

November 18, 2009

ROLL CALL, MINUTES, BILLS & PAYROLL

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 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 Hickman that the minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 2, 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

Mayor Wollet began with the public communications and first on the agenda was Charlie Wilson 1400 E. Main St. expressing his reasons for being opposed to the Area Disposal contract to come before the Council later in the agenda. With a copy of the contract before him, he pointed out questions ranging from fees for extra totes to concerns about elderly to disabled individuals getting their garbage to the curbside each week. Mayor Wollet said that this concept of taking pickup off the alleys was presented to Council last summer and staff along with Commissioner Hickman worked on various drafts. Mayor Wollet reiterated that the recycling would be at no additional charge. Discussion continued to be exchanged with bringing out information like it is a 5-year contract that can be renewed by Council for another 4 years and also a lot of language clarification. Many interesting points were brought out for Council to think about and Charlie summed it up by saying he would like to see this contract bring all "no" votes.

Commissioner Wise then requested Joe Roberts of Area Disposal to come forward to address some of these questions and comments just made. A few of the questions were individual circumstances, which will be worked out by crews at a later time.

Others asking some interesting questions – Judy Doyle 901 E. Clay – Rannie Staton 600 W. White St. – Harold Allen 111 S. Quincy St. and Harold Weinberg 800 W. White St. wrapping up with his questions with Joe Roberts addressing most all of them. Mayor Wollet took a few minutes to stress the importance of whoever the owner might be of our local landfill – their tipping fees are supporting the County general fund solid waste fund – making this an economic issue also.

The benefits of this contract come down to the use of a free uniform tote, curbside recycling, weight of garbage trucks off the alleys and finally more City services at no cost to taxpayers.

Next person under Petitions and Communications will be Tina Lane, 638 E. Jefferson St. asking to speak to Council about a problem this past week concerning the alley behind their home. After contacting several people in the City about this alley in need of maintenance, Tina and Terry proceeded to have 22 tons of gravel hauled in and spread by themselves and neighbors. The question of whether they actually had permission to do this remains unresolved at this time. Recently the City worked on this alley for their routine maintenance program - becoming an issue to the Lanes. Since the garage entrance is off the alley they are in constant use of this entrance.

Commissioner Hickman responded to Tina that if she wants to get every resident on the alley to agree to his or her own maintenance upkeep the alley, then the City would not bother it. The maintenance programs on alleys are upheld by City Ordinances.

Mayor Wollet asked the question – if the Council were to vote the contract down, would HRC be able to retain recycling? Cheryl Lietz stated that she has always maintained that the agreement to retain recycling has to include some source of funding for it. In the absence in some way to fund it, HRC will look to begin endeavors to support employment for their residents, which will have to include funding.

Communications to Council – thank you note from Marian Brisard for all cooperation in making the Haunted House 2009 successful.

2009 Employee Recognition Awards will be given out at the Christmas Party this year.

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 Leaf Vac has picked up 1250 cu yd of leaves this season. Final call for pickup will be Nov. 30th beginning the last pass for leaves. Yard waste facility will cease their extended hours Dec. 1st and go back to 3 – 5 Tues/Thur and 8-12/1-5 on Saturdays.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reports that the Lime Lagoons at the Waterworks Plant were cleaned out and hauled in the recent past several days.

Also needing an emergency actuator valve at the Waterworks Plant – motion being offered.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to make an emergency purchase of an actuator valve and installation in the

amount of \$1,022.19 from Buchanan Industrial Control. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

With much concern, Commissioner Wise reports that Well #10 (the one that has been cleaned twice) is not working properly. Engineering on preliminary plans to start one or two new wells, will need to begin now. Raw water to our upgraded waterworks plant will have to be a top propriety.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton said that Fire Dept. is still waiting on an estimate to repair the Ladder Fire Truck.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds said the report from utility billing system looks better as of the end of Oct. however the 90 day plus is concerning since it increased. These are more difficult to collect.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Resolution #2009-14, Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement with Area Disposal Inc. for residential waste pickup.

In discussing the motion, Commissioner Edmunds said he is an employee of DeWitt County HRC and has not taken part in the discussions nor will he vote.

Commissioner Milton is still hesitant about the contract and would like to see Council hold a work session next Monday to further check out more options. He then offered a motion to lay the contract aside until Monday, Nov. 23, 2009. Hearing no second to the motion, it died for lack of second.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adopt Resolution #2009-14, Resolution authorizing execution of Agreement with Area Disposal Inc. for residential waste pickup. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioner Milton voted "No." Commissioner Edmunds voted "Present"

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1170, an Ordinance authorizing execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to adopt Ordinance #1171, an Ordinance authorizing Sale of Personal Property owned by the City of Clinton, IL (Old Computers). 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 purchase of an automatic floor scrubber for City Hall from Jan Master in the amount of \$2,650. 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 adopt Ordinance #1172, an Ordinance authorizing Encroachment (210 E. Main St. – Don West). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton to purchase a new jackhammer for the St. Dept. not to exceed \$950. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Annual Tax Levy – the Police Pension will be taking an increase from \$120,000 to \$160,000. Projecting the Assessed Evaluation to decrease by 1.55%. 4.72% increase does not require a truth in taxation hearing. Total Levy \$1,409,609.

On File - Bids for Used Pickup Truck – Anderson Ford \$8,850 & Wilson’s \$10,800
On File – GSA Proposal \$6,494 (Blackboard connection) – a program that dials mass calls to notify residents of boil orders or shutoffs, snow routes, fire emergencies etc. It can call landlines or cell phones.

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

In the Council’s return to open session with no further business, 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

