

May 3, 2022

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall and electronically, Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Roger Cyrulik, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds, and Buchanan were present.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Ballenger that the minutes of the Budget Hearing and minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2022 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes".

The bills and payroll were read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise 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 Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes".

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Seth Redington addressed the Council that he has been coming for the past 7 months with questions and can't get any answers. He stated that everyone on the Council was an elected official, and they have a responsibility to oversee the City and the actions of its employees. He asked the same questions about Commissioner Ballenger putting gas in his personal vehicle, time turned in for Apple-n-Pork and the Haunted House and did he go through proper procedures to be put back on the Fire Dept. Commissioner Wise and Commissioner Edmunds commented on some of the questions that they had knowledge of.

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

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Wise to reappoint Steve Myers, City Attorney for a period of one year. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds, and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Ballenger to reappoint Cheryl Van Valey, City Clerk for a period of one year. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes".

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to reappoint Clint Lichtenwalter, City Treasurer for a period of one year. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to reappoint Tom Edmunds, Budget Officer for a period of one year. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Mayor Cyrulik to reappoint Steve Lobb, Public Works Director for a period of one year. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Mayor Cyrulik reported he and Commissioner Buchanan attended the Arbor Day Festivities along with the Turner family, which was held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the school due to the weather. He also stated that the asbestos has been done on 2 houses that the City will be taking bids to demolish but one of the houses has a lot of junk around the outside of the house that needs moved so he can finish the testing and Council needs to decide if City staff can handle that or should it be put in the demolition bid for them to do. The Commissioners stated they would take a look at the house and make a decision.

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

Commissioner Buchanan reported the City-wide Clean-up has been scheduled for May and June. A voucher (1 per household) can be picked up at City Hall if you live in the City Limits and show a valid driver’s license for proof of residence. During the City-wide Clean-up, the Landfill hours are Monday – Friday 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and one Saturday: June 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. He also stated there will be an Electronics Recycle on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in the City parking lot east of Sorrento’s Pizza from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and you can go on the City’s website for all the details.

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

Commissioner Wise reported there has been issues with the Plant and working on the Lime Silo and a plumber is working on some piping and valves since it is 20 years old. He also stated the department has been doing normal work. The new employee has decided to leave so they will need to hire someone for the Water Dept.

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

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to reappoint Stephen Page, Fire Chief for a period of one year. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to reappoint Danny Ballenger, Jr., Assistant Fire Chief for a period of one year. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.” Commissioner Ballenger abstained.

Commissioner Ballenger reported the new playground equipment is in at Downey Park but there needs to be more rubber mulch added, some gravel parking spots will be added, and the Girl Scouts will start on their bench and a Library House for books and then there will be a grand opening to open Downey Park up.

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

Commissioner Edmunds had no report but commented the playground equipment at Downey Park is very impressive.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the Letter of Understanding between the Police Benevolent Labor Committee and the City of Clinton, State of Illinois. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes”.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the Purchase of (5) Additional Bags of Rubber Mulch for Downey Park in the amount of \$3,250.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

On File – Annual Audit FY22/Floyd & Associates, CPAs - \$33,500.00 – Financial Audit and \$4,300.00 – Single Audit

On File – Annual Audit TIF Funds FY22/Floyd & Associates, CPAs - \$2,500.00

On File – Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Agreement - \$15,000.00

On File – Lease of Municipal Owned Real Property – Farmland to Brandon Houser

On File – Design Engineering Agreement for S. Madison St. and a Section of E.

Washington St. – Cummins Engineering Corporation - \$78,088.04

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to hold a closed session for Approval of Closed Session Minutes and Employment of Employee. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to adjourn the meeting. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey  
City Clerk