

November 17, 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, Nov. 17, 2008. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 3, 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 Hickman 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 Commissioner Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

This evening three members of the Tree City Commission came to present to Council the Urban Forestry Plan that they have worked on for some time. Beginning with John Baker and the assistance of Carol Thompson, they will begin with an inventory of the City's trees in a practical manner, tree replacement and protection of our trees from the Emerald Ash Borer infesting ash trees in surrounding communities within 30 plus miles. Council can change the draft if there are any objections, however the Tree Commission would like to get this plan in place fairly soon.

Marian Rhodes of the Clinton Chamber announced that the Christmas Parade will be Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. This years Grand Marshall will be Darvin Volker. Also on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> the area merchants will have a "Come Home for Christmas" celebration downtown

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

Mayor Wollet had no further report for this evening.

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

Commissioner Hickman announced that as of Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> as a target date, the city will end the leaf vac program. He urged residents to get the leaves out to the edge for pickup as soon as possible. To date, they have picked up 87 loads of leaves.

As of Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> the Yard Waste Facility will return to regular hours of Tuesday – Thursday and all day Saturday.

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

Commissioner Wise reported that among other parts that were replaced just recently, a heater has gone out in the bottom of the Claricone. The replacement cost will be \$2,369.29. Motion was offered.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to make an emergency purchase of a heater plus installation in the Claricone at the Waterworks Plant from Kinder Co. \$2,369.29. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

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

Commissioner Milton reports that Police and Fire Departments are running smoothly. The new Fire Driver, Brandon Robinson is getting some experience as of lately. The ladder truck is not fixed yet but the Fire Chief is working on it.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council returned to discussion of the TIF grant agreement to do Donnie Hammer's parking lot at 211 E. Main currently occupied by a Restaurant/Bar. The amount was 50% or up to \$22,500. Commissioner Milton would like to request to see another bid come in on the project and amend language that if he builds another building – he would design the outside to resemble the same décor of the first building.

Mayor Wollet said he thinks this fits the criteria of TIF rules – a blighted area that would make this neighborhood look better, then funds should be used for this project.

A concern for the colder temperatures and doing the job this time of year was expressed by several of the Councilmen.

With a favorable consensus of the Council, Mayor Wollet told Mr. Hammer it will have to be taken up for consideration at the next meeting on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the purchase of Panasonic Tough Books CF 30 from CDS Office Technology \$9,988 plus installation. 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