

November 2, 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, Nov. 2, 2009. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the minutes of the regular meeting of Oct. 19th and the reconvened meeting of Oct. 21st, 2009 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise and Milton voted "Yes." Commissioner Hickman and Mayor Wollet voted "Present" as they were absent.

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 on Cheryl Lietz Executive Director of DeWitt County Human Resource Center along with Debbie Logan Program Director of HRC East – to come forward to speak about recycling, as they had requested to do. Cheryl said that late last week she became aware of a proposal from Area Disposal to provide curbside trash pickup - along with curbside recycling pickup for the City. Because it was somewhat distressing to learn that their 13 years of experience in recycling was not involved in these talks nor were they consulted as to what they might be able to do, it will inadvertently effect the employment of 45 employees with disabilities of their Agency. Her fear was that all of the materials will be taken to a larger recycling center. In order for HRC's participation in the program to work into an agreement, it would have had to happen at an earlier time and include funding. In short –lack of any type of public funding will most likely jeopardize the HRC program.

Commissioner Hickman returned comments and conversation with Cheryl shedding what he considered a different understanding – mainly that HRC in the past had already shut down some areas of the recycling services to our community and now because the City is considering curbside, it could be harmful to 45 – 50 employees of HRC.

Mayor Wollet interjected a thought that two different goals – one goal is to reduce products going into the landfill – with the other goal being to employ people with disabilities- which does not have to be strictly through recycling- are being presented. Being a voluntary program and attaching a fee to recycle might reduce the number of

community participants. Matching those goals through Area's contract might not be possible.

Commissioner Wise remembers that back several years ago, the State of IL was going to help fund that waste management programs, which never materialized. Additionally the bottom dropping out of the sales of recycled products has dried up some of the revenue stream that helped fund this particular HRC program.

Talks of shifting the recyclables from Area Disposal to HRC East for sorting did take place but sources for revenue to support the project were just not there.

Commissioner Hickman did say that telephone calls late last week to connect Area Disposal and HRC from a business standpoint for working out delivery of recycling products was a priority. If something can be worked out between the two – this should support those 50 employees. Also mentioned was the fact that the Area Disposal contract for recycling is only voluntary, the community can still use HRC East. It is a personal choice.

Mayor Wollet thanked Cheryl and Debbie for coming.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet had no further report.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman reported that the rains last week have hampered the leaf pickup and this is slowing up getting through the zones. Mixing garden plants and limbs is slowing the process down also.

The yard waste facility during the month of November will remain open Monday – Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and regular hours on Saturday.

The purchase of a new 60lb. jackhammer will be placed on file in the amount of \$950. It will be needed to help remove manhole lids during the sewer study.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reports due to some injuries, he is again short of help, which they will work through.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton stated that the Police Dept. had a pretty good Halloween with very little trouble.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reported that the City's Sales Tax took a little nosedive as most likely cars sales are off a little. Overall he thinks everything will improve eventually.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the purchase of 2 CF Docking Stations for Police – from CDS Office Tech in the amount of \$1,450. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Contract with Area Disposal – Garbage Haulers Contract
\$13.85 per residence for new 95 gal. container including a recycling cart – free pickup of old garbage containers/burning barrels. Extra containers for a fee.
Expiration date 1/31/2016 added with a multi year non-appropriation clause.

On File – Liability Insurance Proposals – IMLRMA (Municipal League Pool) \$158,017
And ICRMT (IL Counties Pool) \$204,700

On File – Ordinance for Sale of Personal Property – Old Computers

On File – Purchase of an Automatic Scrubber for City Hall - \$2,650

On File – Encroachment Ordinance

On File – Purchase of jackhammer for Street Dept. - \$950

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk