

February 18, 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, Feb. 18, 2008. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 4, 2008 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

Dr. Susan Farner of the University of Illinois came this evening to briefly go over an assessment they did on the downtown business district that included talking with city officials and business owners to evaluate some problems occurring downtown. Varying information came in from all of the different sources. Signage indicating where the downtown district begins is being addressed and she also suggested signs identifying public parking lots would also be helpful. Their evaluation also shows that handicapped parking is at a minimum, which might be addressed in the near future.

Next item for petitions and communications was Dr. Jeff Holmes, Supt Clinton Schools coming to talk about the Council's thoughts on the old Jr. High building at 401 N. Center. As the School District moves forward, they need a direction as to whether the City is interested in acquiring this property.

Commissioner Hickman spoke first reviewing some of the facts that came from the Jr. High committee that did a feasibility study for the Council. From a financial point taking that property with the building on it, is probably not feasible. However taking the property after the buildings are down creates many possibilities for several community projects at this prime location. The rest of the Council also confirmed the same thoughts but also expressed the sentimental value of the old Jr. High Gym.

Dr. Holmes said estimates range in the area of \$600,000 to \$800,000 to level all of the buildings on the campus with the school looking to take them down in phase demolitions. Dr. Holmes will take this information back to his Board.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet asked the Clerk to read motion for appointment to the Planning Commission.

Written motion was made by Mayor Wollet and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to appoint Lisa Peacock to an unexpired term of the Clinton Planning Commission – said term to expire May 1, 2008. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

This past week, Mayor Wollet spent 3 days in Springfield at a Tourism Conference. He learned the fastest growing vacation is a 3-day trip closer to home – purely because of economics.

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 reported that after a late night water main break last week, staff will be checking on setting up an emergency procedure when the departments are gone and the city hall building is closed to report such event.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Assistant Fire Chief, Brian Armstrong reported to Council that the Fireman’s Dance will be Saturday, March 1st at the Eagles starting at 8:00 p.m. The Eagles Lodge just held a benefit this past weekend (Daytona 500) with proceeds going to the Volunteer Firemen – they presented approximately \$8,000 – very much appreciated.

Commissioner Milton continued by placing on file the purchase of 5 leaders of 4” hose – costing \$450 per leader in a total amount of \$2,500.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reported that our City Treasurer is working on figures for upgrades to our accounting system so the City can be in compliance with the new General Accounting Standards Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve a budget amendment for the Hospital to purchase an Anesthesia Monitor

(demo model – 6 mo. old) in the amount of \$22,730.23. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve an engineering agreement with Farnsworth Group for Water Main Extensions not to exceed \$80,000. (2 loops BFI to Miller Container - 1400 E. Main to Elks Lodge and water main extension Rt. 51 bypass to North Fertilizer.)

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Upgrades to various computers at City Hall \$1,143.03 plus shipping/handling - installation labor \$400.

On File – Special Use #340 – Headlines Beauty Shop N. Madison St.

On File – Minor Subdivision – Koons Brothers / for the DeWitt/Piatt Health Dept.

On File – Highway Authority Agreement – Lara’s Pantry corner of W. Main/Grant St.

On File – Addendum to Willoughby Façade Agreement – not to exceed \$1,600

On File – Bids Openings for City Hall Renovations – Water Construction \$186,500 – West Construction \$180,850 and last bid Triple K Konstruction \$182,600.

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

After returning to open session, motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk