

4th Quarter 2017: 10-1-17 to 12-31-17

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>>Police Chief Discusses More Efficient Ordinance Enforcement

If you're in violation of City ordinances, it's likely you'll be hearing about it from local authorities.

That was the message from Clinton Police Chief Ben Lowers at the Monday night Clinton City Council meeting after lengthy discussion regarding the lack of cooperation from community residents towards ordinances in place.

Cut 1: chiefviolators1 :53 CUE: now accomplished

Chief says the enforcement of ordinances is a renewed focus for Chief Lowers. He says because of excellent compliance in the community, there's been minimal need for much attention to the issues but he admits he would like to see that change.

Cut 2: chiefviolators2 :44 CUE: compliance

The Chief emphasizes this is not an effort of revenue generation, but rather to continue the effort to keep the community clean and presentable.

Cut 3: chiefviolators3 :41 CUE: optimistic

The discussion derives from local residents calls for action on vacant lots and other beautification efforts.

10-10-17 Clinton Fire Department Hosts Annual Fire Truck Parade Wednesday
10-10-17 sl 6a

>>Clinton Fire Department Hosts Annual Fire Truck Parade Wednesday

The annual fire truck parade is this week in Clinton.

It's part of Fire Prevention week and Clinton Fire's Blake West says 25-30 trucks from across central Illinois will converge on the Junior High School to take part in the route that ends on the downtown Clinton Square.

Cut 1: firetruckparade1 :48 CUE: good time

The annual parade is attended by a couple-dozen departments from across central Illinois and West feels it is something everyone looks forward to.

Cut 2: firetruckparade2 :28 CUE: someone's life

A refurbished smokehouse will be on the square as tool to teach youth about fire safety and what to do when a fire may be in your home.

Cut 3: firetruckparade3 :30 CUE: square foot home

The fire truck parade is set to get underway around 7 pm, originating from Clinton Junior High School. West indicates they expect a larger than normal turnout this year as they've received a lot of early RSVPs.

11-21-17 Clinton City Council Approves New Vehicles for Police Department
11-21-17 sl 6a

>>Clinton City Council Approves New Vehicles for Police Department

At the Monday night Clinton City Council meeting, a purchase of a new squad car for the police department was approved.

Police Chief Ben Lowers says the new vehicle will be an SUV model, staying along the lines of the types of vehicles already in their fleet. The newest vehicle will serve as the K-9 unit for their K-9 officer and his handler.

Cut 1: newsquadcar1 :48 CUE: rotation over again

With the venture into the SUV model law enforcement vehicle, Chief Lowers says they provide officers much needed space with all the equipment they carry around every day.

Cut 2: newsquadcar2 :52 CUE: number seven purchase

Since all the SUV model vehicles are a newer trend to law enforcement, the exact length of life on them is unknown at this point but he anticipates not having to plan for vehicle purchases for another few years.

11-29-17 Clinton Police Welcomes Former Farmer City Police Chief To Force
11-29-17 sl 6a

>>Clinton Police Welcomes Former Farmer City Police Chief To Force

The Clinton Police Department is welcoming the former Chief of Police in Farmer City to their force.

Clinton Police Chief Ben Lowers explains with changes in enforcement and prosecution of city ordinances, the hiring of Larry Woliung makes a lot of sense right now, especially because he brings a lot of knowledge in city management and code enforcement.

Cut 1: wiohlinghire1 :63 CUE: code enforcement

According to Chief Lowers, there are some 'problem properties' and calls the police's response to complaints a reactive priority. He is excited to have a law enforcement officer focused on these areas in the community.

Cut 2: wiohlinghire2 :48 CUE: cleaning up

The Chief hopes Officer Woliung's presence can be one of a peacemaker and good community relations. He explains the position will be about outreach and educating the community on the ordinances in place.

Cut 3: wiohlinghire2 :30 CUE: position

Chief Lowers says the community and it's leadership has been involved in this effort and to discuss what areas of the community to focus on. Additionally, he says this position will allow their patrol officers to keep their focus on their day to day tasks.

