

March 21, 2011

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, March 21, 2011. Mayor Tom Edmunds, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2011 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Edmunds voted "Yes."

The bills and payroll were read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise 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 Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Edmunds voted "Yes."

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Harold Weinberg came before the Council even though he is a member of the Hospital Board but as a citizen regarding the curb & guttering in front of the Hospital wanting the City to take a look at its much needed repair. Mayor Edmunds announced the VFW will be celebrating 65 years with a dinner and program on Sunday, March 27th at 2:00 p.m.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Edmunds was pleased to report the new Physical Therapy building at the Hospital was complete and there will be a Ribbon Cutting at 5:00 p.m. and an Open House from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on March 23rd.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Hickman reported the Yard Waste Facility opened up early on Saturday March 19th due to the volume of calls received and then will start its regular schedule starting March 22nd with regular hours being Tuesday & Thursday from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Hickman is reminding citizens about the sidewalk program. It will reimburse you at a minimum 50% but if you want to provide your tax return it might reimburse you more. Also if there is no sidewalk there the reimbursement is 80%.

Commissioner Hickman presented a power point presentation and provided maps of the streets on the maintenance that has been done on the city streets. The City receives about

\$175,000 - \$180,000 in Motor Fuel Tax each year that is based on our population so every time you fill up your car with gas the State of Illinois gives the City money back based off of our population. The City received \$226,000 from The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act which we used on East Washington St. The summer maintenance is done every year for the streets that are in much need of repair. We have tried every year to repair streets in every quadrant of the City. The City has spent 2.5 million over the last 12 years – 1.6 million since Commissioner Hickman has been in office. The City needs to be looking into some of the streets in the Hillcrest Subdivision in the very near future or there will be bigger issues to deal with if something isn't done.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported that the Mayor signed the EPA application at the last meeting and will be signing an easement with Ameren Illinois for the utilities.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton would like to remind the citizens who live outside the city limits if they are going to have a controlled burn to please call the Fire Dept. and let them know.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reported the overall sales tax figures (2 components) one is caught up with last year the other one hasn't but the net effect of \$2,941.00 over what we collected this time last year which is good news but just wish it was more.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve Ordinance #1222 to purchase real estate at 217/219 E. Washington St. in the amount of \$85,000.00. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise and Mayor Edmunds voted "Yes." Commissioner Milton voted "No".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to approve an Easement with Ameren Illinois Company for utilities for the new water well. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Edmunds voted "Yes."

NEW BUSINESS

On File – 2nd Addition to Douglas Subdivision

On File – HRC 2 yr. Contract - \$62,741.00 – Downtown landscaping maintenance

On File – Fire Labor Contract

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey
City Clerk