

Dec. 1, 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 Dec. 1, 2008. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton was present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds that the minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 17, 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

Appearing before Council was Co-Chairman Marge Devore and Judy Wollet, for the 175th Celebration of Clinton scheduled for June of 2010. They are in the process of creating the committees and have expressed an urgent need for even more volunteers to help with the plans. The motto chosen is "Honor the Past, Live in the Present and Embrace the Future."

Marge and Judy updated the Council with the many suggestions and plans they have been working on since last January. Among all the wants and needs related by Marge and Judy this evening, the one request they could use most of all – for groups within Clinton to come forward to take on a project like for instance – organizing a chicken dinner and the members providing the help. Mayor Wollet suggested that Council draft a letter of support -to all of the local groups soliciting their help for the 175th Celebration.

Next under petitions, was a report from HRC representatives Tina Baxter and Gina Salsman – updating the Council on a Meth Grant they just received. U of I at Chicago was the source of the Grant to deliver services of informing the public of the dangers in using meth. The girls thoroughly went over a packet of information provided to the Council and wrapped up with offering to answer any questions by calling them at HRC.

Going along with the HRC presentation, Mayor Wollet read a Proclamation declaring Dec. as national 3-D Prevention Month, Drunk – Drugged – Driving.

This weekend there will be a 6th grade boy's basketball tournament all day Sat. & Sun. Congrats to Operation Homefront receiving the Lt. Governors Hometown Award. Briefly discussed a possible municipality reduction of State funds by 8% (by the Governor) if legislation is passed in Springfield. We need to contact our representatives and write letters. This possibly could reduce the City's State funds by over \$55,000.

Mayor Wollet announced that officially Weldon Springs is closed except for 4 areas – Veterans Point – Lake Trail – bank fishing and access to Cundiff Cemetery.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet reviewed the IMAP process that Council has been working on for several months. An application to the State of Illinois DCEO has been submitted. With the next stage coming up – Opportunities for Success – Mayor Wollet went over the areas that this entails. Council should be resuming those work sessions after the first of the year.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman reports that the last of the leaf pickup has come and the crew will be just picking up the ones that remain on the Street. The program seemed to go very well.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reports that a big leak over the Thanksgiving Holiday along with replacing nonworking parts at the Waterworks Plant seems to be keeping the crew busy.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton was proud to award a fifteen-year plaque to David Dallas for over 20 years of service between the Hospital and Fire Dept. Congratulations to David. Officer Mike Ropp just recently completed his probationary time with the CPD and received a letter from Chief Reidy expressing his appreciation.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had nothing at this time but later in the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Resolution #2008-25, Resolution adopting Urban Forestry Plan. 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 amend the proposal of the CDS proposal of Panasonic Tough Books – Police Dept. in the amount of \$600. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Tax Levy – at 6:45 hearing will be held at the Dec. 15th meeting. Commissioner Edmunds briefly went over the levy – 4.68% increase over the previous extension of last year – a significant portion of the increase will be for Police & Fire Pensions mandated by State of Illinois for public pension funds. The City levy is increased by approximately \$84,000.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve a change order on the Remodeling of City Hall – Additional trim and drywall on 12 windows @ \$425 per window. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wide, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.” Commissioner Hickman voted “No.”

On File – Electronic Recycling – 10 cents per capita – Ron Fugate along with Alan Cooper have been involved with proposing Electronic Recycling program – listing all of the products that they will accept including computers, printers, etc. Ron told Council that it has now went up to 15 cents per capita. This program will help keep electronic products out of the landfills.

Commissioner Edmunds excused himself from all discussion or vote since he works for HRC (however they do not recycle electronics).

On File – Ordinance to Sell Personal Property – Various older city vehicles

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. On roll call Commissioner Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

AJOURNMENT

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