

November 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, Nov. 15, 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 Hickman that the minutes of the regular meeting of Nov. 1, 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 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."

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

Mayor Wollet reported Jered Hooker will be leaving the Hospital Board position after his recent election to the DeWitt County Board. A replacement will be named possibly at the Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

Commissioner Hickman asked that residents not mix brush and flowers in with the leaf pickup since it clogs up their machinery. Regular pickup of the brush is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

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

Commissioner Wise reports that the filter media have been installed and all complete. Quick action on an eye injury involving lime has brought good results with little injury to his eyes. Thanks go to the water employees.

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

Commissioner Milton asked Chief Reidy to report on some recent arrests. In the past 3 months spray painting and vandalism was taking place rather often and with good investigative work of Officers Causer and Ummel, an arrest of 2 adults and 4 juveniles

that have been involved in a great deal of these crime have achieved good results. Congratulations to these officers.

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

Commissioner Edmunds reported that sales tax had seen a slight increase. Still lagging behind somewhat of the peak years, he encouraged everyone to shop in Clinton. Even through the tough economic times, Clinton has held up pretty well.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve an Engineering Agreement with Farnsworth Group for Design of Water/Sewer of 37 acres on Rt. 51 bypass (West Side – City Property) \$69,750. On roll call Commissioner Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the bid of K & K Graphics for an Advertising Sign on the Douglas Property/Jake Dr. \$2,800. 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 purchase a new Sewer Vactor from GSA Contract Holder in the amount of \$249,861. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to adopt Ordinance #1204, Ordinance authorizing Borrowing Funds (for the Vactor at the First National Bank & Trust 60 months at 2.50%). On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the purchase of a Sound System for Mr. Lincoln Square and various other locations – not to exceed \$3,000. 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 approve an amended Engineering Agreement with Farnsworth Group for E. Main St. in the amount of \$7,500 to be paid from Motor Fuel Tax Funds. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

Commissioner Edmunds asked to hold a brief closed session to discuss collective bargaining before continuing with the discussion of Ordinance #1203, IMRF.

Before going to closed session, Mayor Wollet continued with the agenda under new business. He stated that there might be some action after the closed session ends.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – Annual Levy – Hearing Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the proposal of Ennis Excavation for brush grinding at the Yard Waste Facility in the amount of \$9,500. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted “Yes.”

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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

After returning to open session, Mayor Wollet explained that there is a motion on the floor for the adoption of Ordinance #1203, Electing Participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Discussion was opened on the motion.

Working with this retirement program was Tim Followell and City Treasurer Clint Lichtenwater. In discovering some of the changes to the IMRF Retirement plan, was the fact that a city owned hospital and elected officials are not mandated in at the time of joining, but can elect when they want to join the program. Of the 140 employees at the Hospital, it is projected that 50% might join this program making it more affordable and the willingness of the Hospital to cover the majority of the cost out of their revenues. Those two factors make the retirement plan more doable than ever in the many times IMRF has ever been looked at.

Also this would make many options available to our employees, IMRF and ICMA (457) offer different flexibilities. The 401(a) match program with ICMA for City employees will cease and those funds will be used to offset the IMRF costs – Hospital employees will possibly have a choice.

The City will be taking on the expense of about \$170,000 out of our reserves for a couple years. These costs can be levied but Commissioner Edmunds proposes to take the first two years out of reserves until the actual costs have surfaced. Later when our assessed evaluation should be increasing, it would be more feasible to begin the levy process at that time.

Commissioner Hickman expressed that some of the unknowns about the Hospital and a couple years down the road would put the City in the position of being stuck and no exit from a permanent retirement plan.

It was noted that two other communities with municipal owned hospitals are participating in the IMRF Retirement plan.

Commissioner Wise delved into several questions to make sure the facts were all very clear to him before moving to make his decision. He remembers discussing this retirement many times but it is now time to make the leap and move on this subject.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adopt Ordinance #1203, an Ordinance Electing Participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioner Hickman voted "No."

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser  
City Clerk