

October 1, 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, Oct. 1, 2007. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of Sept. 17, 2007 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioner Hickman "abstained."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the minutes of the reconvened meeting of Sept. 20, 2007 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioners Hickman and Wise "abstained."

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, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Daryn Black and Randy Swoverland of the Volunteer Fireman came this evening to request various street closures for the parade of Fire Trucks on Wednesday, Oct 10th for Fire Prevention Week 2007. Coming from the west up Illini Dr. to Grant and Main, the trucks will make their way to the down town. Randy invited the Mayor and Councilmen to participate with any of the activities they have scheduled for the week.

Mayor Wollet read a Proclamation in honor of Jim Sanders' 100th Birthday on Oct. 11, 2007. The Proclamation reviewed the highlights of his younger life, married/working years and concluded with the fact that Jim has lived in the same home in Clinton for 63 years being a very active part of this community and several civic organizations. Congratulations Jim Sanders.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet offered the nomination of Carolyn Peters to be appointed to the Hospital Board, filling the 7th position on the board, which has been vacant for a while.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the appointment of Carolyn Peters to the Dr. John Warner Hospital Board – said term to expire July 1, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Mayor Wollet said he would like to bring forth the two names of Brian Armstrong and Shawn Milton to be appointed as Assistant Fire Chiefs. A lot of experience and dedication brings these two Firemen for this appointment. After the motion, Brian will be sworn in – Shawn is absent due to illness and will be sworn in at the Oct. 15th meeting.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to appoint Brian Armstrong and Shawn Milton as Assistant Fire Chiefs. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioner Milton “abstained.”

Councilmen heard a request from Mayor Wollet for partial reimbursement on his personal cell phone bill. He had to increase from 1400 minutes to 2100 minutes since taking office last May. A monthly responsibility to call into E.S.D.A. makes it mandatory that the Mayor carry a cell phone in case of an emergency at the power plant. This would be cheaper for the City to reimbursement the Mayor for the difference in the two packages - \$20.00 per month.

Mayor Wollet wanted to remind everyone through the news media that there are a lot of sign violations just as of lately. Yard sale signs, political signs, realtor signs, advertising signs of all kinds on the city boulevards that are definitely a violation of City Ordinance. They will be removed in most situations unless prior permission has been granted.

Patty Luker, Hospital Administrator reported that the Hospital Board has appointed the firm of Whiple CPA to do a strategic plan for the Hospital. Four years of data will help show the Board where the Hospital is now and where it needs to head for future. In addition to employees, a focus group of community members will also have input into this plan.

Additionally the City of Clinton has been approved to also begin a strategic plan for the City of Clinton with IMAP. Schedules will be worked out to interview personnel. All of this data will be compiled into a draft to be brought back to Council around Feb. 2008.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman said that the City Clean-up will be next weekend – Saturday, Oct. 13th from 8-12 1-5:00 p.m.

Street closure for the Haunted House is the 500-block E. Washington St. from the hours of 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 p.m. during the Halloween

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported that a water main break occurred on E. Main St. this past weekend.

The re-programmed computer for the Water Plant was dropped and damaged again before it was shipped back to the City.

Parts for preventative maintenance of the Waterworks Plant has a good start and will continue until staff feels comfortable with everything.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton had no report until later in the agenda.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reported that in the Mayor's absence, he attended the Hospital's Men's Night and it was excellent program – very educational.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve a load of Woodchips for Downey Park – not to exceed \$1,800. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioners Edmunds to approve a new Compressor for the Fire Dept. from Towers – in the amount of \$17,896.90. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

NEW BUSINESS

Last meeting discussion took place concerning an Ordinance to allow Electronic Attendance. If absence became habitual, the Council can vote with a 4/5 majority of those present, to not allow electronic participation. Motion was offered.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Wise for adoption of Ordinance #1093, an Ordinance Adopting Procedures for Electronic Attendance at Meetings. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

After commenting about the great weather and large crowds at the Apple & Pork Festival, Commissioner Milton suggested that the City signs back on the ends of North & South Center and East & West Main announcing the "Downtown Business District." Mayor Wollet said this sounds like a project to work on.

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk