

August 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 Aug. 18, 2008. 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 regular meeting of August 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**

None.

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

Mayor Wollet reported that the Clintonia Eagle Theater opened for business this past Friday and everything has come together nicely with the City very happy they have opened.

Marian Brisard of the Clinton Chamber updated the Councilmen on the latest information from the Lincoln Heritage Committee – they will be getting the 1<sup>st</sup> exhibit the City sponsored this next week. The committee just did find out that they will be getting the additional 9 signs that were applied for. In Clinton there will be 9 signs with 1 outside.

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

Commissioner Hickman reports that the Summer Maintenance work on the various streets is completed.

Work on the revised sidewalk reimbursement program is being given to each of the Council to review. The changes include an increase from \$4 per sq. foot to \$5 per sq. foot and offering 80% to residents that have never had a sidewalk.

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

Commissioner Wise reported that the water tower and million-gallon storage tank have been inspected.

Roofing project at the plant is now completed.

A mower that the department has been having difficulty with keeping repaired is on file to be replaced.

A Toro with a 52-inch deck will cost approximately \$7,652 with a trade difference of \$4,800

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

Commissioner Milton reported that Gary Gundy one of our 3 driver/engineers has taken a Fireman job in Decatur, IL. Gary's last day will be Aug. 31st

The aerial fire truck is still out of commission with Forsythe still backing Clinton up with their truck

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

Commissioner Edmunds said that City Hall is in the process of installing some new hardware and software. The GASBY package is the most complex of the process but will have training provided and going to accrual will combine the City and Hospital into a unified financial statement.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Mayor Wollet and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve participating with WHOW Radio Station to promote a sports program @ \$189 per month for 12 months. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve an inspection on the water tower and million-gallon storage tank by Insight in the amount of \$2,856.70. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the proposal of Mix Roofing in the amount of \$16,450 to do rubber roofing at the Waterworks Plant. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to adopt Ordinance #1130, an Ordinance Amending Title 12 of the City of Clinton IL Zoning Ordinance – Motion left on the Table

At this time, further comments by Commissioner Edmunds indicated that he objects to language in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph – amending the permitted use section of the single family residential allowing a 2 family dwelling use. Basically it would allow a big house to be turned into a 2 family rental home. They would be allowed to do this with no notice to the neighbor. After further comments, Ordinance #1130 will be on hold and sent back to the Planning Commission for further review.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Resolution #2008-14, a Resolution Amending establishing Fees under Title 12 of the City Code of the City of Clinton, IL for Variances, Special Uses, Amendments & Appeals. 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 purchase of a Hastings Air Energy Control for Fire Dept. in the amount of \$40,317. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to purchase a new Overhead Door from Childer’s Door Service in the amount of \$14,263.83. 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 service of Black’s Heating & Cooling for the removal of two heaters and installation of two new ones. \$3,396. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve 5 Motorola PM 1500 Mobile Radios plus installation \$8,475 – for Police Dept. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve a service/maintenance agreement with Ingersoll Rand @ \$375 per quarter for the new compressor in the Water Dept. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve an agreement with Layne Western to abandon Wells #6 & 8 not to exceed \$19,000. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – Vacation of Street/Alley – 920 E. Johnson – surplus property City is selling making it a little more attractive for an interested buyer. Street only went to tracks.

On File – Vacation of r-o-w N. East St. – to the West of Quality Glass owner wants to build a building on the vacant lot.

On File – Bids for Pickup Truck (Water Dept.) and One Ton Dump Truck (Street Dept.) Two bids were received with the apparent low bidder – Landmark Ford at Springfield, IL

On File – Mower for Water Dept. from Central IL Ag with trade in \$4,800

On File – Exemptions for the Apple & Pork Festival

On File – Magnetic Locator – Water Dept. \$1,009.85

On File – Energy Management system – TEC – Waterworks Plant –surge protectors plus grounding systems \$49,700

On File – Purchase of Fire Prevention Material - \$2,756.24

Last item for the agenda was the Appointment of Fire Chief.

Mayor Wollet made an opening statement about the appointment of a Fire Chief – this is the time for the Council to deliberate – this is not a public discussion at this time.

Commissioner Milton took the floor and commented this has been a long lengthy discussion with the pros and cons of the appointment – making it a hard decision to make. After looking over the material that Terry Ford, Consultant compiled – education, abilities, experience etc. – Commissioner Milton announced he is bringing forward Shawn Milton

Nomination made by Commissioner Milton to appoint Shawn Milton, Fire Chief.

Commissioner Edmunds commented that he has heard that Shawn is an excellent firefighter with a lot of experience and education. In the past, two political divisions have existed in the department and now is the time those factions need to be drawn together for the good of the Fire Dept. and most importantly the good of this community.

The department is in need of more volunteers to show up during the day, which will be addressed with more radios and equipment available.

Commissioner Hickman asked since Shawn has been one of the 2 Assistant Chiefs for the last 9 months, what is going to be different now than in the past several months.

Commissioner Milton would like to see that head position filled so that a decision can be worked out along with the volunteers.

Commissioner Wise stated that after going through a long and fair interview process and that he made notes on each of the candidates - along with the Council rating each one,

Commissioner Wise said he feels someone with neutral feelings might be the person to pull the department together and go forward in the future.

Mayor Wollet also voiced his feelings after maintaining his silence throughout the search for this position. He has done nothing but try to assist Commissioner Milton to arrive at a firm and sound decision for the good of the Fire Dept. It is now time to move on.

Nomination made by Commissioner Milton to appoint Shawn Milton as Fire Chief. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioners Hickman & Wise voted "No." Motion carries.

In looking back to the urgent need of getting a new mower for the Water Dept., motion was offered to purchase.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to purchase a mower from Central IL Ag for the amount of \$4,800 with trade-in. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser  
City Clerk