

June 4, 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, June 4, 2012. Mayor Carolyn Peters, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Crang, Wise, Milton and Edmunds were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2012 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Milton, Edmunds, Crang 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 Milton, Edmunds, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Peters read the War of 1812 Remembrance Day Proclamation.

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

David Dallas addressed the Council regarding the Basic Life Support upgrade.

Jeff Bowling addressed the Council regarding nominating Terry Milton to the Wall of Honor at the Clinton High School. The Mayor informed him that this matter needed to be taken to the School Board.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Peters updated the Council regarding the sprinkler system at the Hospital, the fact that the Hospital has heard from two Strategic Planning companies, there are three openings on the Hospital Board and she is in the process of asking people to serve and will bring those forth at the next couple of meetings, the new ambulance has been delivered and the approved pre-application for the \$1.5 million loan is down to \$1.215 million because estimates have come in lower than originally thought. Mr. Sheehy reminded the Council that the loan funds will be used to fix the emergency power, pave the parking lot at the PT Building and replace the flooring in the Rural Health Center.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Crang reported that the Street Dept. has been busy trimming trees. She stated that on N. Center St., E. Washington St. and N. Madison St. the concrete work has begun and she wanted to thank the businesses for their patience.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported that a few months ago every citizen received a letter about the changes in the Water Dept. with the water bills. The department shut off thirty-two people today. He restated that the rules need to be followed and asked the Council to back him in this decision, if they received calls.

He also reported he met with the Fire Dept. He stated if there are issues between departments they need to meet and work things out.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Chief Milton addressed the Council regarding the refrigerator that went out at the Fire Dept. and was placed on file and would ask for it to be acted on tonight if possible. He also stated he would like for the Council to move forward with the Basic Life Support upgrade for the Fire Engines.

Commissioner Milton asked Steve Lobb about picking up the flowers at the Cemetery. The guideline is seven days after Memorial Day, so Mr. Lobb stated they will need to be picked up by tomorrow so the staff can start mowing.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reported that based on the last actions of the General Assembly we have met some challenges to the local government distributing fund. The bill failed so that portion of the money is safe. The Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax was reduced last fiscal year. That will happen again but to a lesser extent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The approval to upgrade two (2) Fire Engines to Basic Life Support for the Fire Dept. was tabled until the Council hears from Nick Cetwinski, Labor Union Attorney for the City.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve Ordinance #1270, Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Real Estate at 523 E. Julia St. to Abe Helfand. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise, Milton and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Crang to approve the contract with Farnsworth Group for work relating to the creation of a new TIF District and the modification of an existing TIF District. On roll call vote, Commissioners Crang, Wise, Milton, Edmunds and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve Ordinance #1271, An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Personal Property Owned by the City of Clinton, Illinois – three ambulances at the Hospital. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Edmunds, Crang and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”. Commissioner Milton voted “No”.

Written motion was made by Mayor Peters and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the Agreement between the City and Habitat for Humanity of DeWitt County for the removal of the house at 409 W. White St. On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the purchase of a Leaf Vac from Old Dominion Brush Company for the Street Dept. in the amount of \$31,000.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise, Milton and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the purchase of a Mobile Police Radio for the Police Dept. – not to exceed \$1,000.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Crang, Wise, Milton, Edmunds and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve Ordinance #1272, An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Clinton, Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Milton, Edmunds, Crang and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve Ordinance #1257, An Ordinance Vacating an Alley on the east side of 302 and 308 Portland Place, which is owned by Mike Bray. On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the purchase of a refrigerator for the Fire Dept. from McEntire’s Direct Maytag in the amount of \$579.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise, Milton and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Ordinance for Prevailing Wage Act – This is an annual Ordinance that needs to be passed each year.

- On File – Donation for Fire Works Display - \$3,000.00
- On File - Draft Owner’s Certificate and Restrictive Covenants for Douglas 2nd Subdivision – This will help the City move forward if there is anyone interested in buying a lot. The water basin maintenance will be shared by the lot owner’s as they are purchased, there is a restriction that construction has to begin within one year of the closing date or the lot reverts back to the City and a tax paying entity must own the lot.
- On File – Liquor Regulations Amendments – Changes to the Caterer’s License and the Club License.
- On File - Raffle Amendments – The reporting of the winnings has not been done in the Past so will be enforced and the sale of the ticket was raised to \$150.00, the licenses can be issued yearly or by the event by a non-profit group and they will have to go before the Council for approval.
- On File – Fire Hydrant/Water Dept. - \$2,188.00 – Commissioner Wise told the Council that this is a replacement.
- On File – Contract to store Smoke House/Fire Dept. – The Fire Dept. will store the smoke house at Central IL Assoc.
- On File – Regulatory Upgrade to Elevator - \$1,577.00 – This will make the City in Compliance as the result of an inspection.
- On File – Facade Grant for Kevin Hammer/219 E. Main St. - \$8,000.00 (City’s portion)

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to hold a closed session for the purpose of Approval of Closed Session Minutes and Imminent Litigation. On roll call vote, Commissioners Crang, Wise, Milton, Edmunds and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”.

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