

November 21, 2023

Minutes of the Public Hearing for the Vacating of Jemima Lane of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall and electronically, Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. Vice President of the Council Thomas Edmunds, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, and Ballenger were present.

Vice President of the Council Edmunds opened the Public Hearing and turned the hearing over to John Hoblit, City Attorney. He stated the purpose of this hearing is for the public to make comments. The adjacent property owners will each receive half of the property and the utility easements will remain. This public hearing came upon as a request.

Tom Redington addressed the Council stating his in-laws owned this property years ago and this has always been a street and if you vacate the property, you will landlock the properties, so I am objecting to the vacation of Jemima Lane.

Seth Redington addressed the Council stating the City wanted this Public Hearing so we are here. We can go back through the minutes over three years I have come to the City to establish back into a street. I have taken care of this property for years. During this process I have been told I can't park in front of my houses and if I park there, I will be towed. If you are not going to do anything I will have to change the properties to run north and south which will face an alley. What address will I have? Are you going to pave and name the alley? We have the City apparently will take care of the streets for everybody else but if it is in my name, you won't give me access, so the option is to close it and give it to me. Now I will have to pay taxes on it. Are you going to waive the taxes? I am a taxpayer and there should be a road in front of my houses.

John Hoblit, City Attorney stated this Public Hearing is a request that you asked to have. I am sorry we are wasting everyone's time. Seth Redington stated it is not a waste of time. Is the City going to maintain that street?

Commissioner Wise stated he was never under the assumption that that was an actual street and Seth Redington proceeded to show him a map, which he obtained from City Hall where it shows it as a street.

Martha Latham addressed the Council stating she has lived in her house since 1969 and the street in front of her house is Jemima St. and the street behind her was Jemima St. so in the 80's it was still a street. Then it was changed to Jemima Lane, so it was always a street.

Seth Redington stated with the comments that have been said it clearly has been a road. If the City is going to vacate it, then I have to figure out something else for my houses.

John Hoblit stated we are only here to vacate Jemima Lane per the request of Seth Redington and now he doesn't want that so the Council can proceed as they so desire.

Vice President of the Council Edmunds asked for any comments by the Council or by those attending the hearing. Hearing none, motion was offered by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adjourn the hearing. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Buchanan, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted "Yes."

November 21, 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, November 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of the Council Thomas Edmunds, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Ballenger, Buchanan, and Wise were present.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

Written motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Ballenger that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 7, 2023 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, and Ballenger voted “Yes” and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted “Present.”

The bills and payroll were read.

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

## **PETITIONS**

None

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

Vice President of the Council Edmunds had no report.

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

Commissioner Buchanan reported that the leaf pick-up is going very well and will continue for two or three more weeks. The brush will get picked up when the department gets done putting up the Christmas decorations. The Festival of Trees are being decorated and the Lighting of the Christmas Trees will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. He also stated people are burning leaves and we have a no burn Ordinance.

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

Commissioner Wise reported Greg Myroth and Eric Carlson from Mead & Hunt are here, and they updated the Council with the improvements to the Water Plant.

The Council heard Website Presentations from Ally Cantrell from Apptegy and Sal Urbano and Matt Milson from GovStack.

Commissioner Wise reported that he and Taylor Baxter, City Administrator attended the Planning Commission meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the Air BnB’s, VRBO’s and Short-Term

Rentals. They had a couple attend that live out of state, but they own a house here in Clinton and they learned a lot and had a good discussion. He also read a letter from the Sanitary District, and they are doing a project that is going to increase the minimum water bill which will be on the December water bill.

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

Commissioner Ballenger reported they had a huge fire south of Clinton and we need to pray for the gentleman who was badly burned, and he needs our prayers.

#### **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 Donation for the Clinton Festival of Trees on the Square in the amount of \$2,000.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Buchanan, Wise, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the Purchase and Installation of a Server Rack for City Hall from JANO Technologies in the amount of \$3,170.78. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted "Yes."

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to approve to Proceed with Bidding for the PLC (Computer) to go out for Bid at the Water Plant. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Buchanan, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted "Yes."

On File – Annual Levy – Levy Hearing will be December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.

On File – Bids for Lime and CO2 Systems Improvements/Water Plant – Henson

Robinson Company - \$ 554,644.00 and GA Rich & Sons, Inc. - \$568,900.00

#### **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 Ballenger, Buchanan, Wise, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted "Yes."

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey  
City Clerk