

June 4, 2007

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, June 5, 2007. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21 and the reconvened meeting of May 25, 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 Wise that the bills and payroll be allowed as read and the Clerk be instructed to issue warrants on the Treasurer for the several amount, as amended. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Larry McGuire of the DCRA came this evening to update the Council on their plans to return the Magill Hotel to a privately owned, profitable, tax-paying property. The west wing must come down making the project scaled back to a relative small hotel of approximately 20 rooms with retail space. Larry reviewed some of the changes that have already taken place on the inside along with their plans for the 1872 exterior. One of the big obstacles is moving the external electrical before the west wing can be demolished. Underground will be the consideration if costs are feasible. To keep liability at a minimum, an Ameren IP lineman will need to be on site when this work takes place. The committee thinks that this whole project will be worthwhile if the return to Clinton turns out to be \$7.00 for every \$1.00 invested, as federal research has shown.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Debbie Douglas and several other members of Operation Homefront showed the Council some signs with names of our service personnel which they would like to hang up on light poles – around the square - until they have returned home safely. They also showed a short video of the individuals serving – set to music – which was put together by Rodney Karr. Commissioner Wise and Mayor Wollet volunteered to help this group to put up the signs whenever they are ready.

Mayor Wollet reported that he just returned from a newly elected conference this past weekend with a lot of good information.

The Planning Commission Steering Committee has invited the Council to their Countywide Economic Development Vision – to be held at the Warner Library, Monday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m.

The Council talked about recessing the regular meeting just in case they might become interactive in conversation – it would be the safe thing to do.

Dick Douglas reported that the Hotel Motel Committee voted to take out a promotion ad through the Lincoln Courier/Travel Booklet featuring several points of interest in Clinton. Clint Lichtenwalter, City Treasurer reported on a CDAP Grant Workshop which looks promising for Clinton – The grant would provide up to \$350,000 to rehab eligible homes.

Congratulations to 6th grader Melinda Matthews for going to the finals in the Spelling Bee at Washington DC.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman reported that next meeting the City will consider the Summer Maintenance 2007 bids for award.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reports that repairs to the Max Rockhold property on S. Mulberry has been completed – new dehumidifiers are installed at the Waterworks Plant – Drained and cleaned the Claricone at the Waterworks Plant – and lastly postcard water bills have been getting lost in the post office automation – call and check on billing with the office when or if this happens to avoid penalties.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton reports that the work at Woodward Park is scheduled to begin June 23rd & 24th and lots of volunteers are needed to pour concrete.

The Fire Dept. honored Bob Koons celebrating 50 years as a Volunteer Fireman. He was given a gold watch.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to purchase 2 new Dell Computers for Cemetery/Water – not to exceed \$2,000 plus shipping. 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 approve a payment to IMLRMA Mini/Maxi program in the amount of \$13,808.21. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to set aside up to \$4,900 for the Wayside Exhibit by Lincoln Heritage Committee (contingent upon receiving their grant funding). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve the bid of Bill Spencer Heating & Air in the amount of \$3,280 (for a Trane / 5 ton) – at City Hall. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioner Milton “abstained”

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Wollet entertained a motion for adoption of Ordinance #1090 Ordinance amending 3-3-7(G) of the City Code (PW – package wine) – Commissioner Edmunds made it and it was seconded by Commissioner Wise – allowing the motion on the floor for discussion.

Remembering the upgrades done to the Liquor Codes several years ago, Commissioner Wise was concerned about opening up the possibility of business’ coming back to Council to change parts they do not like. Owner of Illinois Harvest, Becky Adams has requested the reduction of her fee of \$500 to help her bottom line in just getting her new store started.

Mayor Wollet said he has to look at it with not only Liquor Commissioner hat, but also from an economic development standpoint – as a business that is trying to get started. In discussing this amendment, both pros and cons were brought out on both sides. Commissioner Hickman has looked up some of the same liquor classifications on line - of other communities – they vary but the cost is much greater in most instances.

Mayor Wollet asked for a roll call on the motion.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Ordinance #1090, an Ordinance amending 3-3-7(G) (PW-package wine). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioners Hickman and Milton voted “No.” Motion carried.

On File – Donation for July 4th Fireworks – Brady/Weaver Realtors - \$3,000

On File – Contractual with Monkebar Builders – Woodward Park not to exceed \$2,500

On File – Prevailing Rate of Wage Ordinance

On File – Purchase of 2 new Dell Laptops- Mayor/Street - \$2,500 plus shipping

Commissioner Hickman made an emergency request to purchase an air compressor for the Street Dept.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to authorize the purchase of a new Air Compressor for Street Dept. – from NAPA in the amount of \$1,869. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

After talking earlier in the meeting about attending a presentation of the County Planning Commission Steering Committee on economic development, motion was offered to amend the City agenda.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to amend the agenda to add the County Planning Commission Steering Committee. On roll call Commissioner Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to recess the regular meeting until Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Warner Library, 310 N. Quincy St. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk