

April 6, 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, April 6, 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 Milton that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 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 called representatives Dave Cornell & Kathy Rasor of the Eagles Lodge forward to receive the Mayor's Community Partnership Award. Compliments on the expansion of the lodge and keeping the membership active were some of items that make the Eagles very valuable partners with the City. Council thanked them for being here in our community for many years.

Matt Varble, President of WATCH Clinton Landfill spoke to Council again asking if the Councilmen are prepared to consider a Resolution stating that they are willing to support Watch's position on the proposed chemical waste landfill just outside Clinton on Rt. 51 South. Matt again reminded the Council that 2 referendums were also against the chemical landfill in Clintonia Township. Mayor Wollet and the Commissioners took several minutes to explain that they are still in the fact-finding mode and that they are not yet ready to state their position until they explore the US EPA and Illinois EPA's expert opinions to come to an educated position. Much dialog was exchanged between Matt and the Council leaving it at – no Resolution will be presented this evening. Mayor Wollet reported that the Council will attend the Hearing of the US/IL EPA at the DeWitt County Courthouse tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. to hear more information on the proposed chemical waste landfill.

Second to address the Council was Charles Wilson, 1400 E. Main St.- coming to ask some questions about the Resolution to Support Green Sphere Global, DeWitt County. Does this resolution bind the city to support with funds or volunteers – or what? Commissioner Edmunds said that no specific expenditures have been asked for at this time. This request is not a blank check.

Would this ever affect going green with any development in the City? There are no specifics in our building codes and this would not have any bearing on those codes.

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

Mayor Wollet brought the draft of a letter to the US EPA on behalf of the City Council expressing that they would seriously urge the reviewers the results of the referenda as they represent the wishes of the majority of those voting. With no one on staff with any technical expertise and no one to make a factual determination leaving us to depend on the US EPA/IL EPA on environmental matters.

Again Council will recess to the hearing tomorrow evening at the DeWitt Co. Courthouse.

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

Commissioner Hickman had no report at this time.

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

Commissioner Wise came to Council with an urgent need to replace a water line locator, which quit working very recently.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve the purchase of a new Locator in the Water Dept. in the amount of \$3,554.69. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

The recently approve installation of a new water main to North Fertilizer on Bypass 51 is now complete that has made many improvements in this area.

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

Commissioner Milton commented that the Fire Chief Shawn Milton is please to report that the Ariel Ladder Fire Truck is now fixed and back in service.

Chief Reidy said that the request under new business to purchase 2 additional directional radar units will make all of the traffic units having the new radars now. And the portable radios on file will update some older radios that are almost obsolete.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ruth Stauffer of DCDC took a few moments to reinforce the Council's statement that this Resolution is not banning anything but is encouraging business and residents to go green to help save our environment.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Resolution #2009-4, Resolution Supporting Green Sphere Global of DeWitt County. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Clinton and DeWitt County E.S.D.A. in the amount of \$12,000 for FY 2010. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioner Hickman voted "No."

The City's budget FY 2010 and the Amended Budget FY2009 will remain on file – however Commissioner Edmunds said a budget hearing will be held on April 20, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. to review and take any comments on the city/hospital budgets.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – Hospital Budget

On File – Purchase of 2 Genesis II Directional Radar Units-not to exceed \$3,540

On File – Purchase of Portable Radio's for Police – Barbeck's not to exceed \$10,700

On File – Ordinance #1157 to Annex Property into the City 60 areas of the former Hyatt property.

Because of a price increase being before the next meeting, motion was offered to purchase bunker gear.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the purchase of Bunker Gear for the Fire Dept. in the amount of \$4,527.30. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton 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, imminent & pending litigation. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Work session to talk about comparison of forms of government that City Attorney Steve Myers has prepared will be scheduled on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

After returning from closed session with no further business, motion was made to recess the regular meeting until tomorrow evening.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to recess the regular meeting until Tues. 7:00 p.m. at the DeWitt County Building. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Respectfully Submitted,

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City Clerk