

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commission
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: February 10, 2010
RE: "File of Life" – Mr. David Roe

For the Agenda of February 15, 2010

Background. During the Public Comment period of the September 21st City Commission meeting, Mr. David Roe, a former school teacher and Board of Education member for Harrison Community Schools, addressed the City Commission informing them of a program he had initiated to solicit funding to purchase 10,000 "files for life" data storage systems to distribute across Clare County. The Commission agreed in principle that the program appeared to have merit and that they would consider supporting the program with a nominal/reasonable contribution, as the program benefited the residents of the City and the Greater Clare Area Community. Mr. Roe advised the Commission he would return to the City Commission at a later date to provide them with specific information in respect to cost and distribution of the files. Mr. Roe has requested an opportunity to make his presentation/report to the City Commission at the February 15th meeting.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission support the proposed "File of Life" Program?

Alternatives.

1. Support the Program
2. Do not support the Program.
3. Set aside decision regarding this matter to a later date.

Financial Impact. Unknown. Mr. Roe previously indicated that the City's contribution to the Program would likely be nominal (interpreted to mean a few hundred dollars). While this is not a budgeted item, the City Commission does have discretionary funds to support the Program if it is inclined to do so.

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission hear Mr. Roe's proposal and then make a determination in respect to affordability of the Program. If the requested amount of support is nominal (less than \$500) as initially indicated, I recommend that the City Commission support the Program and approve the expenditure of funds by appropriate motion(s).

Attachments. None.