

June 20, 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, June 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Roger Cyrulik, presiding. On roll call, Commissioners Buchanan, Ballenger, and Edmunds were present. Commissioner Wise was absent.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kyle Morris addressed the Council regarding the feedback he got from his Facebook post. He stated it wasn't a personal attack against anybody and it wasn't intended toward the Council. It was about our group of workers. We just want to get our voice out there. We deserve better. We didn't get anything approved in our contract. We didn't get a counteroffer. We are fighting to get better pay. We are the future of the City. We have a good group, and we believe in this town. We are here for the long haul. We should be taken better care of.

Seth Redington addressed the Council with questions. On 10/17/21 I witnessed Commissioner Ballenger putting gas in his personal vehicle. I have a sign-up sheet for the fire call that he attended on that date. It was stated the reason he put gas in his personal vehicle was because he went and picked up a boat. I have a document that shows the gas was put in a City Fire Dept. vehicle. Is that fraud? I got a piece of paper here from Chris White, Captain of the Fire Dept. that on 9/12/21 they got the boat. On 9/12/21 there were five fire calls attended. All these questions I have asked, and I don't have any answers.

Commissioner Edmunds stated that Mr. Redington stated that he has not gotten any answers but look at the stack of papers from all the FOIA requests we have answered and the gas that was put in a personal vehicle was turned over to the City Police and the State's Attorney and no evidence was found.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2023, be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, and Mayor Cyrulik voted "Yes."

The bills and payroll were read.

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

PETITIONS

None

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Written motion was made by Mayor Cyrulik and seconded by Commissioner Ballenger to reappoint Patti Nelson to the Warner Hospital & Health Services Board – said term to expire July 1, 2028. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Ballenger, Edmunds, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Mayor Cyrulik and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to reappoint Dana Korneman to the Warner Hospital & Health Services Board – said term to expire July 1, 2028. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Mayor Cyrulik asked the Council consensus to advertise to sell the empty lot on N. Maple St. and they agreed.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Buchanan had no report.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise was absent.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Ballenger reported the new Firetruck is now in service.

Police Chief Lowers stated he had plenty to say but he will do a memo or talk to each Councilman individually at a later time. There is a honor flight tonight for Mike Ferguson at 11:00 p.m. at IGA.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds reported Sales Tax was up \$15,000 compared to this time last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Ballenger to approve the donation of \$7,000.00 to the Clinton Community Fire Works. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Ballenger, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to adopt Ordinance #1577, Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Excess Personal Property (1992 International Pierce Fire Engine). On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Ballenger, Edmunds, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the Grinding and Hauling of Brush (\$8,680.00) & Grinding and Hauling of Leaves (\$8,800.00) for the Yard Waste Facility from R & R Services of Illinois, Inc. for a total amount of \$17,480.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve the Purchase of (5) Panasonic Mobile Dash Cameras and (12) Panasonic Body Cameras for the Police Dept. from CDS in the amount not to exceed \$95,000.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Ballenger, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to approve Resolution 2023-8, Resolution Establishing Salaries and/or Pay Increases for the City of Clinton. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Ballenger, Edmunds, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “No.”

NEW BUSINESS

On File - Ordinance Authorizing Bank Loan for Fire Truck – The City Attorney stated he did not have the Ordinance at this time

On File – Demolition Bids for 216 E. Adams St. – S. Shafer Excavation Incorporated – \$933,000.00 and Ezell Excavating Inc. - \$415,000.00

On File – Resolution for Funding of Madison St. & Washington St. Projects – ReBUILD Illinois Funds (\$476,155.92) and MFT Funds (\$400,000.00) for a total of \$876,155.92

On File – Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate – 611 N. Quincy St.

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, Edmunds, Buchanan, and Mayor Cyrulik voted “Yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Van Valey
City Clerk