

September 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, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds that the minutes of the regular meeting of Aug. 20, 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

Mayor Wollet expressed his thanks to the Police Chief and 3 Officers of the Fire Dept. in their department's response to an emergency incident that took place over the past weekend.

Exelon on Sept. 15th will be celebrating the 20th year of operating the Power Plant. Our Firemen will be there with a display table.

The Chamber is starting their "Keep It At Home" campaign, which will transcend into Sales Tax Dollars to support our government & community.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet reported that he attended the E.S.D.A. rehearsal for an upcoming drill. A meeting with Dr. Gayle Saunders of Richland Comm. College She will be discussing our community relationship with RCC.

Center St. Floral – ribbon cutting this Friday.

Thursday evening will be the last of the Summer Concerts on Mr. Lincoln's Square.

The Gourd Festival at the Jr. High Bldg will be held Sept. 15th.

The City's Website is up and running – everyone can check it out now.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman had no report at this time.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise said the Water Dept. is still recovering from the lightning strike at the Waterworks Plant. With some damage to a couple well pumps, it became a serious situation if the Fire Dept. were to have a sizable fire.

Preventative maintenance is the key to emergency situations like the one that just happened and steps will begin to have a backup computer along with upgrades to the current programs. He again expressed his appreciation to the water dept. employees along with other employees that are helping to fill in during the manual operation of the plant.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton also expressed his appreciation for all of the help and sited the volunteer fireman for taking tanker trucks to the power plant to fill up as to not bring the city's water level too low.

Trash containers on the square need to be replaced with a container that is more durable. He also pointed out that it would be nice if residents would sweep grass back off the street since it will eventually end up in the sewers causing problems at a later point.

At some point, discussion of the pooper-scooper law for dogs and leash law for both dogs and cats will need to be addressed in the near future.

One more point for discussion will have to be addressed, is the leaf burning issue. Commissioner Wise said that the two burn days just don't seem to be working.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to exempt the following for Apple & Pork Festival Sept. 29th & 30th from the City Solicitor, Peddler, & Itinerant Merchant Ordinance: DeWitt Co. Museum, BPW, Clinton Antique Mall, Presbyterian Church, Flower Corner and Country Junction. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

On File – Purchase of a new compressor for Fire Dept. – not to exceed \$22,000

Proposals are close in price and a recommendation will be made by next meeting.

On File – Street Dedication (Between Anderson Ford & Arbor Apts.) It is private property in disrepair at this point – Anderson Ford will bring it up to specs before it is dedicated to the City for all future maintenance.

On File – Bid for New Dump Truck – Street Dept. and Snow Removal Equipment
Landmark Ford, Springfield - \$ 37,859 and Snow Equip. from Rahn \$9,669.96

On File – A proposal from Barbeck Communications for two-way Radio Equipment – this will be upgrading some of our oldest radio equipment over a period of two budget years. It might need to be extended to purchase a base unit for City Hall.

There is an item in the hospital's contingent budget to replace an ambulance that was involved in an accident and totaled by the insurance company. A used ambulance will replace the 3rd backup ambulance for an amount of \$35,500.

Additionally an emergency purchase of an air conditioner unit from Blacks Heating/Cooling in the amount of \$14,087 for the CT Scanner Room. Motion was offered.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to amend the Hospital budget for the purchase of a used ambulance \$35,500 and an air conditioner unit for the CT Scanner Room from Black's in the amount of \$14,087. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

After returning from closed session, motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk