

January 20, 2009

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 Chamber of City Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 20th 2009. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman and Wise were present. Commissioner Milton was absent.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman that the minutes of the regular meeting of Jan. 5th and the reconvened meeting of Jan. 12th, 2009 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise 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 Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wollet referred a vicious dog complaint by Samantha Dillard to staff tomorrow morning for further review and recommendation.

Chamber dinner this Saturday night – murder mystery will be entertainment.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet asked the Clerk to read 3 motions for appointments to several boards.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to appoint Bryan Puckett to an unexpired term of the Dr. John Warner Hospital said term to expire July 2010. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to appoint Tim Allen to an unexpired term of the Planning Commission – said term to expire May 2011. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to appoint Brandon Robinson to an unexpired term of the Fire Pension Board – said term to expire April 2010. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

A press release is being passed out among press media concerning the change over on the digital signal in Feb. 2009. Some cable subscribers experienced difficulty in that they did not pass a test that was done on Jan. 12th. Residents can e-mail city hall if there is a problem.

Mayor Wollet explained that the Smoke-free Illinois Act calls for the Illinois Dept. of Public Health to enforce the act and the public has been supplied with a “800” number to call if a violation is observed. Chief Reidy confirmed that his officers do not write any tickets but instruct everyone to call this number. The question came up again – should the officer be the one that makes the call.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPORVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman announced that the yard waste facility will be closed at least 30 days and then evaluate the winter weather before re-opening.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

Commissioner Wise reports that his department is just now trying to get everything back to normal after the new tower overflowed on Illini Dr. a few weeks ago. On the whole, we were able to salvage several parts by drying them out. Leaks and manual operation of the plant created a lot of overtime but one bright spot is the stocking of spare parts has helped the down time of the system.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton was absent.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

First on the agenda is the discussion of the Amendment of the Liquor Codes. Several scenarios were mentioned in the future development of town and would some of our language hamper this growth in the commercial areas. Several communities leave out percentages or if it is there, it is a 50/50 percentage for a restaurant. Since our liquor code appears on the city’s website, we need to present this for development purposes also. Commissioner Wise said that if a lower percentage is approved, are we going to write something in the code that differentiates between a restaurant and a bar/grill. This gave Councilmen more things to think about – going back to the drawing board to draft some language that agrees with the Councilmen.

Second item under unfinished business is the water tower lease agreements and they are not finished yet.

NEW BUSINESS

On File – North’s Minor Subdivision – Basically Raymond/Marilyn North are separating the Fertilizer Plant because of the sale of this property.

On File – Amendment to Title 9 Chapter 5 Sec 7-D (changing language for legal lot requirements in subdivisions).

On File – Purchase of 2 digital in car Video Systems from AMD Digital Corp. – not to exceed \$8,400 + installation

Because of a shortage of salt for the street dept. to spread during the bad weather this year, Commissioner Hickman is offering motion for additional purchase of salt.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve an emergency purchase of additional salt – not to exceed \$15,114. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve a change order in the amount of \$4,332 reduction for the Water Main Extension by Hoerr Construction. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

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 Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

ADJOURNMENT

After returning to open session with no further business to come before the Council, 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

