

November 5, 2007

After standing with the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Wollet asked for a “Moment of Silence” in honor of Fire Chief, Jeff Pearl.

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, Nov. 5, 2007. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call 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 Oct. 15, 2007 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioner Edmunds “abstained.”

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 as amended. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Gary Gullone came tonight to extend an invitation to the Council and all citizens to come Nov. 12th at Lincoln Elementary School for the Flag Raising Ceremony.

At this time, Mayor Wollet asked permission to call on Commissioner Milton and the Assistant Fire Chiefs – Brain Armstrong and Shawn Milton. Reading a prepared statement in the presence of many Volunteer Firemen, Council and those attending the Council meeting stated that those at the Clinton Fire Department are deeply saddened with the passing of our Fire Chief Jeff Pearl earlier this morning, Nov. 5th 2007. Through the persistence and strength of our members we will get through this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Pearl family. Arrangements are pending.

Ken Moore of the AM Vets came this evening to promote the clothing drive for needy veterans at the Danville facility. Last year the Clinton organization raised \$5,000 to purchase a lot of clothing and personal effects for them in the drive. Ken closed by asking everyone to help with a donation for this very worthy cause.

Kay Werts & Ginny Carter appeared before the Councilmen this evening to give them updates on the Area Youth Initiative Program, which the City of Clinton has participated in for several years. This being a yearly grant that supplies funding for a long list of work projects that 15 at-risk students do for the City, County, School System, State of IL and various others. One of the goals is to reach graduation with as many of these students as

possible giving them an opportunity to attend Richland Community College for 2 years free and or vocational training.

All in all, they thanked the City for caring and participating in this worthwhile program.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet had no report this evening.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman reminded everyone that the yard wastes facility hours since the time change will be Tues – Thurs from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sat. 8-12 1-5:00.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported that a motor in Well #9 is down and he would like to replace the motor plus the installation is estimated at \$5,260. Placing this purchase on file for Council to consider at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton thanked Tim Followell and Mike Reidy for finishing up the work on Downey Park.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Update of Zoning Maps – updating any new information - not to exceed \$2,500

On File – Façade Grant – Dr. Stephanie Cluver \$33,600 – 8 windows and update of ADA requirements.

On File – Sale of Personal Property – Sale of sections of Wrought Iron Fencing – authorizes sale by public or private means.

On File – Water Main Extensions – Engineering Agreement – 3 dead end loops will be extended to help with pressure and keeping constant feed.

Renewal of the City’s liability insurance package for the year 2008 includes adopting a Minimum/Maximum Ordinance.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Ordinance #1095, an Ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Last item for new business is consideration of a request by DCRA for City to pay \$5,950 for burying electrical services directly behind Magill Hotel, in a trench. This being a TIF eligible expense, funds could come from that account. Motion was offered in order to discuss the electrical.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the expenditure of burying the electrical service behind the Magill Hotel - \$5,950 would be paid from TIF II account.

Discussion – Commissioner Wise is very adamant about not putting any further funds into the Magill Hotel unless it is a safety feature. DCRA has received bids for the West Wing demolition and burying the electrical is not included in this bid. In this case, service will be disrupted to several other businesses’ that are located in this same block. Commissioner Hickman clarified that the burying of the electrical is pole to pole – not to the individual business. His concern is that there will be a cost to hook back up the individual businesses on top of this charge of \$5,950. Becky Adams, Chairman DCRA assured the Council that those individual ones are at no cost. This is the only item left standing in the way of the demolition of the west wing of the Hotel. Perhaps they can contact Ameren IP again and get those assurances in writing.

Another question surfaced when Dr. Harold Weinberg said that if this cable is buried behind the Hotel, he owns a strip of land 7’3” wide and City Attorney Steve Myers reminded Becky that the DCRA will have to arrange all easements beforehand.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds that the original motion be amended to read – assurances in writing from Ameren IP – to hook back up the individual businesses’ at no costs. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioner Milton voted “No.”

Backing up to the original motion:

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the expenditure of moving electrical behind the Magill Hotel - \$5,950 to be paid from TIF II funds, as amended. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioner Milton voted “No.”

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adjourn. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk

