

The City Council met in special session, August 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chamber. Present on roll call: Mayor Vulich; Councilmembers: Gassman, Seeley, McGraw, Allesee, Odor, Connell and O'Neill.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings to come before the Council.

## AUDIENCE COMMENT

No persons came before the Council to speak.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Seeley requested that item #13 be removed to Unfinished Business.

M/S, Allesee-Odor moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. On roll call, carried unanimously.

1. Airport Commission - minutes 06/20/2017 - receive, approve and place on file.
2. Civil Service Commission - minutes 7/19/2017 - receive, approve and place on file.
3. Committee of the Whole - minutes 07/11/2017 - receive, approve and place on file.
4. Historic Preservation Commission - minutes 07/13/2017 - receive, approve and place on file.
5. Tree Commission - minutes 06/08/2017 - receive, approve and place on file.
6. Completed Work Orders - June & July - receive, approve and place on file.
7. Cooperative Agreement Between Clinton Human Rights Commission & Iowa Civil Rights Commission - receive, approve and place on file.
8. Electronic Payments and Transfers - March 2017 - receive, approve and place on file.
9. Electronic Payments and Transfers - April 2017 - receive, approve and place on file.
10. Summary of Revenues and Receipts - March 2017 - receive, approve and place on file.
11. Summary of Revenues and Receipts - April 2017 - receive, approve and place on file.
12. Contract & Bond - Iowa DOT Project No. BROS-1415(628)--8J-23 West Deer Creek Road Bridge Replacement Project - Jim Schroeder Construction, Inc. - \$538,411.34 - receive, approve and place on file.

13. Resolution – Removed to Unfinished Business - authorize the collection/certification of demolition costs liens.
14. Resolution No. 2017-298 – amend the Housing Inspection Delinquency Lien List.
15. Resolution No. 2017-299 – recommending payment No. 2 for the 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Sewer Separation Project A-2016 – BWC Excavating, LC - \$471,941.47.
16. Resolution No. 2017-300 – recommending payment No. 3 for the Collector Street Resurfacing Project E-2017 – Determann Asphalt Paving, LLC - \$254,274.98.
17. Resolution No. 2017-301 – recommending payment No. 4 for the Basin 6 Sewer Separation Project P-2016 – BWC Excavating, LC - \$35,734.73.
18. Resolution No. 2017-302 – recommending payment No. 5 to Burke Electric for Project No. G-2016 Joyce’s Slough Flood Wall Pump Station Generator Addition and Electrical Upgrades - \$46,808.41.
19. Resolution No. 2017-303 – recommending final payment to Colgan Excavating LLC for the 2017 Demolition of Structures Project, Phases 4 & 5 - \$15,100.00.
20. Resolution No. 2017-304 – approving extended outdoor sales privilege for Main Avenue Pub.
21. Resolution No. 2017-305 – approving liquor license renewal with Sunday sales privilege, The 8<sup>th</sup> Street Inn.
22. Resolution No. 2017-306 – approving liquor license renewal with Sunday sales privilege, River City Brewing Co. Inc.

#### MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES

M/S, Gassman-Seeley moved that the Claims be received, approved and placed on file. On roll call, carried unanimously. No claims were submitted for this special meeting.

M/S, O’Neill-Gassman moved the Council consider an ordinance for the third time - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, IOWA RELATING TO MAYOR’S COMPENSATION. On roll call, Gassman, McGraw, Allesee, O’Neill – Yes; Seeley, Odor, Connell – No. Motion carried.

In discussion after roll call, Councilmember O’Neill thanked the Compensation Board, Mayor and staff for all of their contributions as well as the public for their input. Councilmember O’Neill stated while he initially supported the increase, he had since been contacted by constituents, all of whom were against the ordinance and expressed concerns over the amount of the increase. Councilmember O’Neill suggested that a raise could automatically be implemented every two years. Councilmember Allesee suggested compromising on the amount of the increase for the Mayor’s salary.

Councilmember Gassman stated the Mayor and Councilmembers have not received any increase in pay for many years. Councilmember Gassman stated fair pay is needed to attract

new members who are working full-time jobs and would need to pay for childcare in order to attend Council meetings.

Mayor Vulich stated the Mayor's salary can only change every four years and salary for Councilmembers can change every two years. Mayor Vulich stated salary items cannot be on a ballot and are implemented outside of an election year. Councilmember Connell stated several Councilmembers are not concerned about their pay and that the current salaries are comparable to similar sized cities.

