

May 16, 2023

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 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Roger Cyrulik, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, and Wise were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Seth Redington addressed the Council stating after the last Council meeting, I was asked why I ask so many questions and not stick to one thing. I asked about three years ago about the Fire Training Facility being built next to the property that we own. I couldn't get an answer and just sat back and watched. Over the past year I have been here and talked and all I have heard from this Council is lies. Paperwork doesn't lie. You are an embarrassment to this community. Just the hassles you have to go through to get anything done. It is sad. I am prepared to come to every meeting the next four years. I will bring every document and go over everything again and that is my plan. Something is going to change. He asked the City Attorney why we were not notified when the Fire Training Facility was being built? The City Attorney replied if the Council wants me to check into it I will. Commissioner Ballenger stated when your father-in-law was the Commissioner why wasn't it questioned then? It was not a problem when your father-in-law was in charge but now that I am in charge it became a problem. You have been given all the information that you FOIA'd but you still are not satisfied. Mr. Redington stated the Fire Training Facility is over forty feet tall and it is against the code, and you can't burn in Clinton. Commissioner Ballenger stated it has been presented to the Council and the State Fire Marshal and it doesn't suit you and you don't like it. Mr. Redington asked what about you putting gas in your personal truck? I won't go away.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2023 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes."

The bills and payroll were read.

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

PETITIONS

None

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Cyrulik had no report.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Buchanan reported the City is getting ready for May Days and there will be some street closures. The north half of the Square will be closed on Thursday evening and then Friday starting at 3:00 p.m. until Sunday the 100 Blocks of N. Center and E. Washington and the City parking lots. The City-wide Clean-up has been scheduled for June and July. 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: July 8th 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The department is picking up brush this week.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported the Street and Water Depts. got the concrete removed and some trees on N. Quincy St. where the house was torn down and will be bringing in some dirt and he thanked them for their work. The neighbors were happy. He stated there was an article in the Decatur Herald about Air BnB's and they charge a tax and permitting fees. People have them here in town so we as a Council need to decide if we are going to allow them or not. He also stated the screen in the Well was plugged up with mineral build-up and we received two bids and Layne Western was the low bid (\$23,000) and they had a cancellation and they are in town so they will be working on that tomorrow and lastly with all these Fiber Optic companies coming in and more waiting to come in the staff has worked on a utility permit that they will need to fill out and it will have a \$50,000 Bond put on it.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Ballenger reported that he got a call from Brandon Robinson that he found three leaf springs broken and took it to Heritage and they found the springs on the other side were broken also. He also stated the Fiber Optic company has hit several gas lines so we need some kind of control so the utility permit should help with that.

Police Chief Ben Lowers reported that with May Days going on there will be street closures and will have extra staff on duty and he wanted to invite everyone to the Retirement Open House for Mike Bennett on May 31st at the High School from 4:00 – 6:00.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reported the Auditors are working at City Hall. He also stated the Sales Tax was \$9,000 more than this time last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve Resolution 2023-6, Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contract Between the City of Clinton and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee, Inc. On roll call vote, Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes."

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Fire Contract

On File - Land Purchase Agreement (8.24 acres) – Valley View Properties, LLC –
\$288,400.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey
City Clerk