



**CLINTON CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

January 26, 2016

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER

ROLL CALL:

- 1. YWCA Housing Request –**
- 2. Mayor & Council Member Updates**



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December 16, 2015

City Administrator Jessica Kinser
611 South 3rd Street
Clinton, IA 52732

Dear Jessica,

The YWCA of Clinton, along with your partnership, has proudly served Clinton County since 1978 providing thousands of nights of emergency shelter, transitional housing and rapid rehousing for survivors of violence and those experiencing homelessness. The YWCA remains a resource to law enforcement, the county attorney's office, hospital personnel, and public/civic organizations seeking help for those most vulnerable in our community. While our bricks and mortar emergency shelter and transitional housing programs were closed in June, housing options within the community continue to be available through the YWCA Housing Services program. Vital housing resources, case management and advocacy are provided by the YWCA housing advocates assisting participants to set goals and work toward attainment, identify barriers to success, secure economic and community resources and obtain or maintain employment.

We ask your council for continued financial support toward these efforts. The YWCA of Clinton has received your generous past contribution of \$15,000.00 and we are confident that you will see the value in continuing your financial support in fiscal year 2017. These tax dollars will be used to support our Housing First programs which take individuals and families out of emergency shelters and assist them in obtaining safe, affordable permanent housing within your community and throughout Clinton County.

We would be happy to meet with any council member to discuss this very important issue. The YWCA of Clinton is thankful for your careful consideration and grateful for the dedication and support you have given to survivors of violence over the past 35 years.

Sincerely,

Shannon Sandler-Welzien
Executive Director

Sincerely,

Ronelle Clark
Housing Services Director

