

December 17, 2007

Minutes of the Levy Hearing of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Monday, Dec. 17, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Commissioner Edmunds reported that the Levy Ordinances were placed on file at the Nov. 19, 2007 meeting with no change in the figures. The Estimated Assessed Valuation is \$60,500,000 with a 1.92% increase over last year. The proposed Levy \$1.288 million making the EAV more than the Levy – therefore this will give a slight decrease in tax rates.

With no comments or questions, Mayor Wollet adjourned the hearing.

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### **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, Dec. 17, 2007. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioners Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 3, 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 Milton 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 announced that some recognition awards are going to be given out tonight to some special guests present – City Employees that are very deserving people.

Starting with Commissioner Hickman - Streets – Bob Haws was given a 10-year service award (matching pen & pencil set).

Commissioner Wise – 20-year awards (plaques) went to Bill Hopper, Lloyd Francis and Betty Follis – they all make life at the City run a little smoother.

Commissioner Milton has one 10-year award to go to Mike Willoughby in the Cemetery Dept. Mike was not able to attend this evening.

Commissioner Hickman – continued with a 25-year award (watch) to John Bateson, Steve Brannan and Kenny Buchanan – thanking each of them for their years of service. Mayor Wollet then presented Rosie Wickenhauser a 25-year award (watch) for her nearly 30 years of service.

Mayor Wollet stated that in a communication he received this week from Exelon Corp., announcing that they will be terminating their security contract with Wackenhut and will be hiring their own security. Those already employed will be given priority.

Mayor Wollet asked the Council to reflect back to him their feelings about the former Jr. High Property that began as a study by the previous Council for future use as a Municipal Building - Fire Dept - Police Dept.- Community Center – Skateboard Park – City Swimming Pool. The committee in their studies of the site suggested that there is not sufficient room for a Fire Station with the larger fire trucks to maneuver in a tight area.

Commissioner Milton asked what price the School Board will be attaching to this transfer. On the down side, the replacement of the heating system, windows and electrical system are among many big ticket items that need attention.

Commissioner Wise feels that the costs of the mechanicals and other large items could prove to be excessive.

Commissioner Hickman said that we really need the Gyms for community functions but the down side would be the financials that would most likely prove to be cost prohibitive. Commissioner Edmunds would like to look at the financials and have a preliminary discussion with the School Board. Unless a complete new source of revenue would come through, our Park levy is at maximum and cannot support a community center or public pool.

## **REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Mayor Wollet asked that a motion for appointment to Tree City Commission be read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise that Mary Mitchell be appointed to an unexpired term of the Tree City Commission, said term to expire May 1, 2009. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

## **REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

Commissioner Hickman publicly thanked crews for the ice and snow removal that has occurred the past two weekends.

Street Dept. will be picking up Xmas Trees after the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month.

## **REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Commissioner Wise reported that a rash of water main breaks that have occurred including one just outside of City Hall. He thanked the public works crews that respond to this wet cold job that sometimes happens in the middle of the night.

## **REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY**

Commissioner Milton expressed his thanks for the efforts of all departments that worked together to take care of the ice and snow this past weekend.

## **REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES**

Commissioner Edmunds had no report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1100, an Ordinance Increasing Tax Rate for Streets & Bridge Purposes. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1101, an Ordinance Levying Tax for Street Lighting Purposes. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1102, Ordinance Abating the tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2007 to Pay Debt Service on \$4,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County IL. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1103, Ordinance Abating the tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2007 to Pay Debt Service on \$700,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County IL. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1103, Ordinance Abating the tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2007 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002 of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County IL. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1104, Ordinance Abating the tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2007 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002 of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County IL. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1105, Ordinance Abating the tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2007 to Pay Debt Service on \$650,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates, of the

City of Clinton, DeWitt County IL. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt an Ordinance #1106 Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, IL On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”(Scherer).

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt an Ordinance #1107 Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, IL On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”(Moore).

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt an Ordinance #1108 Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, IL On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”(Ryan).

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt an Ordinance #1109 Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, IL On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”(Clark).

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance 1110, Annual Levy Ordinance. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Mayor Wollet provided Council some information showing that our municipal government revenue is rather dependent on the sales tax revenues of our automotive dealers and gas stations. We as a City need to spread the risk of being sales tax dependent. The Buxton agreement will help to show us how to spread this risk in other directions. This agreement gives us a three-year window of support. With everyone concurring except Commissioner Milton - he still has a few reservations about the concept being a benefit at this time.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the Buxton Community ID Agreement in the amount of \$55,000. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioner Milton voted “No.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Resolution #2007-16, Resolution authorizing execution of Redevelopment Agreement (SRM Ventures). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt Resolution #2007-17, Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement for City participation in Façade Renovation (Jon & Christine Willoughby). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton that Ordinance #1111, an Ordinance Amending Zoning Code (Merle Deiss – Jemima St.). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Ordinance #1112, an Ordinance authorizing Sale of Personal Property owned by the City of Clinton, Illinois (MacIntosh I Book G4 Laptop Computer). 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 to amend the budget of the Dr. John Warner Hospital to purchase 2 Video Scopes for Surgery in the amount of \$52,675. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the Addendum to the Cluver Façade Agreement in the amount of \$6,000. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – Resolution Adopting Letter of Understanding – Part-time Police Officers  
On File – Special use – AAK Mechanical  
On File – 2 sets of Bunker Gear – Fire Dept. \$2,540

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to authorize the Mayor to execute an Engineering Agreement – Farnsworth Group for Structural Inspection at 117 E. Main St. in the amount of \$2,500. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser  
City Clerk