

Committee of the Whole
July 5, 2016

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

1. Vision 8 Presentation- Pastor Ron Lott

Pastor Ron Lott, representing Vision 8, a group of volunteers who are seeking to build a community of positivity and forward momentum in order to give Clinton a brighter future, came before the Council to talk about the accomplishments of the organization since its inception in 2012. The group has worked on many City projects including the renovation of the Bandshell and the installation of brick walkways in that area, painting of benches and trashcans along riverfront, and many other projects. Pastor Lott mentioned each of the projects and those projects that they plan on doing or are hoping to do, which include improvements to Locust Park, riverfront and the Showboat, Liberty Square, and any other items which they find to be of help to the community. Pastor Lott also requested the moral support from the City Council as well as the attendance of a Council member, Mayor or City Administrator at their monthly meetings, which are the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Chamber of Commerce offices. Pastor Lott also requested the Council consider providing Home Depot gift cards to Vision 8 from the City's credit card rewards program.

Council member Allesee thanked Vision 8 for all their work, along with Mayor Vulich who stated the Bandshell would not have been possible without Vision 8's work. Council member O'Neill asked City Attorney Patrick O'Connell if the city has or should have a liability policy for volunteers doing work on City property or projects. O'Connell stated that he has not reviewed any policy but could provide advice if the Council so desired. Council member O'Neill inquired of Kinser what the points mentioned were. Kinser stated that the City earns points on transactions completed on the City's credit cards. Through the advice of the City Attorney, it was recommended that the points not be used for the benefit of the City or its employees, but could be gifted to an entity through a resolution of the Council.

M/S, O'Neill-Gassman moved to forward a resolution to provide Vision 8 Home Depot gift cards from the City's credit card reward points not-to-exceed \$500 to the next City Council meeting agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

2. Part-Time Solid Waste Position – Creighton Regenwether

Street and Solid Waste Superintendent Creighton Regenwether brought forward a request to continue one of the previously approved two part-time, temporary Solid Waste Equipment Operator positions beyond the four month threshold, which would occur in August. Regenwether stated that of 7 applicants, two were qualified and hired, with one quitting after one day. It took 5 weeks to train the individual who continued on. Council member Determann asked if the continued employment in the position would create an issue with the Affordable Care Act and if it was IPERS eligible. City Administrator Jessica Kinser stated that there would not be issues due to the position only being scheduled 24 hours a week, and yes it would be IPERS eligible if continued. Council member O'Neill asked about the length and cost of training to which Regenwether stated it took 5 weeks of training and that it would cost to try to bring someone new on board at this time.

M/S, O'Neill-Connell moved to forward a resolution to continue the Solid Waste Equipment Operator position to the next City Council meeting agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

3. Strategic Plan – Goal 4 – Jessica Kinser

City Administrator Kinser stated that the fourth goal, to continually improve the City's organization and services, is one that focuses on the internal workings of the organization and went through each objective with the City Council.

Under Objective 2 (identify opportunities for improving the efficiency of the organization), Council member O'Neill asked if the city was considering working with other organizations to hire a grant writer. Kinser stated that she had not considered that but was hoping these duties could be combined with a new or existing position. Council member Determann asked if the City has GPS in all City vehicles. Kinser stated that only Police and Transit have GPS at this time. The following item was then added to Objective 2: Council considers a report on the use of GPS in City vehicles. Council member O'Neill asked about body cameras in the Police Department. Kinser stated that no body cameras are in use at this point and that the purchase of the body cameras and related equipment is part of the upcoming borrowing. Council member O'Neill stated that the Council had not reviewed a policy; City Attorney O'Connell stated that a system needed to be purchased before a policy could be adopted by the Council. Also under Objective 2, Council member O'Neill asked if the Council would like a presentation from Scott County related to their new single stream recycling program. The consensus from the Council was to hear about the new program in Scott County. Council member O'Neill also commented that the Council needs to work to find ways to add additional police officers; Council member Determann stated that would be difficult to do until the PAAB appeal is resolved.

Under Objective 3 (complete labor negotiations with collective bargaining units), Kinser reminded the Council that this would be forthcoming in fiscal year 2017 when contract negotiations would begin again. Council member O'Neill asked if the City can meet with the unions prior to negotiations beginning, to which O'Connell responded that yes, issues are typically brought to union management meetings.

Following the completion of all objectives of goal 4, Kinser stated the Council would receive a survey the next day to begin the prioritization process.

4. Mayor & Council Member Updates

Mayor Vulich stated that the 4th of July celebration was successful and well-attended.

Council member Seeley stated that Finally Friday on July 1st was also well-attended and a successful event.

Council member McGraw noted that the Thursday Music on the Avenue event in the 200 block of 5th Avenue South is going well and that the planters and flowers on riverfront look beautiful.

Council member O'Neill stated that the Showboat Theater's 2016 season is going well. He also noted that his monthly forum for July will be held at the Ericksen Center on July 23rd at 9:30am.

Councilmember Connell noted that he attended a tour of ADM set up by CRDC which included other elected officials and highly recommended other Council members take advantage of the opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Kinser
City Administrator