

February 16, 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 Chambers of City Hall, Monday, Feb. 16, 2009. 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 Feb. 2, 2009 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 AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wollet introduced Ruth Stauffer from the DeWitt County Development Council coming before the Council this evening to give an overview of most of the projects going on currently. Without disclosing confidential information Ruth started with the Strategic Plan that Clinton and Farmer City are updating – other community projects include transportation committee, County and City business' to retain and provide assistance whenever possible. Ameren IP was involved in a little strategic plan with DCDC and the following 5 major directives emerged – to attract new industrial employers – a county wide effort to develop and implement a business retention and expansion program – establish a county wide commercial retail attraction – enhance the development of opportunities associated with the Clinton Lake – and lastly support the regional program to facilitate small business start ups and encourage entrepreneurs within our community. Money is usually the bone of contention but they are watching to see what might come down from the stimulus package of the federal government.

Ruth reports that the DCDC office will be moving to 116 Warner Ct. soon.

Council thanked Ruth for her update and expressed their appreciation for her dedication and a good working relationship with the City and County.

Next on the agenda was Cheryl Lietz Executive Director of the Dewitt County Human Resource Center coming to give Council an update on their recycling program. The price of recycling products they were selling, has dropped drastically. Major cause – the economic down fall in China – resulting in HRC pulling all the bins out at all of the sites except at the Rt. #10 east. Getting this word out is never easy. Adding to all of the problems is the fact that the State of IL has not sent some of their funding and owes HRC

around \$200,000 which makes it hard to even meet payroll at times. This will cut down on the recycling employees but hopefully transfer some of them to the Garden Showcase program, which HRC does for the City and other businesses each summer. Mayor Wollet thanked Cheryl for her report and service to HRC and to this community.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The committee of the 175th Celebration had a very successful dinner this past Sunday evening to raise funds for the event - then the next fundraiser will be a cookbook for sale.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman had no report at this time – however Commissioner Milton gave the St. Dept. crew complements on dropping a huge dead tree on W. Main earlier today.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise brought up the fact that several years ago, some of our engineers had done the preliminary work on some water main extensions and replacement of old mains in various sections of town. Since the money was not readily available – work was not done at that time. This possibly could be budgeted since engineering is done and complete.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton had no report at this time.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Wollet addressed Mr. Coty Hutchinson owner of Hot Spot, 203 E. Washington St. He asked Coty if he understood why the façade grant had come forward from staff with a recommendation to deny. He said he did understand but felt sometime in the beginning there was a misunderstanding about filling out an application before the work was completed. The process calls for 3 bids and the City usually pays 50% of the low bid as long as the project meets façade guidelines. After checking over the application thoroughly, Mayor Wollet said that consensus of the Council is that they just cannot bring it forward in this improper format.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Resolution #2009-2, Resolution authorizing execution of an Agreement for City Participation in Façade Renovation (a sign completing Sorrento's Pizza's façade).

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

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to adopt Ordinance #1156, an Ordinance authorizing Sale of Personal Property owned by the City of Clinton, IL – Hospital (older pulmonary equipment). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Revolving Fund Loan Application – Kid Konnection Daycare & Preschool - \$65,000.

Plans were made to hold another work session to discuss the IMAP document. Council decided on next Monday. Steve Myers should have a draft of all forms of governments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to recess the regular meeting until Feb. 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to hold a work session on IMAP document. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton voted “Yes.” Mayor Wollet voted “Present”.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk