

December 13, 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 at 6:00 p.m. Acting Mayor Tom Edmunds, presiding. On roll call Commissioners Hickman, Wise and Milton were present.

Commissioner Edmunds opened the meeting stating the purpose of this meeting is to consider the purchase of a new police car and the purchase of a new fire truck so that orders can be placed.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Hickman to purchase a 2011 Chevrolet Impala Police Package from Baum Chevrolet, Clinton in the amount of \$20,324. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton voted "Yes."

City Attorney Steve Myers reviewed the contract of Pierce Manufacturing noting that the Fire Chief is comfortable with most all of the contractual issues. With a cash price up front, this will provide a substantial savings to the City. A performance bond by Pierce will be posted to guarantee the completion of the contract. The vehicle insurance money on the old truck will be approximately \$400,000 and should be coming soon. The balance will be borrowed locally at 2 1/2%.

After the motion was made and seconded, Commissioner Wise mentioned he has been approached by some of our residents with a variety of questions. Why a brand new truck versus a newer used truck. Should we consider a used ladder truck and purchase a new tanker truck. Why is the fire dept. making first responder calls.

Commissioner Milton began to address each of these points one by one. The basic factor of purchasing a new ladder truck was mainly because of safety of the residents - new homes 2 stories, high rises for elderly, and saving a fireman climbing up on an unsafe roof. Assisting the ambulance on first responder calls can obviously save lives if they happen to get there before the ambulance – there is no price on saving a life.

Commissioner Edmunds said with the old truck being totaled from an accident, those funds will help pay close to half of this purchase. His feeling is that we really need this truck to supply various needs. With no further questions or comments, motion was read again.

Written motion was made by Commissioner Milton and seconded by Commissioner Wise to authorize the acting Mayor to sign a contract with Pierce Manufacturing for a new Mid Mount Platform Ladder Fire Truck from Pierce Manufacturing for a cash price of \$940,072. On roll call Commissioners Edmunds, Hickman, Wise and Milton voted "Yes."

Placed on File – Authorization for Mayor to sign Loan Documents for the fire truck purchase (First National Bank & Trust – 2 1/2 %).

With no further business to come before the reconvened meeting, motion was made by Commissioner Hickman and seconded by Commissioner Milton to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rozella D. Wickenhauser
City Clerk