

October 20, 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. 20, 2008. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On 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 Oct. 6, 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 & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wollet welcomed Abby Volker, student at Clinton High School as well as being a contestant of the Miss Illinois Pageant. Abby told the Council that she will be needing to raise some funds to support her opportunity to represent Clinton/DeWitt County at the pageant and possibly the Miss Teen USA Pageant. After passing the "hat" everyone wished her the best of luck.

Harold Weinberg asking to be on the agenda this evening, remarked that he felt it was necessary to explain his statements made at the last City Council meeting. Shortly after, Mayor Wollet gaveled Harold saying that addressing a reporter in attendance was inappropriate.

Tony Gum of Farmer City, IL owner of Breakers 211 E. Adams St. and Cheryl Tedrick employed by the new Breakers came to clarify his request for a proprietor's license to have more than 4 coin-operated machines in his establishment. Passing pictures and testifying to Council the areas that they enforce to send minors home by 9:00 p.m. was among some of the concerns of Council about having pool tables and darts located in an establishment holding a "B" Restaurant classification. Tony has been a license holder for the past five years along with operating under a BG Liquor License at his old location. The consideration of Tony's request will be later under Unfinished Business.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet read a notice that Mediacom Cable will be increasing their rates by \$4.00 in the month of November.

The local Weight Watchers group collected over 713 lbs of food for the local food pantry to help the needful in our community. Very much appreciated.

Veterans Day will be honoring a WW II local Veteran at Weldon Springs -

Rural Health will be giving Flu Shots - Halloween hours 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. 10/31/08.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman said it is again time to pick up leaves and the schedule will include zones 1 – 5.

The yard waste facility will temporarily expand hours to everyday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Saturday will remain all day as in the past.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reports that removal of the lime/ sledge from the Waterworks Plant will be reviewed again to find a method to dry the sledge more and make the removal costs less.

Layne Western has just about completed the closure of two water wells.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton reported that the new door in the fire department and the exhaust system to remove the diesel fumes has now been installed – these was purchased by grant money.

Assistant Fire Chief, Raymond James reports Fire Prevention Week went very well with visits to the schools and the parade of fire trucks.

Soon Commissioner Milton should have a name to announce as the new hire for engineer/driver in the Fire Dept.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds said that in their sales tax report shows a slight increase but on the whole, remains flat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to bring Good News Radio Lease off the table. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Mayor Wollet asked permission of Council to move this item to after the closed session at the very end of the meeting. They agreed.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt Ordinance #1135, an Ordinance approving Tax Increment Financing Grant Amendment - \$1600 - Harold Allen 204 W. Main St., Clinton, Il. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioner Hickman “No”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve the low bid of Hoerr Construction Inc., - Phase I of Water Main

Extension Rts. 51 & 54- in the account of \$98,134 & to authorize the Mayor to sign further documents. 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 the following easement agreements for Water Main Extensions – by Resolution. Resolution #2008-18 Chim & Srilatha Potini, #2008-19 DeWitt County Human Resource Center, #2008-20 – Raymond S. & Marilyn J. North Trusts, #2008-21 Chris & Nancy Riddle, #2008-22 Elks Lodge #785, #2008-23 Miller Container and #2008-24 Plastics Specialties & Technologies. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioner Edmunds “Present.”

Before considering a façade grant for Save-A-Lot/Jackson Supermarkets, Inc. Steve Myers, City Attorney explained there is a change in paragraph #3 of the agreement that now contains some dollar caps on the city’s participation amount. Design drawings have not yet been prepared.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt Resolution #2008-16, Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement for City Participation in Façade Renovation (Save-A-Lot – Jackson Supermarkets Inc) as amended on its face. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Lastly under unfinished business, motion was read then made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Mayor Wollet approving an Arcade License for Breakers new location, 211 E. Adams St. Clinton, IL.

After the motion was read, Council undertook discussion starting with Commissioner Hickman stating he has never voted for arcade licenses and probably never will. Commissioner Milton has a problem with Sunday hours and the bar being open. Commissioner Edmunds felt the machines would be fairly accessible to minors in the restaurant setting. With no further comments, roll call was made

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Mayor Wollet to approve an Arcade License for Breakers 211 E. Adams St., Clinton, IL. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “No.”

NEW BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve an Agreement with Farnsworth Group on the Water Main Extensions in the amount of \$4,700. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

On File – The purchase of a Postage Machine for City Hall – before the end of December, the City will have to replace their machine with a digital postage machine. With various sizes and prices, the City Treasurer received two proposals – one Pitney Bows and Midwest Mailings for Council to look over. Staff is leaning toward the Midwest Mailing machine.

On File – Resolution Adopting an Identity Theft Policy (new Federal Law). This policy involves municipalities that extend a service for which they bill utility service. This will call for management of confidential information in a specific manner. Policies can be changed to meet the needs and size of the municipality.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioners Hickman to adopt Resolution #2008-17, a Resolution Adopting an Identity Theft Policy. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

On File – Mini/Max Liability Ins Agreement with Illinois Municipal League Risk Management. This year the savings will be around 1% in the total coverage the City pays out.

On File – Road acceptance / Anderson Ford – The City will be accepting a short length of road between Anderson Ford/ Arbor Apts.

On File – Arcade License for Fatboy’z Pub & Grill located in VFW building R.R. #10 west (formerly Breakers). Owner Mike Arnold will be applying for a BG Liquor License later on.

CLOSED SESSION

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

After returning from closed session and having brief discussion, motion was offered – Ordinance #1134. Motion would require a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to pass.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1134, an Ordinance approving Antenna Lease with Good New Radio, Inc. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise and Milton voted “Yes.” Commissioner Edmunds and Mayor Wollet voted “No.” Motion does not carry.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk