

November 19, 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, Nov. 19, 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 Nov. 5, 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

First item under Petitions was the swearing in of a new Police Officer, Todd Ropp coming from Chenoa, IL. He is a lateral transfer with all of his training and will be on duty real soon.

Marian Brisard of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce came this evening to request the street closures for the Xmas Parade scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 28th. Fifty-eight entries and still growing - are coming in yet today. Commissioner Hickman verbally approved the closures and felt the crew could easily meet this request.

Looking for Lincoln signs is progressing very nicely. City and County have both sponsored signs at this time and a May installation could be possible.

Regrettably Mayor Wollet read a letter of resignation from Rev. Don Ferrill from the Tree City Commission effective immediately. Staff will generate some names for a replacement. Mayor Wollet thanked Don for all of his service.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet read a Proclamation from DeWitt County Human Resource Center – proclaiming December as "Drunk & Drugged Driving Month" – in short Don't Drink & Drive.

Also he reviewed a list of up and coming events in our community.

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 stated that his department bills were exceptionally large since they have received the bills on the water plant computer after the lightning strike a few months ago. The plant is back working on automation.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton reports that the firemen are finishing up the First Responder Course this month and they will be able to help out our Ambulance crew.

The new compressor has come in and was installed at the Fire Dept.

Mayor Wollet asked Chief Reidy to give the Council an update on the latest liquor sting resulting in 3 establishments selling to a CUB (underage) purchaser. A hearing will be held at a later date.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report until Annual Levies under new business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve the purchase and installation of a new motor for Well #9 – Layne Western of Aurora, IL in the amount of \$5,260. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the update of new Zoning Maps through Sidwell Co. not to exceed \$2,500. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Tim Followell reports that staff has received a letter from Stephanie Cluver explaining that work on the building has a couple of issues – the awning needs an upgrade and they have discovered a steam tunnel – this will likely result in an amendment to the façade and a TIF II project funds.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution #2007-15, Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement

for City participation in Façade renovation (Stephanie Cluver, 203 E. Side Square). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Ordinance for the Sale of Personal Property was placed on file at the Nov. 5th meeting to sell at private, public, staff conducted, auction or sealed bids – 152 sections of Wrought Iron Fencing taken down from the Cemetery. Wording from the original draft calls for a majority rather than $\frac{3}{4}$ corporate vote. Council can specify how they would like the fencing sold.

Commissioner Wise spoke to the fact that he would be in favor of selling the fencing to the DeWitt County Restoration Association to be reused in a historical way on a project in our community. The group has expressed an interest to purchase it.

The offer to purchase the fence must equal the amount of funds that it would bring if it were taken for scrap.

Consensus of the Council – that the fence be sold to the DCRA for a costs of \$1,050. An envelope was opened with a check from DCRA, which is a tender of an offer - \$1,050.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Ordinance #1096, an Ordinance authorizing Sale of Personal Property owned by the City of Clinton, IL (Cemetery Fencing). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Water Main Extensions – 3 locations will be tabled until a future meeting – staff will be reviewing this again.

NEW BUSINESS

Buxton Presentation will take place at a reconvene meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Council all have packets.

On File – Ordinance amending Coin-Operated Amusement Device Fees

Commissioner Hickman has looked at other towns and feels we are in line for an increase.

On File – Ordinance amending Section 8-1-4 of the City Code – Burning leaves, brush, grass clippings. Commissioner Hickman also requested this Ordinance be considered because of the breathing problems among children, elderly adults on oxygen and individuals with special breathing problems. Hopefully improving health issues.

On File – Annual Levy Ordinances – City Treasurer, Clint Lichtenwalter reports that the Levy is based on an EAV of \$60,650,000 with a 1.92% increase over last year. More specific details are contained in the summery reports showing no major changes or increases.

On File – Special Use Permit – 216 S. Grant St. will change this property from a C-3 highway retail back to residential since the property is now rented instead of office space.

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 Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

ADJOURNMENT

After returning to open session, motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to recess the regular meeting until Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk