

December 5, 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, December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of the Council Thomas Edmunds, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, and Ballenger were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Seth Redington addressed the Council and stated he was at the last Council meeting and there was a Public Hearing before that, and the meeting was only fifteen minutes and there were several people who wanted to talk, and they were cut short. It was to vacate Jemima Lane, and nothing has been done in the past two weeks. He wanted to know if he could park in front of his properties without being towed. When is something going to be done?

Commissioner Buchanan stated that nothing will be done until Spring if something gets done.

Mr. Redington stated I am a taxpayer, and I should be able to have access to my properties. It has been three years that I have been asking for this to be a street and if I turn the lots east and west it will face the alley. It will have to be named and will it be white rocked? He stated another issue with the Street Dept. is there was a widow who posted on Facebook she had a pile of brush that was apparently too big for the City to pick up, so she was seeking help to get it picked up and taken to the Yard Waste. Mr. Redington stated the amount of brush fit in a pick-up truck. I helped pick that up tonight because that is the right thing to do. It is sad the City wouldn't help her out.

Commissioner Buchanan stated you keep changing your mind about what you wanted done with Jemima Lane. Mr. Redington stated I need access to my property and the City won't do anything.

Commissioner Edmunds stated the Public Hearing went over the time to start the Council meeting and I asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak, and no one spoke up so the Public Hearing was adjourned. We will take everything under advisement.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2023 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Buchanan, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted "Yes."

The bills and payroll were read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan 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 Ballenger, Buchanan, Wise, 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 this will be the last week for the Leaf Vac to pick up leaves so they will need to be in the brown paper lawn bags and the City will pick those up any time and this will be the last week for brush pick-up until March unless there is a storm. He wanted to thank the departments for their hard work in putting up the Christmas decorations and he also thanked Nate Ennis and Melissa Morris for promoting the Festival of Trees and the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported the crews did a wonderful job on the Christmas decorations and the Festival of Trees had a great turnout and the Christmas Parade was well put together.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Ballenger had no report.

Fire Chief Page reported the department received a couple of Grants from IEMA for \$24,855 for radios and reimbursement of office supplies and IDNR for turnout gear.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Ballenger to approve the Bid for the Lime and CO2 Systems Improvements at the Water Plant from Henson Robinson Company in the amount of \$554,644.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted “Yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Annual Levy

The City Attorney placed On File – An Ordinance Regarding the Paid Leave for All Workers Act

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, Buchanan, and Vice President of the Council Edmunds voted “Yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey
City Clerk