

February 15, 2010

## **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, Feb. 15, 2010. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise and Milton were present. Commissioner Hickman was absent.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 1, 2010 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, 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, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Wollet said this evening he was going to move Chief Reidy up on the agenda to read a Letter to Accommodation to Officer Todd Ummel for saving the life of a Clinton resident on the early morning of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 2010. Officer Ummel arrived before the Fire Dept. and proceeded to wake the resident and lead him to safety. Chief Reidy, Councilmen and those attending the Council meeting expressed sincere appreciation.

Mayor Wollet then read a prepared statement explaining to the Councilmen and the public that he authorized the use of water billing information without the consent or knowledge of any other Councilmen. He takes full responsibility for this action. As Mayor he has oversight authority over each department of the City however he owes Commissioner Wise an apology for not consulting with him beforehand. Mayor Wollet asked for the acceptance of his apology and that this will not intentionally happen again in the Water Dept. or any other department in the City. However, this information has brought forth some interesting findings. After meeting with Area Disposal representatives on Friday, they discussed these findings at length and they are under consideration by Area Disposal. Alley pickup will officially cease on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Recycling begins this Thursday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Class of '73 committee introduced by classmate Chris Rogers, came this evening to offer two visions for the Clinton Roque Club property located at the corner of W. Main and Walnut Streets. This tightly knit group has a lot in common including a strong sense of community support. They have taken an interest in planning an update for the highly visible Roque location to possibly plan a park atmosphere for citizens to use and enjoy. Plans are eco friendly and low maintenance. With lots of time and talent invested, Mark

Cunningham and Patrick Peterson came forward to show the descriptive drawings for the Council. With two proposals on display they offered estimates of each at \$57,776 and \$57,350. There are certain parts of this project that the Class of '73 would be willing to take on in the area of labor. Raising funds and taking donations could be a part of the project also. Chris, Patrick and Mark would be happy to address any questions by Council or residents. Since the budget process is beginning - Council will be taking this under consideration and thanked everyone for coming.

Tom Redington 305 S. Sherman asked to speak this evening to bring his concern of some serious damage done to not only the citizens of Clinton but to the Council itself. He was referring to the release of information supplied to Area Disposal which Mayor Wollet addressed making an apology earlier in this agenda. Tom and Mayor Wollet referring to the contract signed by the City in November 2009 exchanged various points of information. Tom expressed again if it was not illegal to give out this information, it was inappropriate and in his estimation, the Mayor should resign.

Seth Redington 404 Brown St. continued with the same subject however his main complaint was the fact he did not have Area's services, but received a bill for new garbage service. After talking with a few Council members, he found they were not aware of what or why this billing was occurring. Mayor Wollet and Seth exchanged comments to clarify a conversation they had at an earlier time. Again Mayor Wollet said it was his decision to supply the water related information to Area Disposal and he again said he takes full responsibility. After a few more brief comments, Mayor Wollet thanked him for coming this evening.

Commissioner Wise said that some of his concerns were addressed in the meeting with Area Disposal representatives last Friday. He is sorry so much miscommunication has evolved from such a well-intended service.

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

Mayor Wollet received from Carolyn Peters of the Hospital Board, a letter of resignation. He thanked her for her service to both Hospital and community.

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

Steve Lobb filling in for Commission Hickman, he asked Greg Myroth & Eric Carlson of MACTEC to bring everyone up to date of the Sewer Study. Greg said due to weather, the manhole investigation has begun and is still not quite completed. They also passed out exhibits also showing where the flow monitoring will take place starting the week of March 12<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>. This is only a small part of information yet to be compiled for the complete report.

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

Commissioner Wise reports he actually witnessed Layne Western putting the camera down Well #11 and past 20 feet down it become apparent that the screen is plugging up like Tom Healy first suggested might be happening.

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

Commissioner Milton asked Chief Shawn Milton came forward to introduce the Volunteers that have achieved the Life Saving Award – Dwayne Harvey, David Dallas and Chip Atten. New Volunteer Officers Jeff Woodbury, Mike Jamison and Chip Atten were also acknowledged.

Also the Eagles held the fund-raiser for the Volunteers Sunday evening, mention was made that a painted picture depicting a Clinton fireman's coat, boots and helmet was raffled and brought \$1,000 with the picture donated back to the Fire Dept. They again thanked the Eagles for the occasion.

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

Commissioner Edmunds reported that sales tax is up from this time last year- still trailing about \$36,000 behind last year figures but hopefully things are slowly turning around.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the purchase of a 2009 Chevrolet Impala Police Package from Baum's Chevrolet Clinton, IL not to exceed \$19,406. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the purchase of a Light Bar & Control Head from Ray O'Herron in the amount of \$1,640. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the purchase of Fireman Officer Training material in the amount of \$1,695. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Because equipment is needed for the K-9 new 2009 Impala, motions were offered for consideration.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the purchase of Video System for unit #6 – AMR Digital Corp. – not to exceed \$4,700. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to purchase a Custom K-9 for 2009 Impala from Shawnee Correctional Center - \$750. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Chief Reidy explained this next item is a pager that the handler will have on him to alert them the police car might be overheating for the safety of the K-9 dog. The remote will open a back door to allow the dog to assist the officer.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to purchase K-9 Deployment & Alert Pager from Ray Allen Co. not to exceed \$895 plus shipping. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

On File – Minor Subdivision – 6 acres of Finfrock Trustees – unincorporated territory  
Business 51 north

On File – MFT Resolution – for FAU Project – E. Main St. in 2011 – City portion  
\$87,700

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser  
City Clerk