11-30-17 sl 11-30-17 House Fire Destroys Rural DeWitt County Home
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>>House Fire Destroys Rural DeWitt County Home

A homeowner is safe after a fire totally destroyed their residence late Saturday.

Just before 11 pm Saturday night, emergency responders were called to a house fire on Green Valley Road in rural DeWitt County.

Responders were called to the scene of a home fully involved in a fire.

Crews had a two-and-a-half inch line out and the fire was out within 30 minutes. Fire crews indicate the blaze was tough because there were two ceilings and then a hot spot on the main level burned through the floor.

There was one occupant in the home at the time of the fire, who was able to leave the home without harm.

There were no injuries to the crews at the scene, who were there until roughly 4 am.

Crews on scene were from Kenney, Clinton, Maroa, Wapella, Waynesville, Warrensburg, Chestnut along with EMS crews and the DeWitt County Sheriff's office.

The Red Cross assistant responders and the homeowner.

The State Fire Marshall is investigating the fire but has not filed a report. The home has been deemed a total loss.

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Education	10-19-17	7:15a	4:45	School BOE Compares Wages For Aides
Education	11-27-17	7:15a	6:00	BOE Discusses Former Washington School Lot
Education	12-4-17	8:10a	4:15	Clinton Schools Facing Teacher Shortage
Education	12-30-17	12:10p	1:30	Clinton Schools Plan Social Media Use Expansion

10-18-17 Clinton Schools, Exelon Settle on EVA

10-18-17 sl 6a

>>Clinton Schools, Exelon Settle on EVA

Clinton School and Exelon have reached an agreement on the EAV in light of the recent legislation to keep Exelon in the community for the foreseeable future.

The agreement was approved by the Clinton Board of Education Tuesday night at the monthly Board of Education meeting. Superintendent Curt Nettles indicates the settlement is a five-year agreement.

Cut 1: schoolsexelon1 :64 CUE: for us

Additionally, the Board approved a transfer of funds to the district's tort fund. Nettles says the fund should stabilize with decreased legal fees over negotiations with the power plant now in the rear-view window.

Cut 2: schoolsexelon2 :63 CUE: transfer permanent

Also at the Tuesday night Board of Education meeting:

>>The Board approved the purchase and trade of the district's drivers education vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$20-thousand.

>>The Board also approved the purchase of a district delivery truck for \$30-thousand. The vehicle will replace the current van.

10-19-17 School Board Compares Figures For Wages For Aides

10-19-17 sl 6a

>>School Board Compares Figures For Wages For Aides

Discussion and research has been done on the wages of aides in the Clinton district and Tuesday night at the Clinton Board of Education meeting, that work came to a head when the district released Clinton figures compared to area districts.

Superintendent Curt Nettles presented the Board of Education with figures they gathered in the past month and says Clinton Schools compare well but points to the issue of attracting good aides and retaining them.

Cut 1: aidepayscale1 :59 CUE: in their life

Advocate for the aides, Ron Conner, says this discussion boils down to bringing in the best possible candidates and the administration holding them accountable. He's calling for a scale to be established for the aides.

Cut 2: aidepayscale2 :48 CUE: next year

Clinton's highest paid aides did not compare well to other districts and it was pointed out that the retention of aides was not very high. Nettles says if aides are not staying around, for whatever reason, they will not be employed long enough to get salary increases of a long tenured aide elsewhere.

Cut 3: aidpayscale3 :39 CUE: something else

Principal of Jerry Wayne indicates in the interviewing process for aides at the high school, many turn down the opportunity because the pay is not enough.

Cut 4: aidepayscale4 :15 CUE: to do that

Nettles says he will do further research, come up with a pay scale and present that to the Board during the spring semester to have scale in place for the next school year. He would like to also have something in place that considers the assignment an aide has.

