

December 3, 2007

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, Dec. 3, 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 Nov. 19, 2007 meeting be approved as corrected. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wollet stated that the Council is going to be hearing three general issues later in the agenda and if anyone present wants to address any of the three, they may do so.

First – a Rezoning – Case #336 – Merle Deiss on Jemima St. is on file after being heard by the Clinton Planning Commission. Hearing none, Mayor Wollet moved on.

Second – Under unfinished business – Ordinance amending 8-1-4 City Code – the banning of leaves, brush and grass clippings.

Marian Brisard, 705 E. Jefferson spoke on behalf of her husband, Doug is concerned that the leaves will cumbersome stopping up storm drains and entering into the sewer system. Having an alternate plan would be very beneficial.

Third – Under unfinished business – Ordinance to amend arcade licenses and amusement stickers – increasing the fees for both. Hearing none, Mayor Wollet continued.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet announced the resignation of Doug Graves from the Dr. John Warner Hospital Board effective Dec. 31, 2007. Thanking him publicly for his service to this community.

Mayor Wollet thanked Marian Brisard of the Clinton Chamber for a wonderful Christmas Parade this past week.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman announced that Dec. 14th will be the last day of leaf vacuuming for this year. He asked residents to get them raked to the curb for the final round.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported that after the water plant returned back to normal, a few computer glitches – main breaks threw off the PH balance of the water and they are trying to stabilize the water quality again.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton said that the Fire Dept. will remove the Black Mourning Bands from their badges in January. Besides the passing of Chief Jeff Pearl, a 53-year member of the volunteers, Bob Koons passed away this week – they will be missed.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Ordinance #1097, an Ordinance amending Coin-Operated Amusement Device Fees. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Mayor Wollet opened discussion immediately after a motion was made and seconded to ban the burning of leaves, brush and grass clippings. Using the concept of dividing the town in zones, a leaf vac and 2 leaf boxes was used to collect the leaves. Plans are to stay with just one vac for now if workloads can keep up in the zones. Mentioned were ways to get the word out to residents that do not take a newspaper or listen to the radio. Working out the pick-up schedule is not a very easy task to do.

Residents have expressed concerns that this program might increase costs to implement the program. They are not willing to increase any costs to the City in picking up leaves.

Commissioner Wise said he is disappointed that no one has come to the meeting tonight to get Council an opinion either way.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to adopt Ordinance #1098, an Ordinance amending section 8-1-4 of the City Code of the City of Clinton, IL (ban on burning leaves, brush, grass clippings). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioner Wise voted “No”

Recommendation from Clinton Planning Commission to approve a Special Use Permit for property at 216 S. Grant St. be used as residential in a C-3 classification.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Ordinance #1099, an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit (216 S. Grant St.). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

The annual tax levies will remain on file until the Dec. 17th meeting at which the City will hold a hearing at 6:45 p.m. to take any oral or written comments.

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Buxton Agreement - \$55,000 (presentation was held on Nov. 20th in Council Chambers)

On File – Redevelopment Agreement SRM Ventures 116-118 Warner Ct. \$53,356.23 (This is the full amount of construction estimates – 50% of eligible costs only will be paid).

On File – Façade Agreement Jon & Christine Willoughby 117-119 N. Monroe \$35,552 (50% rule applies).

On File – Rezoning Case #336, Merle Deiss – Jemima St. (Clinton Planning Commission recommended approval to the Council to rezone an acre from I-2 to R-4 Multi Family)

On File – Ordinance to Sell Personal Property – I-Book G4 MacIntosh

On File – Budget Amendment – Hospital – Video Scopes for Surgery \$52,675 – (this is a refurbished unit making the cost more affordable).

On File – Amendment to Cluver Façade Agreement - \$6,000 (this amendment is to cover an upgrade in an awning and a steam tunnel).

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

