

June 18, 2009

Minutes of the reconvened meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Thursday, June 18th at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Mayor Wollet explained that the Council is here tonight to take up consideration of a Supplemental Resolution of MFT in the amount of \$20,000. Because the bid came in a little high for summer maintenance, Council placed an additional \$20,000 on file at the 6/15/09 meeting.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman to adopt a Supplemental Resolution authorizing an additional \$20,000 for the Summer Maintenance Program 2009. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Steve Lobb began with a power point presentation to answer Commissioner Hickman's request to go back 10 years and break down the Summer Maintenance programs by date, location and cost. Additionally he requested that all of the big projects be detailed with the same. Steve complied a map of Clinton and marked as much of 10 years worth of maintenance/repair as was available to him.

The trend at this particular time – MFT funds are decreasing at a fairly rapid rate. The City typically has always committed MFT funding to maintenance of streets. We have 3 types of streets - arterials and secondary – concrete, asphalt and oil/chip – each with different time frames of existence and usefulness.

With the 65 miles of road within the City limits, it is with caution that MFT projects are decided and spent since a reserve should be kept for an operating fund. Councilmen asked questions and made comments on the topics at hand.

The map surprisingly showed the projects – showing where the projects have been completed and amazingly just how much has been upgraded in 10 years. A 3 to 5 year plan is in the making now.

Commissioner Hickman then gave out a spreadsheet with a high level plan, basic estimates of costs and the year of schedule stretching through 2030. In doing this, he explained that Hillcrest, Cedarside and Flair have not had much work done and the older sections of the developments are beginning to need maintenance and maybe even reconstruction. Too long of a range plan cannot take in to account the rising costs of petroleum products as we are facing today. All of this information brought Commissioner Hickman to the question he asked at the June 15th meeting – Should he proceed with putting the reconstruction of Jericho/Hillcrest out for bids since it has been estimated higher (\$400,000 construction and \$100,000 engineering) than was anticipated.

This was not an easy question to answer or an easy decision to make. In answer to Commissioner Hickman's question – Commissioner Milton being first to respond, he is

not comfortable spending those kind of funds and spending engineering funds to get bids that might come in higher than the estimate only to be turned down.

Commissioner Wise stated that he can see a ton of secondary streets that have not been touched in a lot of years. He would like to hold off and wait and see what happens with some of the economic development thoughts that could require some new construction. Mayor Wollet followed saying this project needs to be done but maybe not at \$400,000. There are other areas that need attention with curb and gutters but it cannot happen on the limited funds of MFT monies. The map does show more activity on the north side of Rt. 10 & 54 than to the south. He also expressed his concern that it is a 7-phase project scheduled until 2028.

Commissioner Edmunds was the last to express his opinion. Struggling back and forth with questions about the area – driveways – sidewalks and would there be any way to scale down the project to save on costs - was among his comments. Coming to an opinion, he wants to see balance in projects and hopefully coming in cheaper than the \$400,000.

Mayor Wollet concluded with the statement that they would like for him to take bids. Steve Lobb said easements will need to be in place before the bidding can be let making the project approximately a month out.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk