

March 29, 2010

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 March 29, 2010. Mayor Ed Wollet, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Mayor Wollet reports that the first order of business will be motion to consider the purchase of a new 2009 squad car replacing a 2005 squad that was totaled from an accident.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Edmunds to purchase a 2009 Impala Police Squad from Baum Chevrolet in the amount of \$19,344.17. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise, Milton and Mayor Wollet voted "Yes."

Mayor Wollet said the purpose of the reconvened meeting originally was to have Mr. Chuck Allen from the University of Illinois present the DeWitt County Comprehensive Plan that is still in draft form. Not being able to attend this evening, he will most likely attend the City's April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The other purpose for this meeting was to look over again the IMAP document.

Leading off was Commissioner Milton asking about fixing up the sidewalks, curbing and alleys – could we look more closely at those recommendations made in the IMAP document.

Commissioner Edmunds felt this goes along with the City's comprehensive plan that is being updated with the Don Falls through the State of Illinois.

Mayor Wollet said Don would be attending the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to update this project.

Commissioner Wise commented that he feels the City has to continue to look over most every area to enhance the City's appearance and operations. He would like to take an overall look at the Hospital. He mentioned partnering with another entity or looking at options of forming a Hospital District to help with the financial bottom line.

Commission Edmunds said anything is possible - however in retrospect 2 or 3 major projects were implemented all together rather than spacing them out for financial reasons. Overhead of these projects are rather heavy at this time however giving them a chance to get up to speed to see if they are going to work might be beneficial at this time.

Commissioner Hickman would like to see all of the options for the City owned Hospital brought forward by the Hospital Board members or the new CEO. Citing the example of BroMenn merging with Advocate in Normal, he is just not sure of all of the pros and cons for our Hospital.

Mayor Wollet being the department head of hospital operations on the Council, he looks at the Hospital having 3 levels of various options (all fairly complicated). Sellout – Merger - Affiliation (which we have now). The current search for a CEO experienced in turn-a-round situations of rural hospital settings that is a critical access facility, is a part of the requirements. The placement of this CEO is critical.

The Hospital is an economic driver within the community however Commissioner Hickman has a differing opinion that if the local control (City) is changed to one of the other options mentioned earlier, this facility should be able to not only survive but also possibly thrive. He would like to see a chart evaluating the costs of various services offered.

Mayor Wollet said he couldn't support going forward without a CEO in place. A newer Hospital Board is in place and doing a good job to proceed forward in this search.

A lot of discussion was exchanged by the entire Council differing slightly from all angles that each person feels concerning the past, current and future situation of the Hospital. Hopefully the needs of everyone will be met for the sake of our community.

Back to IMAP – analysis of salaries, capital project of new Water Well is in the works, P2D2 proper disposal of meds – is up and running, sewer evaluation study is in progress and later down the line is the new fire station.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser  
City Clerk