

August 16, 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, Aug. 16, 2010. 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 Aug. 2, 2010 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 Wise 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

Commissioner Hickman introduced Eric Carlson representing MACTEC Engineering to bring Council up to date on the Sewer Study they are currently conducting. Council received a summary of the data they have collected through the flow meters placed in the City's sewer system last March 15th – June 15th 2010. Recording storm events, compared to day flow events, it was determined that several areas basins at various locations run with high ratio numbers. The final report will be submitted to Council with recommendations on repairs to the system to help correct some of the sewer back-up issues of these particular areas. Most likely not everything can be addressed but depending on the cost of repair, some of the physical problems can be resolved.

Harold Weinberg 800 W. White St., just wanted to comment that he feels with two community projects going on at Downey Park and at the Roque Club, those heavily involved in this work need to be thanked as the work progresses to date and not necessarily at the end of each project. Everyone agreed.

Mayor Wollet reported he has responded to several e-mails about grass violations explaining that the City goes through a process of notices, tickets, and later a lien on the property before getting to the point of the City doing the mowing of private property. Sometimes the adjoining neighbors do not understand this process.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Wollet reported to Council that he is appointing David Campos to the Police Pension Board for a 2-year term. Term will expire April 2012. David will help the City meet new regulations for Pension Boards through the Department of Insurance.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman reports that work on W. Leander is in progress right now to continue the street through to the Nursing Home (a part of our commitment to them). Wanting to complete the project during better weather, contracts will be coming to Council in September.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROERPTY

Commissioner Wise said that the Water Dept. will be working on a few infractions that resulted from the Illinois EPA inspection of the Waterworks Plant. Mostly minor in nature, the list should be completed soon.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton asked Chief Reidy to update the Downey Park Project. Chief said the statues should be set this next Friday and with everything getting finished it should be ready for the dedication on Sept. 11th.

Fire Chief Milton said that they are getting estimates from an accident to the aerial ladder fire truck a couple of weeks ago. The tanker truck has been repaired and is back in service.

Commissioner Milton said the estimates that are pricy on this 27-year-old truck. Going either new or used would also cost a great deal. The City has a number of locations that would need the ladder truck if a fire occurred. He will be getting back to the Council after talking with the Fire District next month.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reports that the recent sales tax numbers show another slight decline just when we thought the economy might be recovering. Two years of decline makes the City be a little more cautious and keep watch over revenues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to authorize the Mayor to sign the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program Application (enrolling the City health care plan into Pres. Obama's reinsurance health care plan recently put into place). 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 approve the building project for the Roque Court on W. Main St. – Waters Construction \$17,300. 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 Interior/Exterior finish on the Fountain (Mr.Lincoln Square) not to exceed \$3,500. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Water Dept. – Overhead Door Openers \$2,100 – Portable Turbidimeter not to exceed \$900.00 – and 2” Trash Pump not to exceed \$1,350

On File – Special Use Case #351 – Kelly Riggs for 320 N. Monroe St. (duplex)

On File – Ordinance to Trade Personal Property – Police Dept – Firearms

Brief discussion on the urgent need to replace a budgeted computer at City Hall so that the replaced computer can be sent over the Fire Dept. replacing one that crashed this past week. In that discussion, Commissioner Hickman expressed his opinion that the fire department might not be utilizing their other computer equipment efficiently. Motion was offered.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve an emergency replacement of Computer – not to exceed \$1,100. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes” Commissioner Hickman voted “No.”

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk