

January 7, 2008

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, January 7, 2008. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise and Milton were present. Commissioner Hickman was absent.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds that the minutes of the meeting of Dec. 17, 2007 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

The bills and payroll were read.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Becky Adams Chairman of the DCRA came to give an update on burying electrical utilities at the Magill Hotel. At a previous meeting the City Council approved paying \$5,950 for Sullivan Construction, Bloomington, IL to do this job. However after Mayor Wollet reviewed a series of events and the time lines, the cost of copper in the wiring, has increased the bottom line to \$7,875. With this in mind, the Council discussion resulted in offering a motion to approve the increase.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the revised electrical contract with Sullivan Construction, Bloomington IL (to bury electrical at Magill Hotel site) in the amount of \$7,875. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioner Milton voted "No."

Mr. Kenneth Moore of the Am Vets was happy to come back to Council reporting that they received \$5,200 to purchase 122 boxes of clothing to take to the Veteran's Hospital at Christmas time. He expressed so very much appreciation on behalf of the Am Vet organization for this community and all the generous residents.

With much appreciation Commissioner Wise presented a 20-year plaque to Bill Hopper of the City's Water Dept. Bill was unable to attend a previous meeting when other awards were given out.

Mr. Russ Utterback an owner of real estate on East Jefferson St. directly behind AAK Mechanical (currently being considered for a special use permit) was present this evening to speak before the Council. Mayor Wollet explained that because this has been on file with City Council and previously heard by Planning Commission, no additional testimony could be taken. However comments can be made but with no impact on the deliberations that are at hand for tonight.

Russ asked if this special use were to be approved tonight, who will see to the enforcement of the conditions that are proposed to be conditionally granted if Council agrees. City Attorney Steve Myers said that this will be under the Zoning Officer for enforcement and any violation of these conditions could lead to termination of the special use permit.

John Clymer a resident behind AAK Mechanical also testified that the noise level in the beginning was bad and trucks unloading seem to block the street on Jefferson.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet introduced Co-chair Marjorie Devore & Carol Wylder, Judy Wollet, secretary and Tom Edmunds, Treasurer - as our 175th (Quatrosepcentennial) Birthday Board planning for a Celebration in 2010.

Mayor Wollet reported that after meeting with liquor license holders a few months ago, he would like to bring up 3 areas of possible changes. This is still informal and the Mayor would welcome all input. The general areas involve ID checks on all patrons – change the weekday time minors can be present in BG licensed facility – and a classification for catering facilities to serve alcohol. The City Attorney will be putting together a draft for discussion.

Brief Info:

County Board will partner with the City in the Buxton agreement - \$15,000 total. DCDC has their Incorporated papers – they are now DeWitt County Development Council.

Keith R. Smith has resigned from the Police Pension Board – as of Jan. 1st. CIMOA meeting will be held in Arthur on Jan. 17th

Commissioner Wise added he would like to see the effort to get signs designating the downtown stores be placed at the edges of the business district. He also noted that the sign indicating a Hospital is not present on the Highways. Commissioner Milton suggested that the Chamber of Commerce might be the agency to help with this project.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman was absent.

REORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported that a PH Sensor at the Water Plant has went out and a replacement at \$1,580 is being ordered.

An aerator also had gone out at the cost of \$495 plus repair of the old one.

Chemicals are also escalating in price at a regular pace.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton thanked the emergency crews when the gas main break occurred while electrical construction was going on at the Magill Hotel today.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt Resolution #2008-1 Resolution approving "Letter of Understanding" (hiring part-time Police Officers). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Mayor Wollet read the 5 conditions that must be met for this special use to be conditionally granted to AAK. Mayor Wollet encouraged all parties both business and residential to be mindful and respectful to each other to make this special use work.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to adopt Ordinance #1113, an Ordinance Granting Special Use Permit #338 AAK Mechanical. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the purchase of 2 sets of bunker gear for the Fire Dept. in the amount of \$2,540. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

NEW BUSINESS

None

Mayor Wollet said that a closed session will be held tonight and upon Council returning, the agenda will most likely be amended.

CLOSED SESSION

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

After returning to open session, Mayor Wollet asked for motion to amend the agenda

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to amend the agenda to add placing on file the purchase of real estate from the Clifton Moore Warner Hyatt Trust. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Mayor Wollet placed on file a Contract for Sale – Clifton Moore Warner Hyatt Trust in the amount of \$300,000.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Wollet announced because of Martin Luther King Day – the seconded meeting of this month will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk