

December 2, 2013

Minutes of the Public Hearing for the Annual Levy of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Monday December 2, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. On roll call Commissioners Wise, Milton, Edmunds 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 overall the EAV estimated increase is 1.09% to 62.7 million in the City. The tax levy is proposed to be increased by 3.33% increase and the actual rate being a 1.37% increase. Total tax levy requested is 1.58 million. A few years ago at our Auditor's proposal the City separated out Social Security, IMRF, Liability and Audits into different funds to be tracked easier. The Police Pension Fund has maintained a funded level of 100% and the Fire Pension Fund is gaining gradually and is currently 94% funded.

Mayor Peters asked for any comments by the Council or by those attending the hearing. Hearing none, motion was offered by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton 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 2, 2013. Mayor Carolyn Peters, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds 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 18, 2013 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, 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 Wise, Milton, Edmunds and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

Mayor Peters stated she received a notice from IEPA and provided copies. She also stated that the Christmas Parade went very well and the demolition of the Maverick Bldg. is in process.

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

Steve Lobb, Public Works Director, reported that the City workers are on their last cycle of picking up leaves and will not keep cycling after Friday. They will continue to pick up as needed as long as the weather cooperates.

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

Commissioner Wise stated that the Christmas Parade went very well.

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

Commissioner Milton stated that the Christmas Parade went very well.

Chief Reidy reported that they will be doing Shop With a Cop again this year on December 10<sup>th</sup> with 15 kids at Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart provided a \$2,000.00 grant.

Chief Milton also reported they will be doing their shopping with the kids on December 22<sup>nd</sup> with a Wal-Mart \$2,000.00 grant.

Commissioner Milton invited the public to an Open House in honor of Chief Reidy's retirement on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Copper & Brass Room.

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

Commissioner Edmunds reported that the City received \$125,000.00 which was a grant for the aerial ladder truck and it was applied to the loan the City had at 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank for the truck.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve Ordinance #1323 (Black property), Ordinance #1324 (Clark property), Ordinance #1325 (Ryan property), Ordinance #1326 (Scherer property), An Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory in the City of Clinton, Illinois. On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Mayor Peters to approve Ordinance #1327 (\$1,500,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 2002), Ordinance #1328 (\$700,000 General Obligation), Ordinance #1329 (\$650,000 General Obligation), An Ordinance Abating the Tax. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Mayor Peters and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve Ordinance #1330, An Ordinance Increasing Tax Rate for Street & Bridge Purposes and Ordinance #1331 An Ordinance Levying Tax for Street Lighting Purposes. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Milton, Edmunds and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve Ordinance #1332, Annual Levy Ordinance. On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, Wise and Mayor Peters voted "Yes".

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – Extension of Lime Lagoon Contract – Commissioner Wise recommended extending the contract at the current price for another 2 years because it was agreeable to the contractor.

On File – Employee Personnel Policy Handbook – Had not been updated for several years so with the addition of the Retirement Health Savings Plan additions to the handbook needed to be made.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey  
City Clerk