

**Committee of the Whole**  
**March 8, 2016**

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

1. Additional Proposals for Wi-Fi at Eagle Point Park – Gregg Obren

Parks and Recreation Director Gregg Obren advised the Council of his questions he proposed to Kyle VanLoo, Local Account Executive of Mediacom and the answers he received regarding the Wi-Fi for the Eagle Point Park Lodge. Director Obren stated he requested to have a lower upload speed for now and possibly increase it in the future and thereby lowering the monthly cost to \$200. Mr. VanLoo responded that yes, it was possible to lower the speed to 50 mbps for \$199.95 per month and if phones were needed that would be an additional cost making it a total of \$218.95 per month. Director Obren inquired of the installation costs and terms of the agreement. Mr. VanLoo replied the installation costs would increase, however it is being considered to lower the construction costs and the terms of contracts are 3 and 5 year contracts. Director Obren stated that fiber optic cable cannot support telephone signals, however according to Mr. VanLoo if they were to build coax to the building they could bring a phone line in to the lodge. Director Obren advised he also inquired about adding "hot spots" in the future around Eagle Point Park using the coax rather than the fiber optic. Mr. VanLoo replied the coax cable could be extended and add extra modems with Wi-Fi routers, or they could add repeaters around the park with the same signal from the lodge. Mr. VanLoo reported using fiber optics is also an option but at a much higher cost. Director Obren also inquired of Mr. VanLoo if Mediacom would be willing to donate to the project as the Rotary Club has done and also gave Mr. VanLoo the contact information for the Rotary Club. Mr. VanLoo is willing to work with his management to see if the project costs could be reduced.

Director Obren advised the Council the piping has already been complete in the Eagle Point Lodge; and walls are being done. He added fiber optics does not support telephone lines but they could do both with coax and fiber optic at a later date. The "hot spots" will depend upon the equipment put in place at the Park. Mayor Vulich inquired regarding whether more information is needed. Director Obren replied yes. Mayor Vulich stated no action was needed at this time.

2. Disposal of the Trolley – Dennis Hart

Transportation Director Dennis Hart advised the Council there is a local business person interested in purchasing the Trolley. City Administrator Jessica Kinser reminded the Council the Trolley was put out to bid last year; the original bid document didn't protect the City so all bids were rejected; it was re-let with the protective language to make sure the City it was going to be used within the City had the right to re-purchase it if it came for sale, and there were no bidders the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Councilmember O'Neill inquired regarding whether the City could just make a deal with this guy. Mayor Vulich stated the City would like to keep the Trolley within the City to be used by the citizens of Clinton.

M/S, Connell-O'Neill moved the Council forward the Disposal of the Trolley with a new RFP process to the next Committee of the Whole agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

In discussion before roll call, Councilmember Seeley inquired if stipulations could be placed on the purchase of the Trolley so it doesn't become a party bus. City Administrator Jessica Kinser advised Council there were stipulations in place so that it would remain in Clinton. Mayor Vulich inquired of City Attorney Patrick O'Connell how long it would take to put a Request for Proposal (RFP) together. Attorney O'Connell stated it would depend upon what language the Council would require in the agreement. Mayor Vulich inquired regarding whether there was a copy of the last RFP, and if it could be distributed to Council for then to review and decide if changes needed to be made. Mayor Vulich also inquired if the RFP could be ready for the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Attorney O'Connell responded yes, depending on what changes the Council wanted to make.

### 3. Mayor & Council Member Updates

Mayor Vulich advised there would be a public forum on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. He added the special election would be held on March 22, 2016. The absentee ballots would be available on Monday. Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> would be another candidate forum on KROS radio station.

Councilman Determann stated he would be attending Springfield Sessions with other mayors and Council from Illinois.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Lindstrom  
Deputy City Clerk