

November 7, 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, November 7, 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 17, 2011 be approved as submitted. 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 that the minutes of the special meeting of November 2, 2011 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes". Commissioner Crang voted present.

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

None

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Kay Werts, President of the Clinton Education Association, came before the Council asking for a Proclamation and the Mayor read the Proclamation for American Education Week which will be November 13th – 19th.

Jay Thoms was not present.

Mayor Peters reported that beginning January 1, 2012 there will be a ban on electronic equipment in the Clinton Landfill. Commissioner Edmunds reported that the Human Resource Center will take the banned items at the Encore Thrift store.

She reported that she and Tom Edmunds participated in the Exelon exercise and there were no deficiencies reported.

The Mayor also gave an update on the ambulance issue. She has compiled information and will begin to make presentations to various committees as well as at the next Council meeting.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Crang reported that the Street Dept. has been very busy picking up the leaves. They have 2 crews and 2 vacuums that started October 31, 2011. The town is divided into 5 zones and is continuously worked starting in zone 1. The volume and weather affects how long it takes to complete a zone. This program will continue until the end of November or the first of December depending on the weather. The workers have picked up 635 cu. yds. since they have started. Commissioner Crang urged the citizens to use the Yard Waste Facility if possible, which will be open November 7th – December 2nd every day Monday – Friday 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Then it will go back to the regular schedule of Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

She reported the tree removal project on the square will begin soon depending on the weather. Out of the three trees in each corner, the middle one will stay and the two on each side will be removed. The remaining trees at the entrances coming onto the square will be removed also.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise to reject the bid with Giant Vac for the purchase of a Vactor machine and award the bid to Old Dominion Brush Co. in the amount of \$29,800.00, said Vactor to be delivered within 90 days from today. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported business as usual at the water department with the employees working on the plant and he stated they are doing a good job. He would like to commend everyone who does something for Veteran’s Day.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Chief Reidy introduced the newest member of the Clinton Police Dept., a 3 year old male dog named Lasko, who came from Belgium. He will be trained in narcotics.

Chief Milton had no report.

Commissioner Milton reported that the Rotary Club honored the Police and Fire Department at a dinner at the Clinton Country Club.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve an Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. to remove and replace the curb & gutter on the east side of N. Center St. from E. Washington St. to E. Johnson St. and the north side of E. Washington St. from N. Center St. to N. Monroe St. in the amount of (not to exceed) \$5,700.00 for design and an additional \$5,700.00 for construction phase services. 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 Ordinance #1236, An Ordinance Extending the Expiration Date of the Cable Television Franchise Agreement Authorizing the Operation of a Cable Television System. This extends the agreement to April 30, 2012. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

NEW BUSINESS

- On File – An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply by the Installation or Use of Potable Water Supply Wells or by any Other Method. This Ordinance is an amendment to the original to add another property.
- On File – Contingent Fee Professional Services Agreement/Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. This agreement provides for audits of the City's tax and franchise fees.
- On File – Revolving Loan Fund – Larry & Angie Stevens (Goosenecks). The Stevens have requested a line of credit in the amount of \$8,412.50 to relocate their business to Clinton.
- On File – Consideration of Releasing Mowing Liens on the property located at 221 S. Grant St. Mayor Peters informed the Council that Duane Kievlar's company Homegrown Properties, Inc. recently purchased the old Star Service Station property at a scavenger sale and is requesting the Council release the mowing liens on the property. Mr. Kievlar plans to clean up the property and get it back to a condition to be usable.
- On File – Purchase of a 2012 Chevy Impala Police Package from Baum Chevrolet/\$22,066.00
- On File – Streetlights for Douglas Subdivision/Ameren Illinois - \$48,438.00 and Cornbelt's Leasing Option
- On File – Annual Levy
- On File – Ordinance Amending Section 3-6-12/Placement of Receptacles. Commissioner Crang brought a proposal to the Council to consider passing an ordinance to limit the time approved garbage receptacles would be allowed to be left on street curbs and that would require the same receptacles when not on the curbs for pick up to be stored in a place behind the street side building line of the premises. There was some discussion as to the clarity of the language of the proposed ordinance. Mayor Peters asked for City residents input concerning the proposed ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey
City Clerk