

January 4, 2010

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, Jan. 4, 2010. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 21, 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 Milton 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

Commissioner Milton asked Chief Reidy to come forward for an introduction of the Department's new officer. Alex Lovell with family present was sworn in and welcomed to Clinton.

Continuing with accomplishments in the Police Dept. – Chief Reidy announced the promotion of Todd Ropp to Sergeant. His badge was pinned on by his wife, Kim and then sworn in as Sergeant by the Clerk.

Mayor Wollet wrapped up with mentioning that Jered Hooker will be joining Jim Harrold and Terry Ijams on the Revolving Loan Committee.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet had no further report this evening.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman reports that the Yard Waste Facility will be closed during Jan. & Feb. and portion of March until better weather. Notice will be given upon opening it again.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise had no report at this time.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton asked Chief Reidy to come forward to report activities of the Police Dept this past holiday weekend. The Department did a drug seizure with a worth of over \$40,000 from an “in-house grow” in the basement of a residential home. Starting with an unrelated call to the residence, it ended by confiscating drugs, equipment, TVs and camera surveillance equipment. The County Sheriff’s Dept. also assisted the CPD. Chief Reidy had most of the force present this evening to receive the accolades they deserve.

Mayor Wollet and the Councilmen thanked them for their service to our community.

In wrapping up this report, Chief Reidy invited the Council and friends to come by for an open house retirement reception Thursday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for Sergeant Todd Hanes with 20 years of service and Officer Mike Hawes with 25 years of service.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

After a motion was made and seconded to authorize acquisition of real estate – 20 acres from the Moody Trustees, a discussion of the pros and cons of this purchase began with Commissioner Milton. He expressed a little more conservative opinion that the City should not be in the real estate business however he is not against growth and expansion by any means.

Commissioner Edmunds does support the fact that this tract being contiguous to the City’s other acreage enhances the chances of developing unique characteristics to some lots that are not offered in our current subdivisions.

Mayor Wollet reiterated several of the thoughts expressed about this property but focused on the fact that it does give the City an access road to our adjoining property and also the only way for the City to annex in a complete area rather than depend on the developer to do so.

Commissioner Wise addressed some questions that were recently raised about the City speculating in the purchase of this real estate. He narrowed in on the comments concerning the need of drilling two new water wells – which will be costly – explaining that the Water Dept. is a public enterprise fund and uses revenue raised for operations and not able to use the general funds consisting of tax revenues. He still is in favor of any aspects that will keep this community expanding the growth base.

Commissioner Hickman commented that almost all of the growth on the Westside has come in TIF Districts. The Districts have financed the infrastructure back to the developer. Any future expansion will probably not be accomplished through TIF Districts but will only come through the City furnishing real estate or installing the infrastructure at City costs out of the General Funds.

Mayor Wollet summed up discussion by commenting that this is a defining moment for the City marking the entryway to the West.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1185, an Ordinance authorizing Acquisition of Real Estate (Moody property – west side of bypass 51 south). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the purchase of a new Dell computer server for City Hall for an amount not to exceed \$4,500. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

On File – Ordinance to Sell Personal Property – Computer Servers/Hospital

On File – Ordinance for Revolving Loan Fund – HRC \$15,000

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk