

September 16, 2008

Minutes of the reconvened meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise and Milton were present.

Mayor Wollet introduced Mr. Don Falls of the State of Illinois DCEO. Don started with defining planning as an orderly – open approach to determine local needs – setting goals and priorities – then develop a guide for action.

Having lots of knowledge and experience with mapping and strategic plans, Don gave many examples of how to approach the economic development plans of a community.

Going with a steering committee of 7 to 11 members plus the chairman should be enough to get the visionary plan off to a good start for both residential and commercial. Don's team comes in for approximately 6 months to 1 year with their contacts of other state agencies to lend a hand with both finances and expertise.

This all begins with an application to be filled out by the City along with their assistance. Communities that have previously received application approval and completed the plan, still keep contact with the DCEO Department. Motivation for communities might be the proper description of the DCEO team.

The price is right – it does not cost anything since they are State of Illinois employees and are being paid by the State to do this job.

Briefly Commissioner Wise discussed with Don the possibility to work with the City on water utility rates. One year's worth of utility billing records would be helpful for them to get a sense of direction.

Mayor Wollet said that Council will need to have a short meeting to discuss the two programs they have been presented. It was decided to reconvene to another meeting on the 22nd of Sept.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Wise and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to recess the reconvened meeting to Sept. 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk