

September 17, 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, Sept. 17, 2007. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise and Milton were present. Commissioner Hickman absent.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds that the minutes of the regular meeting of Sept. 4, 2007 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, 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 amounts. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wollet reports that the U of I Extension will be offering a local government institute program.

Don Hammer has the old in-urban depot for sale – hopefully someone will be interested in restoring this historic structure.

The Chamber's campaign called Keep It At Home will feature the City.

Dove Ribbon Cutting – Men's Health Night at the Hospital – Spaghetti Dinner at the High School, Lasagna Dinner at St. John's and Hawthorne Inn Fall Festival this weekend.

Lastly Mayor Wollet asked Jan Frantz, payroll & insurance clerk / Tim Followell, Administrative Assistant / Steve Lobb, Public Works Director to all come forward for recognition of their 30th year of public service working for the City of Clinton. A gift is coming for each of them but they have not yet arrived. Mayor Wollet expressed appreciation on behalf of the City Council.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A packet prepared by the City Attorney, Steve Myers contained information about public act- 94-1058 which allows Public Officials to electronically attend meetings. Opening the floor for discussion – there is language in this Ordinance that can be adopted a little differently according to the direction of the Council. For instance - would the commissions appointed by the Council be included in this language or excluded. Several options came to light as they gave it some thought. Protection needs to be interjected in

language pertaining to abuse of this Ordinance. Would the Mayor be allowed to preside at a meeting electronically or not. Consensus of Council wrapped up by wanting to go back to their boards and commissions to discuss this Ordinance before voting on this issue.

Mayor Wollet introduced the Council to a program coming from Northern Illinois University called Illinois Municipal Assistance Program (IMAP). Their program is designed to strengthen and develop municipal government and management so that they might be able to compete for economic development projects in the respective communities. Design of the program starts with smaller communities less than 20,000 and continues over a period of 3 to 4 months making assessments of various sections of the community and government giving the strengths – weaknesses – opportunities – threats all collectively allowing the Council to go on to strategic planning. Costs are in the range of \$2,500 since the program has corporate sponsors. The town of Sullivan is just finishing the program and Clinton could possibly go into the program soon if the application is filed in a timely manner. Amending the agenda to meet again this week to consider this application is a real possibility.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

With Commissioner Hickman on vacation, Steve Lobb reported that the clean-up day for fall will be Oct. 13, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Basically the same rules will be in order.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise said that this Friday the rebuilt computer should be returned to the Waterworks Plant and a normal schedule should resume.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton reported that after installing some new/used playground equipment at Downey Park, a coat of paint will go on by the Youth Initiative Group.

Placed on File – a load of wood chips for Downey Park not to exceed \$1,800

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Compressor for Fire Dept. – not to exceed \$22,000 – hold until all bids are evaluated.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the purchase of a Ford Dump Truck from Landmark Ford, Springfield, IL in the amount of \$37,859. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the purchase of 2-way Radio equipment from Barbeck’s Communications in the amount of \$5,792. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

Changes allowed by the law in the City’s ICMA Retirement Plan 457 – is required to be authorized by a Resolution.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt Resolution #2007-13, Resolution amending the Deferred Compensation Plan #301061 of the City of Clinton, IL. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to amend the agenda to add consideration of Resolution application of Illinois Municipal Assistance Program Services.

ADJOURNMENT

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to recess the regular meeting until Thursday, Sept. 20th at 7:30 a.m. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk