

December 16, 2013

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 16, 2013. Mayor Carolyn Peters, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise and Milton were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton that the minutes of the public hearing and the regular meeting of December 2, 2013 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Milton, Edmunds and Mayor Peters voted "Yes". Commissioner Crang abstained.

The bills and payroll were read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Crang 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**

The City Clerk swore in the new Police Chief, Ben Lowers.

Steve Myers from Farnsworth Group addressed the Council regarding Phil Matone's retirement and that he will be taking his place regarding any business with the City.

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

Mayor Peters wished Chief Reidy the best in his retirement and wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas season.

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

Commissioner Crang introduced Greg Myroth from AMEC. He shared the good news from EPA that the City has been given principal loan forgiveness in the amount of \$764,148.00 on the sewer project. He also talked about the road conditions at the sewer project locations and will address those issues with the contractor. Commissioner Crang told the public to stay focused on the finished project and encouraged citizens to be patient.

Steve Lobb also addressed main collapses on E. Woodlawn at the viaduct and on Webster St. under the Railroad tracks that were able to be repaired by the current contractor for the sewer project. He also wished Chief Reidy the best in his retirement.

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

Commissioner Wise reported the department had a water main break at Woodlawn St. and Elizabeth St. and asked citizens to be patient with all the construction. He thanked all the departments for their help when unexpected issues arise.

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

Commissioner Milton thanked all the departments for all the work they do. He announced there will be a retirement party for Chief Reidy on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Copper & Brass Room from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and the public is invited. He also reported that the Uptown Laundry Mat building will be torn down within the next week or two.

Chief Milton congratulated Ben Lowers on becoming the new Police Chief and wished Chief Reidy the best of luck for his retirement.

Ben Lowers wished the Chief the best in his retirement and also recognized JoAnn Reidy for all her support. He thanked them for all their service to the community and the department.

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

Commissioner Edmunds reported Sales Tax is up over last year by \$47,000.00. He wished Chief Reidy the best in his retirement and shared all the different programs Chief Reidy had been involved in or started.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Milton to approve the Contract between the City of Clinton and Chris Riddle for the removal of Sludge Lime from the Clinton Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$104,880.00 for two years (\$52,440.00 each year). On roll call vote, Commissioners Milton, Edmunds, Wise and Mayor Peters voted “Yes”. Commissioner Crang abstained.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

On File – Employee Personnel Policy Handbook

On File – Sewer Project Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$105,512.31 and Authorization for the Mayor to sign

Written motion was made by Commissioner Crang and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve a Raffle License for ADK Teachers Sorority with their event to be held Monday, January 6, 2014 at the Clinton Methodist Church. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Crang, Wise, Milton 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 Edmunds to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was taken. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey  
City Clerk