

March 19, 2012

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 19, 2012. Mayor Carolyn Peters, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang and Wise were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Crang that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2012 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 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, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Harold Weinberg thanked Commissioner Wise and his employees for the quality of the water and that the need to increase the water rate is justified.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Written motion was made by Mayor Peters and seconded by Commissioner Wise to reappoint Brandon Robinson to the Fire Pension Board. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Mayor Peters stated she received a notice from IEPA and provided copies.

The Mayor wanted to remind residents that the US Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington will sponsor a Clinton Night on March 24, 2012 at 7:05 p.m. for the Bloomington Edge Football. Information can be obtained at City Hall or Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

She also reported that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the parking on the Square. Property owners received a letter regarding this meeting.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Crang reported she had a request for the Council to purchase an electric eel for the Sewer Dept.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the purchase of an Electric Eel for the Sewer Dept. in the amount of \$2,150.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Commissioner Crang also reported that the city wide clean-up will not be April 28th as previously announced because Area Disposal had a conflict with that date. She is waiting for confirmation with Area Disposal for a new date.

She also wanted to remind the citizens that the Yard Waste Site is open on 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.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise wanted to thank the citizens for understanding the reason for the water rate increase.

He also reported that the crew working on the water main project was in front of Lincoln School and he appreciated the citizens cooperating with the Water Dept. employees as they directed traffic.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Milton reported he took a tour through the cemetery and everything is running smoothly.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reported that the eleventh month report on sales tax receipts is the highest so far as well as the YTD. He encouraged citizens to shop in Clinton.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve Resolution 2012-2, Resolution Authorizing Sale of Surplus Real Estate which is at 523 E. Julia St. 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 Edmunds to approve the grinding of brush at the Yard Waste Site and hauling away the mulch by Ennis Excavating in the amount of \$13,500.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

NEW BUSINESS

- On File – Vacation of alley on the east side of 302 & 308 Portland Place - Mike Bray has requested this and Commissioner Crang is okay with this vacation.
- On File – Minor Subdivision – Mariah Park/Randy Martin – this will divide the lot where Dairy Queen and Shell are located. The Planning Commission has given their recommendation to the Council.
- On File – Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contract – Fire Dept. – Tim Followell reported that there will be a 1% increase retro back to May 1, 2011 and a 2% increase on May 1, 2012 and the addition of a 19th year step increase.
- On File – MFT Summer Maintenance 2012 - \$117,000 – Commissioner Crang reported this is the regular summer maintenance of various approved streets.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to recess the regular meeting until Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

RECONVENED MEETING

Minutes of the reconvened meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Mayor Carolyn Peters, presiding. On roll call vote Commissioners Edmunds, Milton, Crang and Wise were present.

This reconvened meeting was to discuss the parking issues on the Square. Several business owners were in attendance and spoke regarding the issue. Steve Myers, City Attorney, was instructed to draft an ordinance leaving in place the enforcement of the handicapped spaces, the fifteen minute spaces on the northwest quadrant and the southeast quadrant and changing the time of enforcement for the prohibition of early morning parking from 1:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m. He was also instructed to include language to allow no time limit for non-metered spaces in the downtown area as well as metered spaces. The ordinance will be voted on at the next Council meeting on April 2, 2012.

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