

December 7, 2009

Minutes of the tax levy hearing held by the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois, Monday, Dec. 7th at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Wollet opened the public information session, which is not required by law because the levy increase is below the 5%. He then turned the hearing over to Commissioner Edmunds, Accounts and Finances.

The projected increase in the levy – 4.72%. The major increases are in two areas – Police Pension fund mandated by the State of Illinois and the other in the Garbage Fund for the leaf removal program started a year ago. After briefly going through some of the relevant levy information, Commissioner Edmunds offered to take any questions or comments.

Hearing none, motion was made by Edmunds and seconded by Milton to adjourn the public session. Motion was unanimous.

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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, Dec. 7, 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 moved from Monday to a special meeting Wednesday) special meeting of Nov. 18, 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 moved an introduction by Chief Reidy up on the agenda - the newest member of the Clinton Police Dept. She is a Belgium Malinois. Officer McClure the handler and Laika have been in training for eight weeks she is alert and coming along real well. Officer McClure keeps her at his home and his commands are in German. With the boy scouts present this evening, everyone enjoyed the visit.

Mayor Wollet read a press release from Aug. 16th 2008 detailing an event that happened at Weldon Springs State Park. Taking part in this heroic event was Wesley Scogin and Hunter Jolly who were fishing with a friend Kurt Oakley when Kurt suddenly lost consciousness and started to fall into the water. Both summoned help from Scout leader Welby Scogin and son Austin Scogin pulling Kurt to safety. These troops showed characteristics that the Scouts teach and promote in life each day. For this reason, Mayor Wollet is presenting the Community Service Award to all three boys with Council's appreciation.

Commercial recycling by Area Disposal is being handled.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet read a Drunk, Drug Driving Month – 3-D Prevention Proclamation with Tina Baxter, accepting on behalf of DeWitt County Human Resource Center.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman had no report this evening.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reports that the preliminary engineering on preparation for two new Well sites have began. Work supplying information by staff to the consultants on this project will be needed at the beginning.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton asked Chief Reidy to introduce Clinton PD's new officer Jason Yost and family from Taylorville, IL. The Clerk swore him in to make it official.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNT & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no further report until the Levies later on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1173, an Ordinance Increasing Tax Rate For Street & Bridge Purposes. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1174, an Ordinance Levying Tax for Street and Bridge

Purposes. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1175, an Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, Illinois (Clark). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1176, an Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, Illinois (Moore). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1177, an Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, Illinois (Ryan). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1178, an Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, Illinois (Scherer). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1179, an Ordinance Abating the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2009 to Pay Debt Service On \$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002 of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1180, an Ordinance Abating the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2009 to Pay Debt Service On \$700,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1181, an Ordinance Abating the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2009 to Pay Debt Service On \$4,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, of the City of Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1182, an Ordinance Abating the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2009 to Pay Debt Service On \$650,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates of

the City of Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to adopt Ordinance #1183, Annual Levy Ordinance. 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 purchase a used pickup truck from Anderson Ford in the amount of \$8,850. 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 purchase the GSA System (Blackboard Connect Inc.) in the amount of \$6,494. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Bid for replacing Fire Dept. roof/east garage – Roger Mix \$9,500

On File – Demolition of Roque Club Building – Nelson Excavating \$5,313

Z K Excavating \$\$2,650

On File – Ordinance for Sale of Personal Property – Parking Dept. Jeep

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk