

July 16, 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, July 16, 2012. Mayor Carolyn Peters, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, Crang and Wise were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 2, 2012 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise, Milton 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 Crang, Wise, Milton, Edmunds and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Peters stated she received two notices from IEPA and provided copies.

Kelly Riggs stated at the last Council meeting that Commissioner Wise asked citizens to conserve water and Mr. Riggs was asked by citizens why he was still able to run the carwash. Mr. Riggs wanted to know why the football fields, baseball fields and the Roque Park are being watered. His concern was that if we were going to run short of water and if the carwash had to be shut down, does the City pay for loss of business. Commissioner Wise responded that he just requested that while it was so dry it would be good for the citizens to conserve water. Commissioner Wise was told that it takes less water to wash a car at the carwash than doing it at home. The schools are watering to keep the grass soft so the football players won't be hitting the hard ground. Commissioner Wise stated that because of water plant improvements there is no problem in keeping up with water demands.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to reappoint Mike Mannix to the Zoning Board of Appeals – said term to expire July 30, 2014. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Milton, Edmunds, Crang and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Crang to reappoint Phil Vinson to the Zoning Board of Appeals – said term to expire July 30, 2017. On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

The Mayor received information from EMA and reported there are two cooling centers open, the DeWitt County Friendship Center and the Warner Library.

She also stated that the loan the Hospital applied for from the Dept. of Agriculture would not allow the previous loan amounts to be refinanced because the hospital was not delinquent in their payments, so they will just be getting a loan for the upgrades at the Hospital. A Public Hearing is scheduled at 6:45 p.m. on August 6, 2012, in the City Council Chambers for consideration of that loan.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Crang reported that the second phase of the street maintenance will be starting soon and the final phase should be in August and September. She also stated that Washington St. and Madison St. will be closed for another couple of weeks for the demolition of the buildings. She stated brush pick-up is going on this week.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported that the new building is completed for the new well and the well should be up and running shortly.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Chief Milton reported that there is a burn ban for the City of Clinton. He also stated that the DeWitt County Ambulance Committee will be accepting bids for the ambulance service and the Fire Dept. would like to put in a bid and would like to proceed with putting numbers together for a proposal. Mayor Peters told him he needed to put the request on the agenda for Council discussion to see whether the City would want to take on the ambulance service.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reported that there was a slight drop in the sales tax from last year but overall it is still over what they were a year ago.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Crang to approve the purchase of a Centrifugal Fan from Phoenix Air Control, Inc. in the amount of \$4,287.00 for the Water Dept. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise, Milton and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

NEW BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve a Raffle License for the National Wild Turkey Federation, which will be held Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the Clinton Elks. On roll call vote, Commissioners Crang, Wise, Milton, Edmunds and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

On File – Purchase of a Motorola Portable EX560 Radio from Barbeck/Police Dept. – \$762.00 – Chief Reidy stated this is a replacement radio for one of the officers.

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