

October 15, 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. 15, 2007. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise and Milton were present. Commissioner Edmunds was absent.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the minutes of the regular meeting of Oct. 1, 2007 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

The bills and payroll were read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton 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 Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Because of training scheduled this evening, Mayor Wollet began first with the swearing in of the other Assistant Fire Chief, Shawn Milton. After repeating the Oath, Shawn was congratulated by the Mayor and Council.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wollet asked Becky Farris to come forward in recognition Business and Professional Women's Week Oct 15 thru the 19th 2007. Reading and signing the Proclamation officially is the start of their festivities for the week.

Today Mayor Wollet proclaimed this as Larry Duling Appreciation Day – being his last day at W.H.O.W. – thanking him for all of his community involvement.

Representing the Jr. High Facility Advisory Committee – Pam Barnes and Kelly Riggs came this evening to present their recommendation to the City Council concerning the vacant old Jr. High Building on N. Center St. Meeting since June of this summer, they toured the building to enable them to consider municipal needs as well as community needs at the site.

Their first recommendation is that due to congestion and narrow streets around the school, it would not be feasible for the Fire Dept in this location. However this would leave more than ample room for municipal offices and the police department along with the gyms for indoor and also have outdoor community recreation activities. The committee did not get involved with the financial picture of this venture at this time. Lots of ideas came to light as Council discussed this site – such as a place that Red Cross could use as a heating/cooling center for community in times of bad weather etc.

Sherrri Harris a teacher at the Christian School (presently located in the bldg.) asked if the school entered into any of the plans. Everyone felt it was too early to make a comment on future plans.

Mayor Wollet expressed appreciation for the roles that everyone on the committee filled and with all doing exceptional jobs. Again the City Council thanks you.

Brief discussion determined that activities posted on our new website should be kept to our communities in DeWitt County.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet responded to a "letter to the editor" since it was directly addressed to the Mayor/Council by asking they be sent a copy of the letter so they can clarify any information and answer any questions contained within.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman reported that the fall cleanup tallied 107 loads. IDOT will be working on the RR Crossing on the west side of town -Rt #51 – the crossing will be closed 5 to 7 days starting Oct. 22nd.

Ameren IP is introducing a street light conversion plan. They will replace a few older lights that consume more electric energy for the new sodium vapor lights in 2007 – 2008. We will participate – no cost to City.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise said that the computer at the water plant has finally been returned after being damaged by lightning some time ago. Routines should get back to normal.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton asked Chief Reidy and Jim Kern of the Clinton Ambulance Service to come forward to present Officer Ben Lowers - Letters of Commendation. Officer Lowers arrived before the ambulance, to a call for a choking 10-month-old baby. Ben administered the hemi lick movement to clear the air passageway and CPR, saving the child's life.

Later transferred to an area hospital, the infant suffered a collapsed trachea. Officer Lowers was praised for his heroic actions.

Commissioner Milton continued by adding the Volunteer Firemen are starting "First Responder" classes this evening, which will help out the Ambulance crews.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds was absent this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance amending the flood plain mapping brought no new data but digitizing maps that are now on line.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Ordinance #1094, an Ordinance amending Chapter 15, of Title 12 and adding a new chapter 15 of Title 12 to the City Code of the City of Clinton, IL. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

After returning to open session, motion was made by Commissioner Milton seconded by Commissioner Wise to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk