

October 17, 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, October 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of the Council Thomas Edmunds, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, and Buchanan were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2023 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Buchanan, Wise, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted “Yes.”

The bills and payroll were read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan 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, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted “Yes.”

PETITIONS

None

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Vice President of the Council Edmunds reported Trick or Treat hours for the City of Clinton will be October 31st from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Trick or Treat Around Mr. Lincoln’s Square will be October 31st from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

City Administrator, Taylor Baxter gave a brief update to the Council regarding the Park Lane West Subdivision.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Buchanan reported that Madison St. is going well, and they will start resurfacing next week and they will also do part of W. Washington St. He stated there will be a Public Hearing on November 21st for the partial closing of the street in the 100 Block E. Jemima St.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported that Greg Myroth, Engineer from Mead & Hunt has been working on the Bid that is going out for the work at the Water Plant using COVID funds. He stated we have talked about the Air B n B's and he talked to Dana Korneman, Chairman of the Planning Commission and at their next meeting on November 14th at 7:00 p.m. citizens can come to the meeting and voice their opinions for or against Air B n B's and then they can report back to the Council. There are Ordinances out there that we can look at to make an Ordinance for the City if we decide to allow them. He also stated the City Website needs to be updated and Taylor and I have two companies that want to come and give a presentation.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Ballenger reported that a week ago we had another evacuation with the fiber optic company hitting a gas line and working after permitted hours and not following safety rules. We have shut down three crews. We had a meeting with all the companies and made it very clear this is not going to happen again. We have had two major hits, and we are billing these companies for the expenses.

Steve Lobb, Public Works Director stated he attended a J.U.L.I.E. conference and every town is being hit by all these companies. Our permit process has helped. Metro has not reached back from Corporate. Any more infractions their permit will be pulled.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to approve the Purchase of seven (7) Motorola Mobile Radios and fourteen (14) Portable Radio Upgrades for the Police Dept. from Motorola/Clear Talk Communications – amount not to exceed \$43,261.77. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Buchanan, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Ballenger to approve the Purchase of a new Postage Machine for City Hall from Midwest Mailing & Shipping Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$3,821.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Buchanan, Wise, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve a Supplemental Resolution 2023-12, Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code 2023 MFT Summer Maintenance in the amount of \$9,000.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File- Demolition Bids for 216 E. Adams St. – Ezell Excavating and Trucking – \$346,000.00, Walkers Home Service - \$167,000.00, Necessary Excavating – \$294,000.00

Vice President of the Council Edmunds placed On File – 2024 IML Risk Management Association Annual Contribution - \$256,188.57

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey
City Clerk