

July 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, July 6, 2009. Mayor Ed Wollet presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds and Milton were present. Commissioners Hickman and Wise were absent.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 15, 2009 and the reconvened meeting of June 18, 2009 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, 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, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Wollet received a letter from the Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity explaining that with the budget restraints at the State level, this will severely limit economic development core programs that will affect community like ours.

Chamber Director, Marian Brisard came this evening to request placing a sign on S. Center St./Van Buren corner to direct traffic to the Chamber Office at 100 S. Center St. She is at the point of needing permission to place a sign or an Ordinance allowing encroachment to proceed with the purchase with Prairie Signs. This sign is also going to be an alternative since the visitor's center will only be open on Sat. & Sun. during the summer. With that comment, Mayor Wollet took the discussion in a whole new direction about spending Hotel/Motel tax funds on tourism. Commissioner Edmunds explained that some of the funds are committed to longer-range projects that are not finished at this time.

A new brochure called a rack card is in the making with more pictures and updated with current information. Commissioner Edmunds said that the Hotel/Motel committee is trying to achieve a balance between all informational sources that can communicate details about our tourism, plus making those financial decisions a wise choice, is rather difficult at times. Mayor Wollet still leans in favor of a person being available at the visitor's center to direct tourist to motels and etc.

Harold Weinberg of the Hospital Board thanked the Street Dept. for taking down some trees at the Hospital. The cooperation was very much appreciated.

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

Mayor Wollet said that some appointments were on the agenda for this evening, but due to 2 Commissioners absent he would like to wait until next meeting.

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

Commissioner Hickman was absent but Public Works Director, Steve Lobb reported that the street dept. has started summer maintenance at the Woodlawn viaduct. Weather and contractor availability are the 2 factors that will affect when the work will be completed.

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

Commissioner Wise - absent – no report

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

Assistant Fire Chief, Ray James talked about their new thermo imager and a fire extinguisher trainer - purchased with funds raised by the sale of dance tickets. The imager shows the fireman in a dark smoky structure, where the people are to be rescued by reading heat images. The fire extinguisher trainer is a real good tool for even training the community. The volunteer firemen say thanks to the Council and the community for support.

Chief Reidy said that the Village of Ellsworth is interested in the old video equipment taken from the cars as the new was recently purchased and installed. It should be fall before the new canine dog arrives.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt Ordinance #1163, an Ordinance of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County IL Ascertain the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workers & Mechanics employed on Public Works of said City. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to adopt Resolution #2009-8, Resolution authorizing execution of an Agreement between Waters Construction Inc. and the City of Clinton, IL. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt Ordinance #1164, Granting Special Use Permit (Angela Hight #68 Hillcrest Dr. conditionally granting for home occupation). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to award the bid of a new Utility Truck for Water Dept. from Anderson Ford \$26,504. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

### **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – Asbestos Removal for Roque Bldg. \$3,275

On File – Proposals for Water Plant North Door-Triple K \$4,428 & Roger Nesteby \$4,935 plus shipping.

On File – Audit for TIF I, II, & III by Floyd & Associates \$1,250

On File – Change Order for West Side Water Main Extension – Final Pay \$11,819.20

On File – TIF Façade Grant – Jeff Hammer 220 N. Center St. \$38,395

On File – TIF Façade Grant – Moss & Moss 122 Warner Ct. \$84,955

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser  
City Clerk