

Committee of the Whole  
April 11, 2017

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

1. RFP Recycling – Matt Brooke

City Administrator Brooke updated the Council on the RFP's for the Recycling program. He stated currently the City of Clinton is collecting only about 5% to 10% for recycling and the goal is to collect 80% to 90%. We currently do curbside recycling whereby the driver gets out of a truck and dumps 5 gallon buckets, sorted into a truck then takes them to the landfill in Clinton. The City hired Laura Liegios from Municipal Connections to do an RFP for the City on the recycling services. He advised Council of the two bids that were received from Republic Services and Midland Davis. The City took an inward look at how we are currently handling the recycling program and seeing that we could turn it around by taking a negative \$154,000 and taking it to a positive \$150,000 by June 30<sup>th</sup>. After some calculations, we determined the City could continue to do their own recycling at a lower cost. To determine this we looked at the hourly wages and the number of hours used and we used 8800 as the number of households; although today we are only at about 6500; then divided that by 12 for a monthly cost and that comes out to \$1.05 per household. We would take our 3 older trucks that we currently use for curbside recycling and trade those in for 2 trucks that we would use for single stream recycling. One truck would be used for picking up the recycling tout and the other would be on the way to Scott County Landfill since the Clinton County Solid Waste Landfill currently does not accept single stream recycling. Scott County Landfill would actually pay us for the recycling we take to them. We added the miles we would use to pick up in Clinton and the miles used to take the recycling to Scott County and that came to \$1.13 per household. The carts purchased for the single stream recycling would cost the City \$.58 per household. The truck purchased and financing it for that for 10 years comes to \$323,000 divided by number of households would be \$.31 per household or if we drop it to 5 years it brings it to \$.51 per household. We would also have additional carts on hand if any were to get damaged or a second cart were requested. The option to offer it to small businesses would also be available and they could get a 95 gallon cart for their employees to recycle as well. This total would come out to a cost of \$3.47 for 10 years or \$3.67 for 5 years. We did a 3% increase for 5 years and compared this to the 2 bids we received. Republic Services range went from \$4.15 to \$5.67 in the 5 year span. Midland Davis bid listed \$4.34 for their first year and increased to \$4.78 by the fifth year per household. The City shows a lower cost per household and would also be able to recoup costs of carts and vehicle through depreciation. Another benefit to this is the City would maintain control of the recycling program.

City Administrator Brooke continued stating the City would look at purchasing some smaller sized touts as well for those that don't need the larger 95 cart. He also advised the Council from a debt perspective, we have already had cost reduction with Street Superintendent Creighton Regenwether doing an excellent job with curbside recycle, but we can take it down further by going to a single stream recycling program. Mayor Vulich inquired whether the fees received from the Scott County Landfill had been added into the calculation. City Administrator Brooke responded they had not been factored in simply because there are other fees such as insurance, education and other finance costs that would have to be considered as well. Councilmember O'Neill stated he had contacted the Scott County Landfill to make sure they were still accepting recycling from other Counties and still paying for that tonnage. He was assured they were accepting and currently paying \$11.00 to \$15.00 per ton for recycling. If the

City were to reach 65% recycling with the single stream recycling at \$12.00 per ton return from Scott County Landfill that would bring in \$60,000 per year. City Administrator Brooke stated there would also be some costs for educating the public on the use of this program as to what could or could not be recycled. Laura Liegios would be assisting with that part of the program implementation as well. He then thanked the two bidders Republic Services and Midland Davis for putting in their bids.

Councilmember Seeley inquired of the number of households the \$5.74 was based upon. City Administrator Brooke responded it is 6500 households. The lower number of households means we have to charge more per household to cover the costs. The more people that use the program the lower the cost would be. Councilmember Allesee stated that some of the areas of Clinton in the outside areas are under contract currently. They would be unable to participate in this right away. City Administrator Brooke responded that it will probably take 1 to 2 years for this program to be complete with all 8800 households. Councilmember Seeley inquired regarding the staff that would be necessary to do this program. Administrator Brooke stated we currently have 3 people assigned to the recycling program with the 3 trucks. The new program would divide the City into sections and recycles would be picked up only every other week. One person driving a truck picking up the recycles and another truck driving to Scott County. Each work day a part of the City would be picked up and taken to Scott County. Councilmember Seeley inquired of the number of pickups done in a day and how long it takes. Street Superintendent Creighton Regenwether advised we currently have 5 routes and 3 sections in each route with 8800 solid waste customers. We pick up 800 stops at about 90 seconds per stop.

City Administrator Brooke asked the Council for a motion to move the item forward to the next Council meeting to have the City of Clinton retain the sole responsibility to be the recycling advocates for the program. Councilmember Seeley stated he would like to see the cost variables on the 2 bidders before making a decision. Councilmember Connell inquired of the number of households the bidders used. Administrator Brooke responded 8800 were used by everyone. Finance Director Anita Dalton informed Council the outside areas of Clinton, such as the Valley Oaks subdivision are not currently paying the solid waste fee, so the number of residents that do pay the fee are the 8800 households. Councilmember O'Neill stated the City would be making money by going to the single stream program and taking it to the Scott County Landfill. Taking it to Clinton will not pay us \$12.00 per ton. Councilmember Connell noted that it should be looked at conservatively using the current 6500 households and receiving \$9.00 per ton versus \$12.00 per ton. Councilmember Seeley inquired as to the cost of education for the program. Administrator Brooke stated there would be some commercials on Mediacom and Facebook, videos would be used as well as the Light House newsletter and a sticker on top of the carts listing what could and could not be recycled. The exact cost figure for education has not been determined.