M/S, Allesee-Gassman moved the Council amend AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, IOWA RELATING TO MAYOR'S COMPENSATION to adjust the compensation for the Mayor to \$16,500.00 and to add a provision to review the Mayor's compensation every two years. On roll call, McGraw, Allesee, Gassman - Yes; Seeley, Odor, Connell, O'Neill - No. Motion failed.

M/S, O'Neill-Gassman moved the Council adopt an ordinance - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, IOWA RELATING TO MAYOR'S COMPENSATION. On roll call, Gassman, McGraw, Allesee - Yes; Seeley, Odor, Connell, O'Neill - No. Motion failed.

M/S, Gassman-Seeley moved the Council consider an ordinance for the third time - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, IOWA RELATING TO COUNCIL COMPENSATION. On roll call, Gassman, McGraw, Allesee, O'Neill - Yes; Seeley, Odor, Connell - No. Motion carried.

Councilmember O'Neill reiterated the public feedback he received in opposition to the ordinance. Councilmember O'Neill stated he did not like more than one reading being completed at a time, as this did not allow enough time for public input. Councilmember O'Neill suggested a regular review process of the compensation for the Mayor and Councilmembers. Mayor Vulich stated the current ordinance states that the Council shall review the compensation for the Mayor and the Councilmembers every four years.

M/S, Gassman-Seeley moved the Council adopt an ordinance - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, IOWA RELATING TO COUNCIL COMPENSATION. On roll call, Gassman, McGraw, Allesee - Yes; Seeley, Odor, Connell, O'Neill - No. Motion failed.

M/S, Allesee-Odor moved that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2017-307 accepting bid and awarding contract to Domestic Plumbing for Ericksen Center Boiler & Controls - \$247,544.00. On roll call, carried unanimously.

In discussion before roll call, Councilmember Gassman expressed concerns that only one bid was received and inquired if all options had been considered. City Administrator Matt Brooke stated several individuals attended the pre-bid meeting and this project received prior approval in 2015. Councilmember Seeley expressed concerns about other work that may need to be completed at the Ericksen Center and whether a decision should be made prior to receiving the Parks Master Plan. Parks and Recreation Director Josh Eggers stated the current boiler is failing and the new system is estimated to provide a cost savings of \$14,000.00 per year. Parks and Recreation Director Eggers stated the Ericksen Center is the central hub and main building for the Parks and Recreation Department and that this project needs to be completed in order to continue to provide quality services to residents. City Administrator Brooke stated funding was set aside and is available to cover the cost of the project.

Councilmember O'Neill stated it is the best course of action to replace the boiler system. Councilmember O'Neill emphasized that a building with a working boiler provides more value to the community now and in the future, particularly if the building were to ever be sold.

Councilmember Seeley inquired if the bid received was for the best possible heating option and inquired about what other projects may need to be completed at the Ericksen Center. Parks and Recreation Director Eggers stated he contacted the boiler fabricator directly and the fabricator confirmed the unit in the bid that was received would be the best unit for the building and is the unit that would be recommended. Parks and Recreation Director Eggers further stated the Ericksen Center is in good structural condition and the focus going forward will be on some cosmetic updates.

Councilmember O'Neill stressed that the longer this is delayed, the more costly it will be to replace. Councilmember Gassman expressed concerns about the maintenance of the parks in the City and the need for improvement. Parks and Recreation Director Eggers stated replacing the boiler at the Ericksen Center is just one of many steps to improve the parks and facilities and more progress will continue to be made.

M/S, Odor-Connell moved that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2017-308 awarding contract to Clinton Engineering Company for the Tower Court Dead End Replacement Project U-2017 - \$47,131.00. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S, Gassman-Seeley moved that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2017-309 awarding contract to Jim Brockett for junk removal services on city property. On roll call, carried unanimously.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Seeley inquired about the timeframe from when a property is demolished to when a lien is placed. Mayor Vulich stated there can be up to a year between when a property is placed on the list to be demolished and when the property is then demolished. Councilmembers Gassman and Seeley stressed that a lien should be placed as soon as possible. City Engineer Jason Craft stated every attempt is made to place a lien within a year of demolition.

M/S, Seeley-Gassman moved the Council adopt Resolution No. 2017-310 authorize the collection/certification of demolition costs liens. On roll call, carried unanimously.

M/S, Allesee-Odor moved to adjourn to 7:00 P.M. August 8, 2017. On roll call, carried unanimously.

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Mark S. Vulich  
Mayor

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Lisa M. Frederick  
City Clerk