part of recently. There would be a management fee and they are proposing a 30% fee after all costs and the City would receive 70%. The carbon market has been around for a few years however estimating the amount of credits that the City would create is not possible at this time.

The next step would be drafting an agreement between the City and Greenfield Energy, LLC.

CLOSED SESSION

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to hold a closed session for the purpose of imminent litigation. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

ADJOURNMENT

After returning to open session, motion was offered to recess the meeting.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to recess the regular meeting until 5:00 p.m. May 21, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton voted "Yes." Mayor Wollet voted "No".

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk