

May 16, 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, May 16, 2011. Mayor Carolyn Peters, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang and Wise were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2011 be approved as submitted. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters 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, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Reidy asked that Barbara Goodfellow come forward to present her with a plaque for her 26 years of dedicated service to Clinton Area Crime Stoppers. Barb said that in 25 years they have progressed in the community where the citizens are part of the group.

Jean Rodgers a current employee with the City of Clinton was present to discuss a personal problem that had occurred with the switchover of ICMA and IMRF at the beginning of the year in which she would like answers to. Mayor Peters suggested the two talk to get more information.

Christopher Ware, representing the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, asked the Council to proclaim May 21-27th 2011 National Safe Boating Week. Mayor Peters read the official Proclamation, signed it and thanked Chris.

Mayor Peters added that during the Petitions and Communications that if questions or comments needed to be raised by the audience on any unfinished business that would be the time to say something. Once they get down to items of unfinished business, after the motion and second, then it would be time for the council to be involved in any discussion.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Peters gave an update on information regarding Snapper's wanting to enlarge their beer garden. Pat Sartie is in the process of gathering information. No update will be given until June or after.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Crang reported that she met with Steve Lobb and reviewed the work done in the past few weeks. The alleys in town have been graded and will continue to do so. Mowing has started and is underway as well. The Vactor was delivered last week. This machine is used for sewer cleaning. Last week the city employees were acquainted with the machine in its operation. Two employees and Public Works Director Steve Lobb will be attending training on exactly how to operate this machine.

Commissioner Crang announced the May Days Carnival is in town. Streets will be closed off north of the square from May 17th through the 22nd. She also announced that as of Friday at 3pm the square would be closed off which will affect the businesses uptown.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise apologized for those at S. Elm and Jefferson that were affected for the main shut down for a new hydrant to be put in. A two-block area was affected. Samples will be turned in and returned. This hydrant will be helpful to the fire department.

Commissioner Wise reported that the employees have been helping with mowing and getting the cemetery ready for the upcoming events on Memorial Day.

Commissioner Wise wanted to thank the Fire and Police Department for the first responders and their quick response especially as a situation hit home.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Police Chief Reidy reported that the Police Dept. as well as the Police and Fire Commission set an orientation session for Wednesday May 18, 2011 at 7 pm for anybody between the ages of 20 and 35 interested in being a police officer. Applications and information will be handed out at the meeting. The written and physical tests are scheduled for June 18, which then establishes an eligibility list good for 2 years.

Police Chief Reidy also reported that last Friday night the department did a patrol organized by Sgt. Ben Lowers. The 4-hour detail saturation patrol with extra officers as well as the K-9 unit achieved 13 traffic stops in 4 hours. No drugs were found, which he noted was good.

Second Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Woodbury reported that Chief Milton as well as several of our firefighters were down in Macon County for a hazmat d-con drill last night. Our department brought our trailer down to help and assist with training.

Second Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Woodbury also reported that they planned on announcing the new Officers. They were not able to attend so they will be announced at the next council meeting.

Commissioner Milton reported that decorating has already been started at the Cemetery and Steve Lobb would like for the citizens to hold off until the 26th of May. Also, if there were things laid out, he would like for them to be picked up by June 7th so that mowing can get back on regular schedule.

Commissioner Milton announced the Memorial Day celebration would be held Monday May 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reported that the sales tax received for May was \$106,762 the highest amount we have ever received for the month of May. He noted it was our basic sales tax. The other sales tax, which was voted in by referendum, was \$21,500.00, which indicates the increase was due possibly to auto sales

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the Clinton Area Arts Resource Team (CAART) Summer Concert Series donation in the amount of \$2,000.00. On roll call, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Crang to approve financial support for the DeWitt County Visitors Center in the amount of \$3,000.00. On roll call, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise to award the bid from Stark Excavating, Inc for the Douglas 2nd Addition in the amount of \$606,486.00 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute contract documents once approved by staff. Commissioner Edmunds added that \$600,000.00 was going to be coming out of TIF I, with the balance out of the non home rule sales tax fund. On roll call, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the Wood Fiber for Kiwanis Park not to exceed \$2,485.00. On roll call, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Clinton and DeWitt County E.S.D.A for \$12,000.00 which will be paid in 4 quarterly installments of \$3,000.00 each. On roll call, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang and Mayor Peters voted "Yes". Commissioner Wise voted "No".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the Intergovernmental Contract Law & Justice Commission, MTU #8 for the Police Department. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the purchase of 2 Grasshopper mowers for the Cemetery Department in the amount of \$20,000.00. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

NEW BUSINESS

On File- DeWitt County Development Council contract payment in the amount of \$47,000.00

On File- 2011 MFT Summer Maintenance Bids

On File- Local Law Enforcement Vehicle Program Agreement #407805

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted

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City Treasurer, Deputy City Clerk