

December 15, 2008

Minutes of the Levy Hearing of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Monday, Dec. 15, 2008. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Mayor Wollet opened by asking if anyone present has either oral or written questions or comments about the proposed Tax Levies that were placed on file Dec. 1, 2008.

Hearing none, motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adjourn. Motion was unanimous.

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This evening the City Council have the honor of starting the Council meeting with the Eagles Scouts Troop #142 - ceremony of bringing in the flags by their color guard. The very first thing the pledge of allegiance was repeated and then all of the 2008 Eagle Scouts were introduced by Clyde Haas, Scout Master – Matt Evans, Cody Haas, Joby Lippert, Reese Lovett, & Wes LeBe. Present also was some of the Eagle Scouts of the past telling of their projects to achieve this rank. Mayor Wollet said we are very proud to have 5 Eagle Scouts in this smaller community – quite an accomplishment. Thanking them again for coming and to be recognized for their accomplishments – is very special.

### **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 Dec. 15, 2008. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll 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 Dec. 1, 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 allowed 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 reports that the market has bottomed out for recycled materials, which becomes even a greater loss to HRC, which employs the handicapped adults of this community. Hopes are that the market returns to normal real soon.

A McLean County judge yesterday, made a ruling to hear the suit of Dr. Pliura fighting to keep the Pontiac Prison operating and reopen the state parks - like Weldon Springs State Park.

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

Mayor Wollet had no further report this evening.

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

Commissioner Hickman had no report this evening

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

Commissioner Wise commended his Water crew for working out in the weather elements that can be very harsh at times.

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

Commissioner Milton was sad to announce that Frank the canine unit drug dog was hit and killed on Rt. 54 recently during a training exercise. They will probably be searching for another dog soon.

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

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Ordinance #1140, Ordinance Increasing Tax Rate for Street and Bridge purposes. 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 adopt Ordinance #1141, an Ordinance Levying Tax for Street Lighting Purposes. 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 adopt Ordinance #1142, an Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2008 to Pay Debt Service on \$4,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of

Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois. 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 adopt Ordinance #1143, an Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2008 to Pay Debt Service on \$700,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois. 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 adopt Ordinance #1144, an Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2008 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois. 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 adopt Ordinance #1145, an Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, Illinois (Scherer). 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 adopt Ordinance #1146, an Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, Illinois (Moore). 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 adopt Ordinance #1147, an Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, Illinois (Ryan). 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 adopt Ordinance #1148, an Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, Illinois (Clark). 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 adopt Ordinance #1149, an Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2008 to Pay Debt Service on \$650,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois. 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 adopt Ordinance #1150, Annual Levy Ordinance. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Ordinance #1139, an Ordinance authorizing the Sale of Personal Property

owned by the City of Clinton, Illinois (3 trucks). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Electronic Recycling will be on hold until a contract can be drafted and work out the details.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve a proposal by Farnsworth Group to evaluate a structural problem located at the south/west corner of the Fire Dept. – not to exceed \$1,200. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

On File – Taxi Cab License Application by Charles R. Williams

On File – Special Use Permit #343 – Ernie & April Harvey 811 E. State hwy #54 – to operate a pre-school and daycare facility.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser  
City Clerk