Mr. Matt Pivott and Ms. Lydia Wallen, representatives from Republic Services addressed the Council regarding their bid for the recycling services program. Mr. Pivott noted Republic already has program in place for recycling pick-ups. They currently serve many other communities such as DeWitt. They are taking it to Clinton County Landfill and Republic employees are sorting the recycling items themselves. He also advised Council the bid submitted was for a five year term and the City presented a 10 year proposal. He also stated they already have education programs in place they use for current customers. Councilmember Seeley inquired regarding the frequency of pick-ups done with current customers of Republic. Mr. Pivott responded the City of DeWitt is on a bi-weekly basis. Mayor Vulich inquired if Republic would be billing for the current customer basis of 6500 customers or the anticipated 8800 customers. Mr. Pivott

responded Republic would only bill for the number of customers picked up. Councilmember Seeley inquired if the City would still have to handle the billing of customers. Mr. Pivott stated the City would receive one monthly bill and it would be up to the City to collect from the customers. Mayor Vulich inquired regarding who would receive calls for missed collections or damaged carts. Mr. Pivott explained the customers would still call the Public Works Department at City Hall and those calls would get submitted to a call center at Republic and then would be acted upon from there. He also stated that a complete background on Republic Services was submitted with the bid and would be willing to e-mail that information to all Council Members.

M/S, Connell-Seeley moved the City Administrator take another look at the bids and make another comparison with the City's numbers for the same time period. Mayor Vulich stated this was simply a directive and no motion was necessary. The item will be brought back to the Committee of the Whole on May 4, 2017.

## 2. Barge – Matt Brooke

City Administrator Brooke stated no investors had come forward with interest in the barge project. Councilmember Allesee stated we need to thank the Kiel Family for bringing the City the opportunity to bring the barge to Clinton and noted that Fort Madison was also interested in the barge. Councilmember Gassman agreed the Kiel's need to be appreciated for the opportunity and wished we had the Rail park done as well as other projects so we could take on the barge project. Councilmember O'Neill also expressed a thank you to the Clinton Herald for the survey they put out for the citizens to voice their opinion. He added that is what we are here for.

## 3. Keep Iowa Beautiful – Matt Brooke

City Administrator Brooke address the Council regarding the Keep Iowa Beautiful agreement. The City would partner with East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA), Clinton County and the other 13 incorporated Communities. The five year agreement would cost the City \$1500 or \$300 per year. The objective would be to further the economic and cultural vitality of the county and communities by facilitating and furthering community and county plans in a coordinated and partnership strategy. Administrator Brooke stated this would help the smaller communities with funding for signage, or playground equipment for their parks. The advantage for Clinton is the person would come to Clinton and sit down with the Downtown Alliance, and the Visitor's Bureau with possible projects. The total cost of the Agreement is \$80,000.00. Keep Iowa Beautiful will provide 75% or \$60,000 per year. The County and Communities or other sources will provide for 25% or \$20,000 per year. The County Board of Supervisors has agreed to provide \$10,000 per year.

M/S, Seeley-O'Neill moved the Keep Iowa Beautiful Agreement be forwarded on to the next regular Council meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. On roll call, carried unanimously

## 4. JAG grant application in coordination with Clinton Substance Abuse Council – Kristin Huisenga

Kristin Huisenga, Executive Director of the Clinton Substance Abuse Council and Coordinator of the Gateway Impact Coalition address the Council and stated the request to partner with the City for the JAG grant application has been withdrawn. She stated the purpose of the grant was to develop an Opiate Overdose Outreach Project. The Clinton County area and along Eastern Iowa are in the middle of an Opiate crisis. Last year alone the Clinton Fire and EMS had 62 saves;

that is almost double from last year which was 37. The addiction needs to be treated like a disease and the treatment we are currently using is not working. The purpose of the grant was to provide help to the addicts using Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT). We were looking at different options to provide that; there are many different partners that need to be involved to provide that type of treatment. We wanted to make sure we have a solid plan to move this forward. We will continue to meet and we hope to be able to partner with the City in the future for this project, however we don't feel it is the best fit for us at this time. Ms. Huisenga introduced Amy Brentes. Ms. Brentes stated she appreciated the Clinton Police Department staff and their handling of the drug cases and the compassion they show toward them. She added that the opiate drug addiction has no age or demographics; they usually have insurance, and are not poor. It is very cheap on the streets. They are looking to educate providers, however there is a significant amount of paperwork and a waiver they must sign to be able to provide the MAT. Councilmember Connell inquired if the providers had to be counselors or doctors that can write prescriptions. Ms. Brentes responded they are looking into finding providers other than physicians that can write prescriptions. Currently they have only one in Clinton that has a signed waiver to provide the MAT. We are being very selective in who we want to work with. City Administrator Brooke informed the Council this grant would not cost the City any funding. They would simply receive it and forward it on to the Substance Abuse Council.

#### 5. Mayor and Council Updates

Councilmember O'Neill reminded everyone of the special Council Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

M/S, Connell-Gassman moved to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Lindstrom  
Deputy City Clerk