

January 12, 2009

Minutes of the reconvened meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Illinois in session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Monday Jan. 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, and Wise were present. Commissioner Milton was absent.

Mayor Wollet explained that this work session this evening is to address two subjects, one being key documents and operations for success of the IMAP document all prepared for Council a few months ago.

Commissioner Hickman presented an organizational chart of City Officials as he has put together from our City Code and input from staff. He also has made a start to preparing job descriptions in house rather than hire this done. Looking over some Websites of area towns, gave him a start on a working document that can be adjusted as Council looks over the non-union staff. Percentage of time spent – required certifications – salary ranges are all a part of this working document. Starting with several officers will be supplied for Councilmen and staff for review.

Commissioner Edmunds said in the financial portion of the report, GASBY is being worked on by City Treasurer, Clint Lichtenwalter and should be ready before taking engagement letters from auditors – they will need to do auditing in order to comply with GASBY.

Opportunities for Success will involve the discussion of other forms of government. Does this form of government perform and function well for the City of Clinton. If this format were to be changed, voters would become involved at this point.

Going into detail on several different forms of government, Mayor Wollet said that it might be better for someone better versed in how the different forms work, to come before the Council. Comments by former Commissioner Tom Redington expressed some thoughts that it might not be beneficial to change.

Home rule communities - came across their discussion several times. This would give an advantage to the municipality to increase revenue through taxes – where at this time our community is at the maximum tax to be levied.

Action plan is to go to the Illinois Municipal League to get some expertise from several different sources that might be an advantage to everyone. Additionally some names of local administrators can be informational. Someone to explain home rule will also be arranged.

Getting tourism dollars up in comparison to a huge amount that Logan County takes in each year was also a point of much discussion.

Wrapping up with comments by several residents attending, be very careful in the Council's plans to change things before moving forward.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser  
City Clerk