

May 6, 2025

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 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Tom Edmunds made a timely request to join electronically. A motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger, and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to allow Commissioner Edmunds to join electronically. On roll call vote Commissioners Buchanan, Wise and Ballenger voted "Yes."

City Clerk, Kamren Wilford swore in Mayor Elect, Helen Michelassi.

Mayor Helen Michelassi, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds and Buchanan were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robert Kreitler came before the council asking if there were any updates on the ordinances on file. Hoblit stated drafts have been submitted, asking for them to be placed on file next Tuesday. Kreitler stated he FOIA requested the police bargaining unit contract. He doesn't understand how they can violate city ordinances, specifically the residency requirements, he doesn't understand how the contract is above the ordinances. Kreitler says an easy fix would be to fix the ordinance. Kreitler thanked council.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the budget hearing and regular meeting minutes of April 15, 2025 be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise and Mayor Michelassi voted "Yes."

The bills and payroll were read.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger 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 Michelassi voted "Yes."

PETITIONS

None

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Michelassi read a proclamation proclaiming May 2025, Older Americans Month.

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

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

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

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

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

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Buchanan would like to remind the community of the brush ordinance. Brush pick up is the third Monday of the month. Leaves need to be in paper bags, the leaves are clogging drains.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise updated about the lime silo project. The equipment is set, the electrical wiring was being completed today. Normal operations should resume soon; mains will be flushed once everything is running.

Wise also recognized Municipal Clerk’s week and thanked Kamren and the staff for all of their work.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Ballenger asked Tony Harris, City Administrator about the Kiwanis Park installation, the install date is the end of August.

Commissioner Ballenger said they have been pushing to clean up residences, grass included and asks to keep yards cleaned up.

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 Michelassi voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to reappoint Dan Ballenger Jr. to Assistant Fire Chief. On roll call vote, Commissioner Ballenger abstained. Commissioner Ballenger abstained. Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise to appoint Tony Harris, Public Health Officer for a period of one year. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to reappoint Kamren Wilford, Sexton of the Cemetery for a period of one year. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes.”

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds wishes Mayor Michelassi for the remainder of the term success and good health. Mayor Michelassi thanked Edmunds.

OLD BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve K9 unit, equipment and training for the Police Department not to exceed \$5,000.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve CAT575-0496 thumb, hydraulic, 5-6T for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$3,728.00. On roll call voted Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Ballenger to approve to approve the water tower cleaning proposal with Viking Industrial Painting in the amount of \$8,850.00. On roll call voted Commissioners Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes”.

Motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve Resolution 2025-4, a resolution accepting offers to purchase lots 11,12 and 13 in Park Lane West Subdivision. On roll call vote Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger and Mayor Michelassi voted "Yes".

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Fireworks Contract - Pyrtecnico

On File – Resolution Accepting Offers to Purchase Lot 15 and Lot 17

On File – Jackson Street Bids – UCM 1,622,868.99 Feutz \$1,073,593.90

On File – Water Utility Truck Bids – Baum Chevrolet \$58,778.00, Mangold Ford \$53,580.00, Douglas Dodge \$53,156.03

On File – Christmas Display Purchase - \$38,693.15

On File – Rotary Park Pickleball Court Maintenance & Nets - All Weather Courts-\$3,125.00

On File – Proposal Used 2021 Farmall 75A – Central Illinois Ag – Street Department - \$44,500.00

On File – Proposal 52" Toro ZMaster 2000 3 Points– Central Illinois Ag – Water Department - \$9,000.00

On File – Collective Bargaining Agreement – Police Benevolent Labor Committee, Inc.

On File – Rescind Resolution 2024-15

On File – Update Nuisance, Inoperable Vehicles and Vehicle Parking Ordinances

On File - GFL Solid Waste Contract

On File - J&S Solid Waste Contract

On File - Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 of Title 7 (Water Rates) & Chapter 9 of Title 7 (Sewer Rates)

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 Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger, Edmunds and Mayor Michelassi voted "Yes."

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamren Wilford
City Clerk