

November 4, 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, November 4, 25 at 7:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kenny Atchison addressed the council with ideas for the America 250 event for 2026.

Jessica Allhands and Robert Kreitler addressed the council with downtown committee updates for Mr. Lincoln's square. The committee will meet November 11th at 6 p.m. at Gather and Grace on the square. Allhands mentioned that the America 250 committee meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at City Hall at 6 p.m. until the event. Kreitler said they welcome any local service organizations to help.

Kelley Harvey addressed the council asking for updates and legalities in regard to the park regulations mentioned at the last meeting.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2025, be approved as submitted. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Buchanan 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 Ballenger, Buchanan, Wise and Mayor Michelassi voted "Yes."

PETITIONS

None.

Chief Lowers recognized Officer Tippet for his life saving measures of a DeWitt County Sheriff's Correction officer.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mayor Michelassi reported that the 111 S. Quincy property demolition had begun.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STREETS & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Buchanan reported the 17th of this month will be the last of brush pick up unless a major storm event happens. The leaf vac has been out and running zones and reminded to keep brush and leaf piles separate. The crew were working on an emergency tree call and will resume leaf pick up. Buchanan also reported that Christmas decorations are also being put up.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Commissioner Wise had no report.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Commissioner Ballenger reported they are still working on efforts of cleaning up the town and the works of demotions is still being done.

REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCES

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan to approve the purchase of five desktop computers for the Police Department from DELL in the amount of \$6,404.84. On roll call vote, Commissioners, Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the demolition bid for 600 E Woodlawn with Dial Excavating in the amount of \$9,450.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Wise, Ballenger, Buchanan and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes”.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Ballenger and seconded by Commissioner Wise to approve the demolition bid for 715 S. Cain with Dial Excavating in the amount of \$12,450.00. On roll call vote, Commissioners Ballenger, Buchanan, Wise and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes”.

NEW BUSINESS

On File – Annual Levy Ordinance estimated at \$2,012,227 (Tax Levy Hearing will by December 2, 2025 at 6:45 pm)

On File – Ordinance Levying Tax for Street Lighting Purposes

On File – Ordinance Increasing Tax Rate for Street and Bridge Purposes

On File – Ordinance Increasing Tax Rate for Water Fund Purposes

On File – Ordinance Levying Tax for Working Cash Purposes

On File – Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory (Black)

On File – Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory (Totten)

On File – Ordinance Abating Taxes for Certain Territory (Titan 900 LLC)

On File – Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Excess Personal Property

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Ballenger to adjourn the meeting. On roll call vote, Commissioners Buchanan, Wise, Ballenger and Mayor Michelassi voted “Yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamren Wilford
City Clerk