

October 6, 2008

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, Oct. 6, 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 Sept. 15, 2008 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the minutes of the reconvened meetings of Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioner Hickman was absent from these meetings.

The bills and payroll were read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and Commissioner Miller 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 brought the Girl's Gold Softball Team and their coaches' forward to commend them on their winning season. One of the coaches, Mike Ginger reviewed how well this team came together this season and told the Councilmen how proud they and their parents are of these 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Mayor Wollet declared Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 2008 as their day.

Mayor Wollet continued with various announcements of activities going to take place in the next couple of weeks along with reading an E-mail from Tonya Herman, Girl Scout leader – asking for community projects that the girl scouts can do during the day while working toward their Bronze Award. Mayor Wollet said this was such an encouraging E-mail and was very special to him.

Last item for petitions was Joe Rodts a Clinton resident that wanted to speak about a car accident that took place last weekend during Apple & Pork here in town. His wife being pregnant with their 1<sup>st</sup> child, the response of the paramedics, city police and fireman was reassuring to them and he just wanted to express their gratefulness.

Bob Kaufman introduced Mark Burns of Good News Radio station 97.1 FM, which are currently in talks with the City about placing an antenna on the downtown Water Tower. After giving the Council a summary of programs and music they offer, they wrapped up in saying that they are looking forward to working with the City.

Harold Weinberg asked if the City can prepare to offer space to other groups. Steve Myers responded that this is not a content-based lease – government does not regulate content. The following point was brought out in the discussions – that this station is a not-for-profit educational channel.

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

Mayor Wollet announced that Randy Workman has turned in his resignation as a member of the Hospital Board.

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

Commissioner Hickman reported that the City clean-up day took in around 220 loads – just about the same as the spring one.

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

Commissioner Wise reports that two older wells got closed up this past week along with lime removal from the legumes.

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

Commissioner Milton asked Fire Chief, Shawn Milton to come before Council with their nomination for an Assistant Fire Chief. The department's choice is Captain Raymond James.

Commissioner Milton brought the nomination of Raymond James, candidate for Assistant Fire Chief to Council. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Also thanks went to the Police Dept. for a safe weekend during the Apple & Pork Festival.

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

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to adopt Resolution #2008-14, a Resolution authorizing MFT funds for Summer Maintenance 2008 program in the amount of \$19,830.41. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Both Resolution #2008-15 – Intergovernmental Agreement with the School District #15 for communications devices and Lease Agreement with Good News Radio – Ordinance #1134 - will be moved down on agenda after the closed session.

Dave Holt with the DeWitt County Constitution asked to make a point of order saying – the closed session is to discuss the purchase or use for the public body not for a third party. He said the price can be discussed – not the policy decision. Councilmen agreed.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve Sonar Jet Well Cleaning – Layne Western for Well #11 in the amount of \$23,000. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

### **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – TIF Grant – Dr. Allen – Handicapped Ramp \$1,600

On File – Bids for Water Main Extension – Rt. 51 & 54

On File – Façade Grant – Save-A-Lot \$115,130 – Council was concerned that there was not a second bid on the work. Recommended that a second estimate be arranged.

On File – Water Main Extension Easements – 5 tracks

On File – Arcade License – Breakers 211 E. Adams – 20 machines – concerns expressed about that many machines in an establishment with a “B” Restaurant Liquor License Mayor Wollet is monitoring this very closely. Briefly Council discussed some of Liquor Ordinances and exchanged thoughts about this license.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

After returning from the closed session, Mayor Wollet called for a motion on the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Clinton School District.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve Resolution #2008-15, Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Clinton and the Clinton School District – Unit #15 (communication devices). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes” Commissioner Hickman voted “No.” Commissioner Wise voted “Present.” Motion approved.

Mayor Wollet also reported that the Council will not be taking any action on Ordinance #1134, Lease Agreement between the City and Good New Radio until they can further investigation into some lease amounts.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to table Ordinance #1134 (lease to Good News Radio). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser  
City Clerk`