

May 7, 2007

ROLL CALL, PLEDGE, 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 7, 2007. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2007 and the special meeting of May 1, 2007 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

The Lincoln Heritage Committee from the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce consisting of Marian Brisard, Joey Woolrdige and Mark Killough came to talk about their plans to become part of the authentic "Looking for Lincoln Tour" through Springfield, IL. Signage across the State is a part of the Wayside Exhibit Grant for communities that are working on Heritage (Lincoln) tourism. Clinton seems to fit this bill and the committee came to request the City's help to finance one of the signs for the Downtown Square near the Lincoln Statue. \$4,900 is the full cost with an \$800 deposit required by September 10th.

Update of our local signs to signify Clinton is a part of this statewide program is a goal of the committee. Being a part of their brochure will result in free promotion of Clinton's heritage.

Next meeting the Council has plans to place the request for funds on file, which will meet their June 15th deadline.

Carol Jording of 516 W. Webster St. came this evening to report a street sign at Grant/W. Webster St. that has been missing for some time. Customers coming to her home-based business have trouble turning at the right location. She was assured the sign is ordered and allowing for a four – six week delivery time frame, this problem should be solved. Cutting some brush back was another item, which will be added to their list.

Lisa Bundy fulfilled a promise to bring cupcakes and did so this evening.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet asked the Clerk to read motion for annual reappointment for City officials and reappointments for various City Boards.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to reappoint the following City officials for a period of one year: City Attorney - Steve Myers, City Clerk – Rozella Wickenhauser, City Treasurer – Clint Lichtenwalter, Public Health Officer/Sexton of Cemetery – Tim Followell, Budget Officer – Tom Edmunds and Public Works Director – Steve Lobb. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to re-appoint William Ward to the Fire & Police Commission – said term to expire May 1, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to re-appoint Steve Watkins to the Clinton Planning Commission – said term to expire May 1, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to re-appoint Donald Schlesinger to the Clinton Planning Commission – said term to expire May 1, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to re-appoint Keith R. Smith to the Police Pension Board – said term to expire May 1, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to re-appoint Carol Thompson to the Tree City Commission – said term to expire May 1, 2010. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Application is being made by the City of Clinton to join the Chamber of Commerce since this organization is of vital importance to our community. Motion was offered.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to join the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce. On roll Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

To wrap up the report of Public Affairs, Mayor Wollet read a Proclamation for Older American's Month – May 2007 – representatives of several groups went up front for pictures.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman reminded everyone of the May 12th Cleanup Day. Regular restrictions of products that they can take will be in place at the Yard Waste Facility during the day.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise began his report with summarizing some of the duties that his crew does everyday along with assisting other departments whenever they need a helping hand. In the near future, Commissioner Wise and his department would like to hold another open house so that residents can see how the water is processed.

Additionally, the rubber roof needs repair and this evening two bids are placed on file for the repair work. J&S Roofing \$13,800 and Roger D. Mix \$13,300 are the bids. Consideration will be taken at the May 21st meeting.

An Annual Quality Water Report (mandated each year) has been printed and prepared for mailing this week.

Down under new business, 4 Dehumidifiers will be placed on file to keep the Claricone (at the new water plant) from sweating – moisture can create many problems over time.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton reminded everyone that the Police Dept. bicycle auction at Clinton Auto Auction will be this Sat. May 12, 2007 – 9:30 a.m.

Downey Park is still a work in progress but the donated playground equipment is due to be installed real soon.

Memorial Day flowers should not be placed before May 24th at the cemetery.

Spring work at the cemetery has begun and should be complete before Memorial Day.

A Liquor sting was conducted by the Police Dept. this week and of the 8 package establishments, not one of them sold to a minor. Congratulations.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds placed on file the annual engagement letter for the City's audit. Allison & Associates has placed a proposal of \$13,900.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

This purchase of playground equipment for Woodward Park was placed on file at the April 16th meeting when Exelon presented a check for \$50,000 – with the City budgeting \$20,000 and hopefully the Woodward Partners can raise the remainder. Motion was offered.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to purchase new Playground Equipment for Woodward Park in the amount of \$73,588.82. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Bunker Gear for the Fire Dept. was also an item placed on file at the April 16th meeting.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the purchase of 2 sets of Bunker Gear and 1 pr Bunker pants from MES of Peoria in the amount of \$3,065. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Last item for Unfinished Business is the purchase of 2 X740 Garden Tractors from Cross Bros for the Cemetery Dept. – not to exceed \$17,928. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Because Eric Gubelman was unable to attend the Council meeting, an Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement – First Clinton Bancorporation – Ordinance amending Redevelopment Agreement – Eagle.comm. and Resolution authorizing Construction of Project – Eagle.com – were left on the agenda with no action in the absence of Eric Gubelman – consideration at the May 21st meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

First item for new business will be the opening of five bids for HVAC at City Hall from Black’s Heating & Cooling/Air King, Decatur, IL/Don Hulvey Plumbing & Heating/Chapman Heating & Cooling/Bill Spencer Heating & Air. All on File for the May 21st meeting.

On File – Façade Grant – John Miller – 213 E. Main St. \$23,925
Work will mirror the same design as Extra Mile Design next door

On File – Purchase of Extrication Equipment – Fire Dept. \$1,973.25
Turtle plastic/highly durable/resistant to slippage/ highly visible are just some of the good qualities of this equipment.

On File – Purchase of Playground Parts/Downey park \$816.40
For the installation of donated playground equipment from Bloomington, IL

On File – Purchase of new computers – Dell Pentium 4 - \$1,590 plus shipping
Replacing the computer of Betty & Carolyn here in City Hall.

On File – 4 Dehumidifiers – Water Dept. \$9,600 plus shipping
To be used at the Waterworks Plant to reduce moisture content in the Claricone

On File - Weed Killer from Drummond – 55 gal drum \$1,469.60

On File – Summer Maintenance – Motor Fuel Tax Resolution - \$50,000
Repair of various locations of the streets and/or maintenance of streets to be done each year.

On File – Low Bid of Roger Mix for the Rubber Roof at Water Maintenance Bldg. in the amount of \$13,300.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk