

April 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, April 7, 2008. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2008 and the special meeting of April 1, 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 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, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wollet first read a Proclamation for Volunteer Week/Volunteer Appreciation Month then recognized several volunteers present this evening along with appreciation for Silva Comfort that heads of this group.

Silva Comfort remained before Council to bring them up to date on the transportation process in Dewitt County. She passed out some community surveys, which needs to reach a broad stroke of people in Dewitt County.

Even though Show Bus operates to transport senior citizens within our county then funds from the State of Illinois will be released for transportation as long as committees work with providing a service to the community.

Patty Luker Hospital Administrator came tonight to make a presentation on their recently completed 3-year strategic plan narrowing the focus of the Hospital in on 6 core strategic initiatives with each of those breaking down into multiple tasks to achieve in the next three years. Being in this community for over 100 years left little doubt of the commitment and trust in their primary care plan. A survey taken by 80% of the employees, board members and some community members accounted for an excellent response to the strategic plan. Strengthening the services of surgery is vital to the facility. They are hopeful that community utilizing our local facility will result in an even longer-term relationship.

Continuing under petitions and communications was Margie Jordon that works for the Children's Advocacy Center of DeWitt County and McLean - Livingston. Giving 2007

percentages of abused children, Dewitt Co. increased 128%. Briefly describing her work with court cases and traveling between the counties, fund raising becomes an important issue to support this work. She said that she could use sponsors in an upcoming walk between Springfield and Chicago to raise funds. Council thanked her for the presentation.

Mr. Steve Angelakos of Palos Park, IL asked to speak before the Council this evening concerning some real estate. At this point, Mayor Wollet pointed out that due to litigation involving that subject matter, he asked him not to refer to anything that might involve the litigation. After bringing a few comments to the Council concerning his building, Mayor Wollet again asked him to refrain from mentioning anything to do with the litigation. He closed with Mayor Wollet thanking him for his comments.

Chris Riddle appeared before the Council to bring them up to speed on the unresolved problem of the dedication of a road in his mini subdivision Rt. 10 east. Off and on over several months to a year in time, Tim Followell and Chris have talked about the City accepting the road. Later details of the specs of the road were questioned resulting in Chris getting frustrated and not receiving any feedback or solution to his questions. Friday of this week Chris said he received an E-mail from Commissioner Hickman reporting staff is working on the request. He would like to get this problem worked out allowing him to sell off more lots in the near future. After some discussion, a change in the subdivision regulations might have made for some of the delays. A draft has now been submitted to the City Attorney, Steve Myers for his overview.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet has no report at this time.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman announced that the Citywide cleanup day will be May 3, 2008 from 8 – noon 1-5:00 p.m. with the normal rules that apply to eligible stuff to bring.

The usual street closing for the Maydays Festival will again be granted for next month.

Commissioner Hickman reminded everyone that the burning ban is in affect – next spring the cleanup policy may or may not be alternated to accommodate the yard cleanup of fall leaves.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported that after a recent water main leak, it is in the plans to update some mapping since some of those particular valves were not charted.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton had no report at this time.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On the new theater - Tim Followell explained how the figures were changed in the amended agreement to include some sidewalk and include some firm figures that fit the costs that originally were estimates in the beginning.

A Resolution makes adjustment for a change in Corporations.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt Resolution #2008-3, Resolution Releasing Eagle Com Inc. from Obligations under Redevelopment Agreement. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Ordinance #1118, an Ordinance approving Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement between City of Clinton, DeWitt County, IL and Eagle Theater Corp. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Amended Budget FY 2007-2008

On File – Proposed Annual Budget – FY 2009 – Revenues are up and holding steady at this time. Interest rates for investments are at a low, however the City is maintaining about 10 month reserves. Self-funded insurance reserves are at \$300,000 – doing better this year. This proposed budget is \$8.5 million – general fund is \$3.2 million

This represents overall 2% decrease.

A budget hearing will be held on April 21st at 6:45 p.m. just before the regular meeting.

On File – Amended Intergovernmental Agreement/DeWitt Co. Firing Range – Chief Reidy said an over site was made some years back in putting in a maintenance fee for the City to help with expenses of taking care of the Firing Range. This calls for \$500 per year.

On File – Police Dept. – Digital Video Recorder \$1,743.48 – Updating equipment to video interviews in one room and an addition 2nd interview room wiring for \$250 more.

On File – Amendment to Willoughby Façade Agreement \$6,829 (unscheduled window sill replacement.)

On File – Ordinance to Sell Personal Property – 1994 Ford Pickup/Blade

On File – Exelon sign for Woodward park \$2,500

On File – E.S.D.A. Agreement - \$12,000 for FY 2009

On File – Exelon Fire Protection Agreement – tentative 10-year agreement – 5 years @ \$84,000 and 5 years can be opened to renegotiate or continue at \$84,000 per year.

On File – Demolition Bids for 920 E. Johnson St. – Bud Sullivan, Bloomington \$6,100 and Humphrey’s Excavating \$4,965

On File – Draft changes to Liquor Code – creating classification CTR for caters to service alcohol at scheduled events. Also extension of BG hours for minors on premises to eat meals – 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

After returning to open session with no further business, motion was made Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adjourn. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk