

August 6, 2012

Minutes of the Public Hearing/Special Meeting of the City Council, City of Clinton at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Monday, August 6, 2012. Mayor Carolyn Peters, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Wise, Milton, Edmunds and Crang were present.

Mayor Peters introduced Earl Sheehy, CEO of the Dr. John Warner Hospital. Mr. Sheehy addressed the Council concerning the USDA Loan Revenue Bonds/Request For Obligation of Funds in the amount of \$750,000.00. He stated the existing USDA Bonds are not an obligation of the City of Clinton, but the existing debt certificates are an obligation of the City of Clinton and the Dr. John Warner Hospital and they do apply against the City's debt ceiling. He also stated all of the existing debt will be paid off by the end of 2018. The estimated payments for the new loan will be \$52,770.81 a year payable on October 1, 2014 for 20 years. The Hospital expects to receive from the disposal of the ambulance service \$240,528.00. The Hospital also will continue to cut its operating expenses by not replacing people when they retire or leave employment if at all possible.

Mr. Sheehy addressed additional questions posed by the Council.

Motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adjourn the Public Hearing/Special Meeting. On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey  
City Clerk

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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, August 6, 2012. Mayor Carolyn Peters, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 2012 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Crang, Wise, Milton, Edmunds 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 Wise, Milton, Edmunds, Crang and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Robert Kreitler addressed the Council regarding the change in the water rates and fees. He missed a payment due date and was told he owed an additional \$50.00. He received a letter citing the Ordinance and Section and in his research couldn't find the section that was cited in the letter that stated he owed the \$50.00. He also asked for a print-out of his bills and the \$50.00 charge never showed up. The Mayor told him that it would be looked in to and Commissioner Wise would get back with him.

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

Christopher Hoosier – staff representative with AFSME Council 31 – Dr. John Warner Hospital read a statement in support of the Clinton Fire Dept. submitting a proposal for taking over the ambulance service.

Lisa Bruner – President AFSME Local 3329 – Dr. John Warner Hospital read a statement in support of the Clinton Fire Dept. submitting a proposal for taking over the ambulance service.

Pastor John Robertson representing the local churches read a statement requesting the Council to keep the ban on gambling in place.

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

Mayor Peters asked for opinions concerning the Video Gaming Act and after Council discussion the consensus was to look at an Ordinance at the next Council meeting and have a final vote to either keep the ban in place or to lift it.

Chief Milton addressed the Council and made a clarification that he is not asking to take over the ambulance service unless they have permission to put in a proposal to DeWitt County and are awarded that proposal. Mayor Peters stated that according to the information given to her the proposal is not the way the idea was to be handled. Since the Hospital, which is part of the City will be giving up the ambulance service as of December 31, 2012 the Council needed to decide if the City wants to keep the ambulance service and have the Fire Dept. run it. The City would enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with DeWitt County. The Council needed to make the decision to keep the ambulance service and let the Fire Dept. run it or as of December 31, 2012 give up the ambulance service. After much discussion, the consensus of the Council was to look at the Fire Department's proposal, as well as have the attorney review it and then met again on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. to make a decision on whether the proposal would be approved to submit to the County Ambulance Committee.

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

Commissioner Crang reported that the Street Dept. will be painting center lines and crosswalks before school starts.

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

Commissioner Wise reported that there was progress on the generator and the new well will be up and running very soon. He also stated that the EPA called to let the Water Dept. know that they will start pumping the wells south of Maroa and they will be monitoring our wells. Commissioner Wise received a phone call from a concerned citizen regarding the watering at the Douglas 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision which is part of the TIF District. He stated since there are no water restrictions, the grass area will continue to be watered to keep the subdivision looking good for prospective investors.

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

Commissioner Milton had no report.

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

Commissioner Edmunds had no report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the purchase of a Motorola Portable EX560 Radio from Barbeck Communications in the amount of \$762.00 for the Police Dept. On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Mayor Peters to approve the USDA Loan/Request for Obligation of Funds for the Dr. John Warner Hospital in the amount of \$750,000.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise, Milton and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve a Raffle License for the DeWitt County Republican Central Committee, which will be held Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the American Legion. 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 a yearly Raffle License for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Lone Elm Aerie #593 to sell raffle tickets throughout the year. 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 Edmunds to adopt Resolution 2012-9 for the milling and resurfacing of the pavement, removal and replacement of curb and gutter and other necessary items on W. White St. from Elm St. to Grant St. in the amount of \$300,000.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, Crang, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

On File - Road Repair on N. Madison St. (between E. Washington St. & RR tracks)/Dunn Company - \$23,275.00 – This road repair is a result of the Ameren Project.

On File – Actuarial Services for the GASB 45 – This concerns the Post Retirement Health Care Plan – not to exceed \$2,500.00

On File - Facade Agreement/Rob Volker & Kent Volker - \$66,752.50 (City's portion) – They will be doing extensive work to the north and west side of the property

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton to hold a closed session for the purpose of Approval of Closed Session Minutes, Collective Bargaining and Acquisition of Real Estate. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise, Milton and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Crang to recess the regular meeting until Monday, August 13, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, 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, Monday, August 13, 2012. Mayor Carolyn

Peters, presiding. On roll call vote Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise and Milton were present.

This reconvened meeting was to consider the proposal that the Fire Dept. wanted to present to the County Ambulance Committee to be able to provide the ambulance service. Mayor Peters reported that she received a call from Chief Milton and the Fire Dept. withdrew their proposal.

### **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,

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