

October 17, 2011

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, October 17, 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 Crang that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2011 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, 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 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 vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Wise stated that the Hunnert Car Pile-Up was a well put together event and thanked Commissioner Crang, the Street Dept. and the Police Dept for a job well done.

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

Mayor Peters reported that Ameren will have an Open House on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the site between N. Madison St. and N. Monroe St. Entrance will be on the N. Monroe St. side. They will start trucking 24 loads of soil out on October 26, 2011. Commissioner Crang reported that the route the trucks will take will be entering on N. Madison St., exiting on N. Monroe St. to Washington St. and then to Grant St. and on out Route 51 to Area Disposal. They will start at 7:00 a.m. and end around 4:00 p.m. each day and hope to be finished by the end of February. They will be trucking the contaminated soil out and bringing in new dirt.

Mayor Peters stated the Dr. John Warner Hospital feels they can no longer support the ambulance service. They are looking into their options. She said the City will be looking into options also. There is no decision at this time. They are just in the process of fact finding. She asked that if anyone on the Council had ideas or suggestions on how ambulance coverage could be provided, to let her know.

She reported the Douglas Subdivision is ready if someone wants to develop a lot.

The Mayor stated that she received two notices from the EPA on Clinton Landfill 3 and provided copies.

The Mayor reported she attended a meeting to start the training for a Power Plant exercise which will be on November 2, 2011.

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

Steve Lobb spoke on behalf of John Baker, Chairman of the Tree City Commission. He reported that there were concerns by the merchants of the downtown area concerning the trees blocking their store fronts. The Commission decided that the center tree will be left and the two on each side will be removed in front of the store fronts. The trees at each entrance will be removed as well. Steve reported that a letter from the Tree City Commission will be mailed to the merchants to inform them of this decision.

Commissioner Crang reported that the leaf pick-up has started and this is the week of brush and limbs pick-up also. Beginning October 31, 2011 for four weeks, leaf pick-up will be consuming the city department employees' time since this is the peak season for leaf pick-up. Commissioner Crang urged the citizens to use the Yard Waste Facility if possible. She reported today was the final inspection for the E. Main St. project and everything went well. She appreciated the residents who lived on E. Main St. for putting up with the dust and the inconvenience of getting to their homes. She wanted to also thank the Police Dept. and everyone involved in the Hunnert Car Pile-Up as well as the Fire Dept. for a wonderful fire truck parade last Wednesday night. She reported that the Haunted House has started and to be aware of the street closings and to be careful of the pedestrians.

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

Commissioner Wise had no report.

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

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the Exhaust Boot for the new fire truck in the amount of \$1,322.45 from Hastings Air-Energy Control, Inc. On roll call vote, 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 repair of the Toro 580 mower by Central Illinois Ag, Inc. in the amount of \$8,302.73. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Chief Reidy reported that Halloween trick-or-treating hours will be Monday, October 31, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. He also commented on how well the Hunnert Car Pile-Up went.

Chief Milton reported that the new fire truck is now in service because training was completed in the past few days.

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

Commissioner Edmunds had no report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Crang to approve Ordinance #1235, An Ordinance Vacating Right-Of-Way beside the property at 1204 E. South St. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Crang to approve the purchase of a 2012 Chevrolet Malibu from Baum Chevrolet – not to exceed \$16,200.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the purchase of a new radio system for CENCOM in the amount of \$47,850.00 which will be the City's share. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the bid with J & S Roofing for the re-roofing of the salt storage building at the Street Dept. in the amount of \$1,260.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the Pre-Application for Loan Assistance for the Wastewater Facilities and the Water Pollution Control Loan Program Loan Application Form. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. for removal and replacement of curb & gutter on N. Center St. & E. Washington St.

On File – Streetlights for Douglas Subdivision

On File – An Ordinance Extending the Expiration Date of the Cable Television Franchise Agreement Authorizing the Operation of a Cable Television System

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey  
City Clerk