

March 19, 2007

MINUTES, ROLL CALL, BILLS & PAYROLL

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Monday, March 19, 2007. Mayor Roger Cyrulik, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman and Alexander were present. Commissioner Milton was absent.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Alexander that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2007 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes."

The bills and payroll were read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Harris 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 Harris, Hickman, Alexander and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes."

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cyrulik called on Mr. Joe Roberts of Area Disposal appearing before Council to field any questions that Council might have and inform them that Area Disposal will probably be opening a new cell at the Landfill in approximately a year. The Gas Energy Plant is up and running also. Mayor Cyrulik thanked him for coming this evening.

Tim Followell gave an update on the work of the Shelter Team. Putting together a pamphlet with all pertinent information, they feel this will help in times of disasters. There is a critical need for volunteers to be a partner in this project.

Mr. Eric Gubelman of Eagle.com came before the Council to provide the plans of his proposed 552-seat theatre at the Mariah Park Commercial Subdivision. His project has loan approval subject to USDA Loan Guarantee stipulations by the bank and this places the project in the home stretch. Later in the agenda, Council will place on file amendments to the Mariah Park Redevelopment Agreement and the Eagle.com Redevelopment Agreement. Mayor Cyrulik thanked Eric for the update on the project.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Cyrulik asked Tim Followell to bring the Council up to date on the conceptional design at the old Jr. High. Mayor Cyrulik first reviewed the preliminary plans – the east half would be Fire/Police/Administrative Offices of City Hall and the west half would be mainly recreational. However in the beginning, Farnsworth group found parking to be one of the first obstacles along with various others. An estimation of 7.8 million was

reported without including demolition costs to be somewhere between ½ to ¾ of a million. Council and staff will be reviewing this idea again to see if it is at all feasible to be considered for the future.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman said he has approved street closings for the annual Maydays. He will release these to media soon.

Planning stages for the summer maintenance are just beginning and will be included in the budget.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Alexander had no report.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton was absent but left an announcement that all grave blankets and wreaths will be cleaned off at the cemetery Wednesday, March 21st.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Harris reported that the 1st draft of the FY 2008 Budget will be going on file tonight. The 2.9 million general revenue budget is up slightly by 3% - with the overall budget 8.3 million is less than last year - it is balanced with a reserve of at least 10 to 11 months of funding. Any suggestion for changes can be passed on to staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Mayor Cyrulik and seconded by Commissioner Harris to adopt Resolution #2007-3, Resolution approving Major Subdivision (Chris Riddle, Rt.10 east and Magill St.). On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Mayor Cyrulik to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between DeWitt County and the City of Clinton to authorize E.S.D.A. \$12,000 for FY 5/01/07 – 4/30/08. On roll call Commissioners Harris and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes." Commissioners Hickman and Alexander voted "No" Motion failed.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Mayor Cyrulik to approve the Modified Intergovernmental Agreement for Combined Communications Center. On roll Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes."

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Fiscal year 2008 Budget

On File – Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement of Eagle.com

On File – Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement of Mariah Park Subdivision

CLOSED SESSION

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Alexander to hold a closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining. On roll call Commissioners Harris, Hickman, Alexander and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

ADJOURNMENT

After returning to open session, motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Alexander to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk