

September 16, 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, September 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Ballenger to approve of Commissioner Edmunds to join the council meeting electronically via zoom. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger and Mayor Michelassi voted "Yes."

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 2, 2025, be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise and Mayor Michelassi voted "Yes."

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan that the bills and payroll be approved, 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 the Official Constitution 2025 Proclamation and presented it to the local DAR representative Edith Brady-Lunny.

Mayor Michelassi read the Official Gold Star Mother's Day Proclamation, she will present it to the local Gold Star Mother's at a luncheon.

Terri Lemmel with the Genealogical Society presented to the council pictures of the volunteer work that has been done at the Soldier's Plot at Woodlawn Cemetery. Lemmel thanked her volunteers Leslie Hunt, Joann Manley, Cheryl Lehman and Jered Hooker along with Kyle Morris for accepting the replacement markers.

Mayor Michelassi had City Administrator Tony Harris speak before the council, Harris made point of the Surface change order that is under new business for approval. Harris introduced Stacey Sharrow from Gather and Grace who is also the Façade Grant applicant on the agenda for approval, Sharrow explained her business endeavor and expressed her appreciation for the city's financial help.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Buchanan had no report.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise reported the water department had been working on joint leaks as well as major leaks. The lime lagoon will be getting cleaned out, as it is yearly.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Ballenger reported the City of Clinton and Clinton Fire Protection District is under a burn ban. They will be working closely with the Museum for the Apple & Pork to allow the festivities to continue along with a potential exception with the school district for the bonfire, with trucks on scene.

Commissioner Ballenger noted the new playground would be open next Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 5 p.m. if everything goes as planned and weather allows.

Dana Korneman, Planning Commissioner Chairman presented to the State of Illinois revised the Municipal regulation (Public Act 103-0510/10.18) to require towns to adopt a building code not older than 9 years. Korneman presented a final revision to Title 13 of the City ordinance which when approved will adopt 2021 Edition of the International Building Code including its referenced codes and standards with amendments. 2021 Edition of the International Residential Code including its referenced codes and standards with amendments. 2024 edition of the International Existing Building Code including its referenced codes and standards with amendments. The 2021 International Property Maintenance Code adopting ordinance requires more work and will be submitted to council at a later date. Korneman suggests the council approves the changes be made effective January 1, 2026, which will allow feedback from the Capital Development Board.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

Commissioner Edmunds had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve exemptions for vendors of the Apple & Pork Festival. 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 Ballenger to approve the façade grant at 600 W. Side Square in the amount of \$24,805.51. On roll call, Commissioners Buchanan, Ballenger, Edmunds and Mayor Michelassi voted "Yes".

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Metro-Ag Inc. Contract - Lime Lagoon Cleanout

On File – Ordinance Adopting New International Building and Residential Codes

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the raffle license for C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum. On roll call

vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes”.

Attorney John Hoblit asked for council’s authority to create an Ordinance to go out for bid on a parcel the city owns. The council gave their consent to move forward.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to approve Fire Prevention Education Materials with Alert All Corporation in the amount of \$6,970.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners, Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, Buchanan and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the Kiwanis Park surfacing change order from GameTime/Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$3,440.86. On roll call vote, Commissioners Edmunds, Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes”.

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 Edmunds, Buchanan, Ballenger and Michelassi voted “Yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamren Wilford
City Clerk