Cut 5: aidepayscale5 1:19 CUE: for next year

You can check out the data the district gathered today at DeWitt DailyNews.com.

file:///C:/Users/admin/AppData/Local/Temp/Teacher%20Aide%20Salaries.pdf

11-27-17 Clinton Board of Education Discusses Former Washington School Lot, Future of Building Trades Program
11-27-17 sl 6a

>>Clinton Board of Education Discusses Former Washington School Lot, Future of Building Trades Program

The razed Washington School lot in Clinton has been vacant with the intent of the Clinton Board of Education to potentially sell or donate the property but a recent proposal for a building trades program in Clinton has put that action on hold.

The potential building trades program at the high school is still in the works but at last Tuesday's Clinton Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Curt Nettles put the ball in the court of the Board on what they would like to do going forward.

Cut 1: washingtonlot1 1:25 CUE: ourselves

If administration could find a qualified instructor for such a course at the high school, it is possible the district could offer building trades at the high school as soon as next school year.

Cut 2: washingtonlot2 1:24 CUE: looking at

Former Board President, John Blythe, proposed a summer course in partnership with Richland Community College.

Cut 3: washingtonlot3 :67 CUE: can be done

Board President Mike Walker threw his arm of support around the idea of holding on to the properties until a building trades program is established or it is decided the school cannot support a building trades program.

Cut 4: washingtonlot4 :66 CUE: in town

The Board decided they would continue to pursue a building trades program or partnership of some sort before they decide the future of the lot.

Nettles indicated last Wednesday on Regional Radio, he would like to know within the next few months if they could get a program going for 2018-19 school year.

12-4-17 Clinton Schools Facing Teacher Shortage

12-4-17 sl 6a

>>Clinton Schools Facing Teacher Shortage

A shortage of teachers, substitute teachers, and aides has been highlighted by administrators and state leaders across the state and at the latest Clinton Board of Education meeting, the topic came to a head for discussion.

A shortage of special education teachers in the district resulted in the issue being highlighted to the Board. Superintendent Curt Nettles says the district is working to better fill the needs at Clinton Elementary School.

Cut 1: teachersneed1 1:18 CUE: into it

The need for special education teacher is vast across the state. According to Nettles, districts across the state's needs top 250 vacancies in special education alone.

Cut 2: teachersneed2 1:14 CUE: special education

Nettles could see the situation worsening and becoming a crisis. He does not feel the State of Illinois is to blame as they have not made Illinois a good place to work.

Cut 3: teachersneed3 :47 CUE: teaching

Nettles indicates the main struggle for teachers is in special education but points out there is also a struggle for elementary educators, which is a new struggle in recent years.

12-30-17 sl 12-30-17 Clinton Schools Plan Social Media Use Expansion
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>>Clinton Schools Plan Social Media Use Expansion

If you are active on social media, you'll want to be sure to follow the Clinton School district.

Superintendent Curt Nettles indicates administration in the district is planning an expanded use of social media to tell the stories of the things happening in their classrooms. He calls it a branding effort.

Cut 1: cusdsocialmedia :53 CUE: every day

Several administrators already have social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter, but look for more activity from those accounts and other to pop up in the new year. You can get a link to the social media accounts by visiting www.cusd15.org.

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Economic Dev.	10-21-17	8:15a	:30	Local Small Businesses Awarded Grants From Clinton Bank
Economic Dev.	11-16-17	7:15a	1:30	Chamber Celebrates Successful Haunted House Season
Economic Dev.	12-13-17	12:15p	3:30	Ribbon Cutting Held For Trade Wind Energy Location
Economic Dev.	12-26-17	12:15p	1:45	DCDC Reaches Fundraising Goal

10-4-17 Clinton Chamber of Commerce Readies for Opening Week of Haunted House
10-4-17 sl 6a

>>Clinton Chamber of Commerce Readies for Opening Week of Haunted House

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce Terror on Washington Street Haunted House opens this weekend.

Gabe Goldsmith with the Clinton Chamber of Commerce discussed the opening weekend of one of the biggest draws to DeWitt County.

Cut 1: hauntedhouseopen1 :28 CUE:

Admission to the Haunted House is \$10.

Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 217-935-3364 or visit clintonhauntedhouse.com for more information.

10-21-17 Local Small Businesses Awarded \$10,000 in Grants From A Clinton Bank
10-21-17 sl 6a

>>Local Small Businesses Awarded \$10,000 in Grants From A Clinton Bank

First National Bank and Trust in Clinton recently awarded \$10-thousand dollars across several small businesses in DeWitt County.

The REV winners were awarded last week. The Buttered Bun was awarded \$5,000 to purchase a commercial stove. Triple-M Farms received \$3,000 for a delivery truck and Mason Dial of Dial Farms, received \$2,000 to add livestock to his growing operation.

It was the first small business competition and was a way to re-invest in the small businesses of the community.

11-16-17 sl 6a 11-16-17 Clinton Chamber Celebrating Another Successful Haunted House

>>Clinton Chamber Celebrating Another Successful Haunted House

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce recently put a bow on their 2017 Haunted House season and organizers say it was another great turnout.

Roughly 4-thousand visitors came to Clinton this year and Chamber Executive Director, Marian Brisard, says that is a number they are very happy with.

Cut 1: hauntedhouseover1 :43 CUE: very smoothly

The Friendly Ghost Tours, which allows younger participants to check out the haunted house in a less stressful environment, is a draw several times throughout the season but Brisard says the three events they offered this year could be decreased next year.

Cut 2: hauntedhouse2 :20 CUE: next year

The Chamber also issued commemorative license plates to celebrate 24 years of the Haunted House. Brisard says since those have expired, the Chamber will sell a few for souvenirs. If interested, contact the Chamber at 217-935-3364.

12-13-17 Ribbon Cutting Held For Trade Wind Energy Location in Downtown Clinton
12-13-17 sl 6a

>>Ribbon Cutting Held For Trade Wind Energy Location in Downtown Clinton

A special ribbon cutting ceremony and open house was held Tuesday morning to welcome Trade Wind Energy to the Clinton business community.

The location will be next to the Edward Jones location in the former Magill Hotel, owned by the DeWitt County Restoration Association, or DCRA. Tom Swierczewski is Development Director for Trade Wind and speaks highly of the organization and says their retail space was too good to pass up.

Cut 1: tradewindopen1 :44 CUE: the next tenant

Trade Wind Energy comes to the community with the goal of establishing a wind farm on the northwest portion of the county but according to Swierczewski, they also want to be a good community partner and give back and invest in local groups.

Cut 2: tradewindopen2 :66 CUE: community

Adams says having Trade Wind Energy join Edward Jones Financial in the Magill Hotel. She adds the addition of Trade Wind Energy is also a vote of support for wind energy in DeWitt County.

Cut 3: tradewindopen3 :49 CUE: preservation

Swierczewski invites anyone to stop by their office to sit down and talk about the issues that are already present with Trade Wind Energy's presence in the community. They are located on the north side of the square next to Edwards Jones Financial in the former Magill Hotel.

12-26-17 DeWitt County Development Council Reaches Fundraising Goal For Second Straight Year
12-22-17 sl 6a

>>DeWitt County Development Council Reaches Fundraising Goal For Second Straight Year

It's gone down to the wire again, but a local entity aimed at community economic development has reached their fundraising goal for the second straight year.

President of the DeWitt County Development Council, or DCDC, David Torbert says their \$25-thousand goal through the State Farm Bank matching grant challenge has been met again in 2017.

Cut 1: dcdcagain1 :27 CUE: in dewitt county

The grant allows the DCDC to help achieve their goal of being a local resource for DeWitt County Businesses. Torbert indicates they now have plenty of funds available for the revolving loan fund.

Cut 2: dcdcagain2 :31 CUE: will say

The last year has been spent getting the DCDC's legs back under themselves and re-establishing their board. Torbert says there are lots of good things to come in 2018 as they move ahead with local efforts.

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County Government	10-23-17	8:15a	4:15	Board Chair Breaks Down Pending Budget
County Government	11-17-17	7:20a	4:15	Public Safety Committee Recognizes Local Partners
County Government	12-12-17	12:15p	5:30	Land Use Committee Hears Concerns About Potential Wind Farm
County Government	12-21-17	7:10a	2:15	County Approves New Fiscal Year Budget

10-20-17 sl 10-20-17 County Board, Exelon Agree To Tax Assessment Settlement
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>>County Board, Exelon Agree To Tax Assessment Settlement

The DeWitt County Board followed the lead of about a half-dozen DeWitt County taxing bodies Thursday night when they approved an agreement with Exelon for that establishes an agreement for taxes to paid out for the next three years.

DeWitt County Board Chair David Newberg indicates the agreement eliminates a series of appeals dating back to 2011 and sets the EAV up to 2020.

Cut: countyexelontax1

:53

CUE: since a year ago

The Clinton Board of Education approved the same agreement Tuesday night of this week.

10-23-17 DeWitt County Board Chair Breaks Down Pending Budget

10-23-17 sl 6a

>>DeWitt County Board Chair Breaks Down Pending Budget

The DeWitt County Board put their Fiscal Year 18 budget on file Thursday night last week Board Chair David Newberg says it is a good budget.

Newberg indicates the levy for the upcoming fiscal year is roughly a one cent increase, or just over a percent increase.

Cut 1: countybudget1 :62 CUE: phenomenol

Newberg points this budget, the County is going to be able to address some needs that have been put off for a while. Additionally, they'll be able to start putting money back in savings.

Cut 2: countybudget2 :63 CUE: that fixed

When times were tough, the County would leave positions unfilled when they opened up. Newberg points out this budget starts to fill some of those holes in staffing and also brings county employees pay in line with the area.

Cut 3: countybudget3 :42 CUE: in the county

Newberg feels really good about this year's budget. He thanks all those that put in hours of work to make the budget a good one for the taxpayers in 2018.

Cut 4: countybudget4 :24 CUE: works people

Newberg also points out the Sheriff's Department plans to add patrol officers to his force thanks to efforts to cut back in the past.

The budget is viewable to the public and will remain that away until late November when the Baord will hold a special meeting to approve it and enact it.

11-17-17 County Public Safety Committee Recognizes Local Partners

11-17-17 sl 6a

>>County Public Safety Committee Recognizes Local Partners

A pair of community businesses were recognized by the DeWitt County Public Safety Committee Thursday night at the DeWitt County Board meeting for their recent service to the public.

Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, Cris Rogers, presented CEO of Warner Hospital and Health Services with a certificate of appreciation for a recent effort where the hospital housed EMS ambulances while pavement work was done at the facility on the east side of town. Rogers says it exemplifies their commitment to being a good community partner.

Cut 1: communitypartners1 1:39 CUE: very welcome

Additionally Thursday night, Rogers recognized the Clinton Walmart for their partnership and donations to the DeWitt County Animal Shelter.

Cut 2: communitypartners2 1:34 CUE: very welcome

Also at the Thursday night Board meeting, Melanie Kinney was approved as the Animal Control Administrator. She has been serving

11-21-17 County Approves New Fiscal Year Budget

11-21-17 sl 6a

>>County Approves New Fiscal Year Budget

The first of December will be the new budget year for DeWitt County and Wednesday night, the Board approved the budget that's been on file for the last 30 days.

Board Chair David Newberg indicates it is a very strong budget that features the beefing up of salaries and staff and a levy that is only a fraction higher than last year.

Cut: newbudgetyear :54 CUE: good process

The budget underwent some small adjustments in the last 30 days, which is why it goes on file for that period of time. Newberg says the past year has been positive and that is reflected in the upcoming budget.

Cut 2: newbudgetyear2 :48 CUE: good year

The budget takes effect December 1. Newberg thanks all the department heads at the County Building and all the Board members that dedicated a lot of hours to making the budget balanced for the upcoming year.

12-12-17 DeWitt County Land Use Committee Hears Concerns About Potential Wind Farm
12-12-17 sl 6a

>>DeWitt County Land Use Committee Hears Concerns About Potential Wind Farm

DeWitt County residents filled the DeWitt County Board room Monday night in support of a proposal for a wind farm on the northwest side of the county near Waynesville.

Ken Shaffer addressed the County Board's land use committee for roughly 20 minutes and discussed topics ranging from variance of the towers to studies and other concerns surrounding the structures.

Shaffer hopes his comments and the support behind him will begin and continue the dialogue.

Cut 1: landusewindhear1 1:27 CUE: decisions made

The proposals presented by Shaffer ask the County to do a shadow flicker study, set back from structures at a distance of six-times the structure height and a reduction in tower height, among other requests.

Cut 2: landusewindhear2 1:55 CUE: shadow flickering

Among other requests from Shaffer, wildlife studies along a decommissioning plan for the structures. He wants to have the decommissioning plan revisited, updated and covered every three years.

Cut 3: landusewindhear3 :42 CUE: land owners

DeWitt County Zoning Administrator, Angie Sarver indicates a number of the requests from Shaffer have already been studied.

Cut 4: landusewindhear4 :49 CUE: separately

Development Director for Trade Wind Energy, Tom Swierczewski (swear-chess-ski) says he heard a lot of concerns that he felt were valid, and some that he felt were not workable.

Cut 5: landusewindhear5 :44 CUE: text amendments

Swierczewski indicates opposition to their projects is not anything new to him. He says Trade Wind Energy is very much a community minded company and they want to get all the facts out there for everyone to have.

Cut 6: landusewindhear6 :33 CUE: best we can

The land use committee will take in to consideration the things they heard from Shaffer. There was no action Monday night.

Once the land use committee approves the language in the ordinance. The language would still need to be approved by the regional planning commission, the zoning board of appeals and then ultimately the

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City Government	11-7-17	8:15a	3:30	Council Agrees To Eliminate Parking Meters
City Government	12-6-17	7:15a	4:30	Clinton Investigating in Water Meter Readings
City Government	12-7-17	11:15a	2:20	Clinton Annual Levy Going Down
City Government	12-19-17	12:15p	3:00	Clinton To Update Sexual Harrasment Policy

10-17-17 Clinton City Council Approves Alcohol for Eagle Theater

10-17-17 sl 6a

>>Clinton City Council Approves Alcohol for Eagle Theater

You'll soon be able to enjoy an alcoholic beverage while taking in a movie in Clinton.

The Clinton City Council Monday night approved the measure and Clintonia Eagle Theater Manager, Eric Gubelman says it would be a two drink max for those with a wristband, a system they have tested at their Streator theater, and has worked there.

Cut 1: moviealcohol1 :34 CUE: movie theater

A lot has been made of serving alcohol when there are children's movies at the theater and Gubelman says he is very committed to not serving to someone coming for a kids movie.

Cut 2: moviealcohol2 :68 CUE: the definitions

The Council spend about 45 minutes in discussions with Gubelman about the ins-and-outs of the process and how things would work. John Wise and Dan Ballenger called out some pointed criticism from ex-mayor Carolyn Peters about a letter to the editor that was omitted in print but more pointed in the remarks to Council members.

Cut 3: moviealcohol3 1:13 CUE: to excess

The measure passed 4-1 with Tom Edmunds being the only descending vote. The theater hopes to have everything in place to start serving in time for the holidays.

11-7-17 Clinton City Council Agrees To Eliminate Parking Meters

11-7-17 sl 6a

>>Clinton City Council Agrees To Eliminate Parking Meters

Paying for parking in downtown Clinton will be a thing of the past after action by the Clinton City Council meeting Monday night.

About three months ago, the Council suspended parking meters for 90 days and Monday night the Council unanimously decided the parking meters would be permanently removed. Owner of Main Street Salon, Diane Peck says there has not been much change in the availability of parking once they were suspended.

Cut 1: noparkingmeters1 :55 CUE: park there

When asked what she would like to see next, Peck said she would like to see them taken out.

Cut 2: noparkingmeters2 :21 CUE: sittin there

Clinton Police Chief Ben Lowers says the biggest factor for the parking meters is traffic flow. His concern would be tenants in downtown apartments would have the possibility of parking in front of their residence all day without consequence to move.

Cut 3: noparkingmeters3 :43 CUE: from council

City Treasurer Clint Lichtenwalter says the parking meters only bring in around \$6000 to \$9000 in revenue each year but the Chief pointed out his staff found most of the revenue was from a small portion of the meters while maintenance on the others was greater than what they collected.

Cut 4: noparkingmeters4 :42 CUE: brought in

The meters will be removed and likely the poles will be as well as they are a hazard with no good way to cap the tops of them.

Also at the Monday night Council meeting, the annual city levy was placed on file for two weeks.

12-6-17 City of Clinton Investigating in Water Meter Readings

12-6-17 sl 6a

>>City of Clinton Investigating in Water Meter Readings

Could your water bill be going up in the next six months?

That is a possibility after discussion by the Clinton City Council Monday night. City Administrator Tim Followell explains the water department has experienced losses in some circumstances because of a lack of tracking small amounts of water that are consumed in town.

Cut 1: waterchange1 :67 CUE: commercial meters

Followell explains the City is not overcharging residents for water, in fact, it is the opposite. He notes the city is losing production, or producing more water than they need to.

Cut 2: waterchange2 :

To fix the issue, Followell indicates the city plans to install electronic meters throughout the community.

Cut 3: waterchange3 :60 CUE: every hour

Followell says not only this is a positive for the City but it is also a win for the consumer. It could help homeowners find leaks in their homes.

Cut 4: waterchange4 :37 CUE: for everybody (x2)

The community risks penalization by the EPA if they do not fix the problem soon. He indicates the sanitary district is going to help pay for the approximately \$1-million cost. IT will take approximately six months for everything to get implemented.

12-7-17 Clinton Annual Levy Going Down

12-7-17 sl 6a

>>Clinton Annual Levy Going Down

The Clinton City Council Monday night approved their annual levy and the City Treasurer says things are looking very positive right now.

Clint Lichtenwalter indicates the levy is decreasing by just over two-percent decrease, and the EAV has slightly jumped as well.

Cut 1: clintonlevy1 :29 CUE: for the year

Lichtenwalter points out, the levy being a lower rate is a direct result of the city being diligent in funding their pensions, something many communities cannot claim.

Cut 2: clintonlevy2 :47 CUE: this time

Elsewhere in the Clinton budget, Lichtenwalter says sales tax in the community is stagnant. He says while there hasn't been growth, it is a good sign there hasn't been a decline.

Cut 3: clintonlevy3 1:19 CUE:

Lichtenwalter also points out revenue from the City's gaming ordinance draws in roughly \$8-thousand a month, which he additionally notes, has done more to help replace other lost revenues than create new revenue.

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Sweeping reforms in sexual harassment policies are being made in all corners of the country with the continued news of allegations in almost every American sector.

With the recent introduction of sexual harassment reforms in Springfield, lawmakers deemed it necessary to have Illinois communities follow suit. City Administrator Tim Followell says this is a response to sweeping allegations in America and to the mandate from Illinois.

Cut 1: cityharraspolicy1

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CUE: january 15 deadline

Followell indicates the City has not had any problems with sexual harassment in the workplace. He says it doesn't fit the values of rural America.

Cut 2: cityharraspolicy2

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CUE: that simple

The Council will approve the policy at the January 2nd meeting, in plenty of time to meet the mid-January deadline by Illinois lawmakers.