

June 9, 2008

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Monday June 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

The purpose of this special meeting was to again have a work session to review sections of the IMAP document prepared for the City by Northern Illinois University. Included in the agenda will be the topic of discussion on a Fire Chief and a Closed Session for the purpose of Employment of Employee if Council so decides.

Commissioner Hickman said he has begun work on the new organizational chart however the computer program has not yet arrived. The City Clerk has provided copies to the Council of an older draft of an updated personnel policy that was never taken to the bargaining units for approval. This will be a starting point. The City Treasurer is getting a list of companies that do job descriptions and salary ranges – all of which the Council has expressed an interest in updating.

The vision statement done some years ago might need to be updated and Mayor Wollet opened the question to the Council for their opinions. The key question seems to be where do we see Clinton going in the next five years? If growth comes in tourism, what are the true costs of growing? Economic Development is changing everyday with the addition of a new Director with DCDC representing both City and County. Working toward a newer detailed vision statement could give Clinton a clearer look at our future.

Moving to the next topic – Fire Chief, Mayor Wollet wanted to define some common language – full time - meaning only job / and or split duties. Qualifications can involve a whole range of possibilities from Fire Fighters I, II, and III to Hazmat training. Could an organization like the Fire Chief's Association be able to supply us with minimum or basic qualifications?

At this point in the discussion Mayor Wollet suggested that Council might need to enter into a closed session if names are to be mentioned.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Edmunds and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to hold a closed session for the purpose of employment of employee. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes." Commissioner Wise voted "No."

After returning to open session, Mayor Wollet said that a list of qualifications should be obtained from the State of Illinois Fire Marshall's Office and the U of I Fire School in Champaign and be put together for the regular meeting next Monday.

Next work session Commission Wise wants to start on the form of government and home-rule communities. This all goes hand in hand with Strategic Planning.

With no further business to come before the Council in work session, motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Wise to adjourn. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

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City Clerk