

December 5, 2011

Minutes of the Levy Hearing of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Monday Dec. 5, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters were present. Commissioner Crang was absent.

Mayor Carolyn Peters opened the public information session. Commissioner Edmunds turned the hearing over to Clint Lichtenwalter, City Treasurer. He reported the totals are the same as those placed on file and everything is consistent with the last several years except with the addition of IMRF, which we joined as a City last December. In adding the levy line item this year, he reported, we were still able to balance the levy by maneuvering some other things around. Overall the EAV estimated increase is 1.08% to 62.2 million in the City. The tax levy is proposed to be increased by 4.94% which equates to a 3.82% increase in the rate, which is what each home is actually charged. A \$60,000 (home's taxes) would increase to about \$18.00 a year. Police Pension is \$105,000 of the levy amounts and Fire Pension is \$145,000. The Police Pension is 103% funded and the Fire Pension is 79.5%. Fire Pension is about 10% of the total levy and Police Pension is about 7%. The Policemen and Firemen do not participate in Social Security so the pension is all they have for retirement.

Mayor Peters asked for any comments by the Council or by those attending the hearing. Hearing none, motion was offered by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adjourn the hearing. Voice vote was taken. Motion was unanimous.

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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, December 5, 2011. Mayor Carolyn Peters, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton and Wise were present. Commissioner Crang was absent.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2011 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes". Commissioner Edmunds voted "Present".

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 vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

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

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

Mayor Peters read a proclamation for National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

Mayor Peters gave an update on the ambulance issue. She stated she thought the County Board voted to put the resolution in place for a county-wide levy but they didn't. They are still evaluating the issue so she is waiting for the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to see what they will decide.

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

Commissioner Crang was absent so Steve Lobb reported that the Street Dept. will finish picking up the leaves this week. This will be the last week so equipment can be changed out for winter.

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

Commissioner Wise reported that everything at the Water Plant was going smoothly. The cleaning out of the tank made a big improvement.

He wanted to thank everyone involved in the Christmas Parade.

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

Chief Reidy wanted to thank the Wal-Mart Foundation for a grant for \$1,000 which the local Wal-Mart matched. The Shop with a Cop program has \$2,000 to take 15 children shopping for Christmas. These children did not meet the Angel Tree application deadline.

Chief Milton reported they will be replacing 4 sets of Bunker Gear.

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

Commissioner Edmunds had no report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Mayor Peters and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve Ordinance #1244 (Black property), Ordinance #1245 (Clark property), Ordinance #1246 (Ryan property), Ordinance #1247 (Scherer property), Ordinance #1248 (Schmid property), An Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, Illinois. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve Ordinance #1249 (\$4,000,000 General Obligation Bonds), Ordinance #1250 (\$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 2002), Ordinance #1251 (\$700,000 General Obligation), Ordinance #1252 (\$650,000 General Obligation), An Ordinance Abating the Tax. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve Ordinance #1242, An Ordinance Increasing Tax Rate for Street & Bridge Purposes and Ordinance #1243, An Ordinance Levying Tax for Street Lighting Purposes. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Mayor Peters and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve Ordinance #1241, Annual Levy Ordinance. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Mayor Peters and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the Mayor to sign the renewal agreement with Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association in the amount of \$195,961.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the demolition bid for 523 E. Julia St. from Walkers Home Service, Inc. in the amount of \$4,660.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve Ordinance #1239, An Ordinance Renewing an Existing Franchise and Granting for a Period of 20 years to Ameren Illinois, A Corporation, its Successors and Assigns, the Franchise, Right, Permission and Authority to Construct, Reconstruct, Excavate for, Place, Remove, Extend, Maintain and Operate a Gas Utility System in the City of Clinton, County of DeWitt and State of Illinois. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve Ordinance #1240, An Ordinance Renewing an Existing Franchise and Granting for a Period of 20 years to Ameren Illinois, A Corporation, its Successors and Assigns, the Franchise, Right, Permission and Authority to Construct, Reconstruct,

Excavate for, Place, Remove, Extend, Maintain and Operate an Electric Utility System in the City of Clinton, County of DeWitt and State of Illinois. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve an Arcade License for Sophie’s B & G of Clinton, IL LLC at 100 E. Side Square. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”. Commissioner Wise voted “No”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the amendment to the Facade Grant on D. R. Gordon’s building in the amount of \$675.00 (City’s portion). On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve Resolution 2011-31, Resolution to Award Contract for the Kiwanis Park New Water Supply Well to George Gildner, Inc. and for the Water Main Improvements to Crystal Sewer & Water, Inc. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – Purchase of 4 sets of Bunker Gear – not to exceed \$6,700.00/Fire Dept.

On File – 2 Panasonic Toughbook 31 & Accessories from CDS Office Technologies – \$11,484.00/Police Dept. Chief Reidy reported these will replace 2 laptops that are about 8 years old.

On File – Ordinance to Authorize Borrowing a Line of Credit for Dr. John Warner Hospital. Earl Sheehy explained the Hospital previously had a line of credit that expired in 2004. The hospital would like to have a line of credit established in case it is needed.

On File – Contract for Sale of Real Estate – 221/223 E. Washington St./\$90,000.00

On File – Resolution Amending AIG Valic 457 Plan Document – Clint Lichtenwalter explained this is an amendment based on Federal Legislation due to some changes in the Federal laws.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey  
City Clerk