

June 15, 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, June 15, 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 June 1, 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

JD McRoy asked to speak before the Council but has agreed to address the Council under the Street Dept. report.

Governor Quinn will be giving a report on the State of Illinois budget tomorrow and it will be available on Internet. Because of the deep cuts to the budget, it is of interest to lots of community organizations.

A fundraiser last weekend for a local serviceman based in Iraq – after suffering a brain aneurism – went very well. Mayor Wollet also proclaimed "Nathan Florey Day."

Fred Brunner, 617 N. Grant came this evening to tell Council about an alley behind his home of 35 years. This alley has deteriorated badly caused by no foundation and low maintenance. Graded 3 weeks ago is only the start of needing rock or asphalt and maintenance. He also left pictures with the Council.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Cheryl Lietz Exec Director of Human Resource Center came this evening to share with Council the dire needs of the agency if the State of Illinois proceeds with plans to drastically cut programs in the human services area. Formal notice has been received in a letter a couple days ago. Going through numerous programs that are being cut out, Cheryl explained how this is going to affect the community.

Mayor Wollet then interjected how much this is going to impact our community and we will be picking up the tab for costs instead of the State. Council thanked Cheryl for her update.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman introduced Joe Roberts, Matt Coulter & Jess Coulter of Area Disposal Service, Inc. here tonight to talk about a plan to take the garbage trucks off the alleys of Clinton. This should help with the costs of maintenance to the city as well as Area Disposal. The pickup would be at the curb in front of a residence with the possibility of using a rental trash cart, which makes the pickup look neater and cleaner. Clinton has 80% of their residents serviced on the alleys. Going through a presentation relative quick, Joe and Matt offered to answer any questions. Hearing none Commissioner Hickman said he will be sending this to staff for communication with Area on the preliminary plans to eventually bring back to Council.

The next subject for the street report is the sewer study that Commissioner Hickman wanted to get done since the sewer separation project was some 10 years ago. A lot more basements are backing up with about any size rain and the City needs to figure out what has changed in the last 10 years including other things that have been added to the system.

Greg Myroth of MACTEC wants to develop a 4-phase scope of work to look at the collection system, basement backups and come up with a plan that will also be cost effective for the City. Eric Carlson went through the preliminary plans giving Council details as they are at this point. It may be spring before the flow meters can be placed. A contract can be placed on file after the detail is worked out. The funding might be a critical point when the final dollars amount is figured.

Commissioner Hickman then backed up and asked JD McRoy, 36 Cypress Drive come forward to review the history of communications between the City and the previous owner of the property, Eileen Taylor and himself. This concerns a drainage ditch and the drainage of surface rainwater. Maintaining the ditch has been a source of problems for Mr. McRoy and he now explained that he has broken his new riding mower in a recent mowing job. His comment is that the ditch needs to be fixed.

Commissioner Hickman explained that some circumstances are not documented in Mr. McRoy's testimony. He brought litigation against the City and no further contact could be made nor any work be done until all of the legal issues were resolved. The City will now move forward with our proposal if Mr. McRoy is still in agreement.

This year the Summer Maintenance bid came in high and the award of the only bid – Illiana Construction, Urbana – was held until further review last meeting. A recommendation to take out a section of E. Woodlawn from the Railroad to George St. and E. Macon from Railroad to George. Everything else will stay.

The preliminary engineering is done on the Jericho/Hillcrest road project and it has been estimated around \$400,000 and this is twice as high than the \$200,000 first estimated. He asked if the Council is basically ok with this project before he proceeds to put it to bid. Phil Koeberlein was in attendance to answer questions – one being that project will extend 150 feet on Jericho and 250 feet east on Hillcrest and 160’ north on Hillcrest to the Park Lane intersection.

Discussion changed back to Summer Maintenance with a question of how much is being cut from the project – about \$20,000 was just eliminated from the summer schedule. Commissioner Wise expressed that this amount could be spread around to other areas that are in dire need to upgrading rather than using this amount at one intersection.

Commissioner Hickman returned comment that this choice like others is made off of traffic counts and he feels the main thoroughfares have gotten a fair amount of attention over the past several years. Saving some reserves of the Motor Fuel Tax Funds for an emergency or some problems that have not been scheduled is always a priority.

A suggestion was made to add the two summer maintenance jobs back in as described. At this point a Supplemental Resolution for an additional \$20,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds was placed on file.

Both projects are timely matters. After discussing this further, Council will meet in a recessed meeting on Thursday, June 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Hickman gave his decision on the request to change W. Johnson St. traffic flow. After looking over surveys sent to the homeowners, he recommends leaving it the same and not make any changes at this time. After it becomes clear what will be done with the school property, and then might be the time to change traffic directions.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise had no report at this time.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton asked the Fire Chief & Assistant Fire Chief if they would like to talk about the radio’s they are getting through a MABAS Grant. The City’s share of the grant for 10 portables, 6 mobiles and 10 pagers - \$5,101.96. Motion was made.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve this purchase of radios – with the share for the City being \$5,101.96. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Sales tax for the month of June is significantly higher than one year ago in June. This is good news.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to award the Summer Maintenance 2009 bid to Illiana as follows: Group 1= Bit. Material furnish & spread \$3,298.75 – CA-11 \$57,600 – CA16 \$17,600 – HFRS-2 \$24,491.50 and Load, weigh, haul and spread \$3,910 for a total of \$106,900.25. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the donation of \$3,000 to Clinton Area 4th of July Fireworks. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve the purchase of a full service canine dog from CTI not to exceed \$8,500. 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 approve the engagement letter for annual audit not to exceed \$19,000 and \$7,000 for GASB requirements. On roll call Commissioner Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Contract with Green Field Energy LLC

On File – Bids for Utility Truck – Water – Baum’s \$28,014 – Anderson’s \$26,504

On File – Prevail Wage Rate Ordinance

On File – Bids for Concrete Work at City Hall

On File – Special Use - #346 – Home Occupation –

After clarification on a couple of questions, motion was offered for an Arcade License for a new owner at Wishbone.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve an Arcade License for Wishbone, 217 E. Washington St. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

CLOSED SESSION

Council will be going to closed after motion is made.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton to hold a closed session for the purpose of acquisition of property. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

ADJOURNMENT

After returning to open session, motion was made to recess the regular meeting to consider the MFT Resolution placed on file earlier in agenda.

Also discussion of the MFT projects Jericho/Hillcrest Dr. project - \$400,000 construction plus engineering - will be continued.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to recess the regular meeting until Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk