

Committee of the Whole  
January 25, 2017

Present: Mayor Vulich, Council Members Gassman, Seeley, McGraw, Allesee, O'Neill, and Connell, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk, Press and interested citizens.

1. Emergency Action Plan for Clinton Flood Control Dams – Chance Kness

Mr. Chance Kness, Clinton County Emergency Management, advised the Council that the Iowa DNR had put together a plan to determine potential issues with four high hazard dams in the City and how to address these issues.

Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRF) Superintendent Bob Milroy stated that the dams are ponding areas. They are inspected annually and are currently in good shape. The DNR wants the City to implement best practices. He requested that this be moved forward.

Councilmember O'Neill inquired regarding whether there would be an expense to the City. Superintendent Milroy stated no, unless something were to happen to the dams.

Councilmember Connell inquired regarding whether they were holding water. Superintendent Milroy stated no, they are not a real hazard.

Councilmember Seeley pointed out a needed correction on page 4.

M/S, Connell-Allesee moved to forward the Emergency Action Plan for Clinton Flood Control Dams with the necessary corrections to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

2. Symphony of Lights Agreement – Gregg Obren

Recreation Director Gregg Obren advised the Council that he wanted to get on top of this lease. He stated that there are not any big changes to the lease except for one, the City has the responsibility to close the roads if necessary.

Councilmember Allesee inquired regarding whether the Jaycees have looked at the agreement. Director Obren stated that have looked at the agreement.

Councilmember O'Neill stated that he would like the City Attorney to look over the agreement.

Councilmember Connell stated that there could be an issue with Greenplay or if the Lodge is managed by someone else. Director Obren stated that there are only 8 dates set forth for the Symphony of Lights. These dates have been reserved for the last 20 years.

M/S, O'Neill-Allesee moved to bring the Symphony of Lights Agreement back to the February 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting. On roll call, carried unanimously.

3. RFP for Recycling and Solid Waste – Matt Brooke

City Administrator Matt Brooke advised the Council that he has requested that Laura Liegois put together an RFP for recycling only. The goal would be to move in separate directions. All recycling materials would be placed in one large can and the City would then work on solid waste. We have an aggressive timeline which is linked to the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 2017.

Ms. Laura Liegois, Municipal Connections Company, thanked the Mayor and Council. She stated that it is an honor to work with the City. She continued in stating that currently the recycling rate is 10%. Moving to single sort recycling in one large container should increase the participation rate to 85% to 90%. The City will see a reduction of solid waste picked up and reduce the amount

of solid waste in the landfill. She further stated that she planned to have the RFP out by February 15, 2017. There will be a pre-bid meeting and the award will take place in March.

M/S, Connell-Allesee moved to forward the RFP for Recycling to the next City Council meeting. On roll call, carried unanimously.

4. Flood Gate Repair – Matt Brooke

City Administrator Brooke advised the Council this will be the first time in 40 years that the flood gates will be taken out to be re-sealed. He stated that the lowest bid for the job was from one of our Council Members and was \$25,000 lower than the other quote. The total cost of the project will be \$44,933.

M/S, Seeley-O'Neill moved to forward the flood gate repair to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, Gassman, Seeley, McGraw, Allesee, O'Neill – Yes; Connell – abstain. Motion carried.

5. Lease Amendment with Illinois PCS American Tower, LLC – Dick Schrad

City Administrator Brooke advise the Council that the City is looking into this to make sure all cell tower leases are up to date. He stated that the lease proposes eight more five-year terms for \$30,000 and \$9,600 per year.

Councilmember Seeley stated that there is a lot of work left to do on this lease. The tower is in the City Right-of-Way where land could be developed. Councilmember Connell stated that this lease should be looked at and moved forward for negotiation.

6. Mayor & Council Updates

Councilmember Connell stated that he has received complaints from citizens that their trees are being marked to be cut down. He continued in stating that the City must notify the residents when they plan to cut down a tree in the Right-of-Way. City Administrator Brooke stated that he would follow up with the Streets and Solid Waste Superintendent.

Councilmember O'Neill stated that he would hold his public forum on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ericksen Center from 9:30AM to 11:00AM.

City Administrator Brooke stated that according to the newspaper the Fire Department will need to re-test candidates for promotions since the test scores were incorrect.

Mayor Vulich stated that he attended Clinton County Day at the Capitol. He had very good and productive meetings where discussion was held about the demolition reserve and the Hotel/Motel Tax.

Mayor Vulich advised that currently there is an intergovernmental group which gets together in DeWitt. It is called the Coordinating Council.

Mayor Vulich informed those present that the Hot Stove Fundraiser for the Lumberkings would be held Monday, January 30, 2017 at 6:00 at Eagle Point Lodge. He also stated that there would be a welcome reception for the new City Administrator at Eagle Point Lodge on Friday, January 27, 2017 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

M/S, O'Neill-Connell moved to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Van Loo  
City Clerk