

September 8, 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, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 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 Aug. 17, 2009 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds that the minutes of the reconvened meeting of Aug. 25, 2009 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioners Hickman and Milton voted "Present"

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, as amended. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Wollet said that he & Chief Reidy will be attending a Decatur Regional Neighbor Network Conference on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

Exlon Power Plant has just passed safety checks ranging through June 08 to June 09 by the Nuclear Regulator Commission.

The City of Decatur has contacted the Mayor about the plans for high-speed rail service considering a couple of routes from Chicago to Champaign and Chicago to Springfield.

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

Mayor Wollet read a Proclamation for Chamber of Commerce Week Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 with Board Members Marian Brisard, Karissa West and Jered White were present to accept the signed Proclamation.

An Editorial article in the Sunday Pantagraph gave the City an "A" for our Webpage which is manned by Clint Lichtenwalter, City Treasurer. Congratulations to staff.

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

Commissioner Hickman set the date of Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> as the day for the City Wide Cleanup Day. Usual restrictions apply.

Crosswalks on the square will be painted the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Until the review of our sewer issues, a moratorium will be in place on filling in ditches for parking spaces and such. This water flow diversion might affect the outcome of the study.

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

Commissioner Wise reports that he has now been looking into increasing water rates especially since the last increase was over eight years ago. The department has been working in a deficit and because this is a revenue generating account, water must be able to hold it's own. A 23% increase on a tier basis "on water only" is being considered. Also installing a new Water Well is in the near future and costs will be very high for that item.

The increase will amount to around \$6.00 per month for a minimum bill and be on a tier scaling up to the larger users.

Commissioner Wise asked that the City Attorney draft an Ordinance to place on file at the Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Edmunds stated he has a couple of concerns – first water deficits that are not maintaining the revenues required and secondly it would be convenient to lower the sewer rates after the sewer separation bonds are paid off and this would help to off set the impact of the water increase. However the other side of the coin is that Commissioner Hickman has just began a sewer evaluation study with no cost projections yet and the sewer may need to maintain their funds at this stage.

In the water account receivables, there have been a 20.2 increase in uncollectible accounts. These are bound to increase.

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

Commissioner Milton asked Chief Reidy to come forward to give a report on Police activities. The dog will be purchased soon and most likely after training will be in service by December.

The bricks for the Memorials are selling pretty well – however a deadline for this year's orders will end on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Chief, Shawn Milton brought Council up to date with static's of fire calls, training, service on trucks, MDA collections and Fire Prevention Week coming with a parade of Fire Trucks. The old Ford Truck will be repainted to the original white.

## **REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES**

Commissioner Edmunds had no report at this time.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the City of Clinton exempt the following groups from our Peddler, Solicitor & Itinerant Merchant Ordinance for Apple & Pork Festival Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – DeWitt Co. Museum, Clinton BPW, Flower Corner, Clinton Antique Mall, Presbyterian Church,

Country Junction and St. John's Church. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the Amended Highway Authority Agreement of Green Oil (Lara's Pantry) 100 N. Grant St. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – Monument for Memorial at Downey – Adams Memorials \$2,800

On File – Vacation of Alley – 100 Block of W. Webster St. – Closed alley – being maintained by homeowners.

On File – Brush Disposal at Yard Waste Facility - \$9,500

On File – Authorization for Mayor to Sign FFY 05/06 JAG Grant (Justice Assistance Grant) (City match not to exceed \$2,500).

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the purchase of Wood Fiber for Kiwanis Park – not to exceed \$4,000. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve an Arcade License for American Tap Rt. #10 west – contingent upon issuance of the Liquor License. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioners Hickman & Milton voted "No."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve the list of materials and insulation to cover the old windows at the Waterworks Treatment Plant for an estimated cost of \$2,500. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted

Rozella D. Wickenhauser  
City Clerk

