

Committee of the Whole
November 22, 2016

Present: Mayor Vulich, Council Members Gassman, Seeley, McGraw, Determann, O'Neill, and Connell, City Administrator, City Attorney (by telephone), City Clerk, Press and interested citizens. Councilmember Allesee – absent.

1. C.A.S.T. Request to place a new sign on Riverfront – Patrick O'Connell

City Attorney Patrick O'Connell advised the Council to consider the advice from Steve Leidinger and to move this item forward for a public hearing to make sure there are no objections from the public. Judge David Sivright inquired regarding a zoning variance. City Attorney O'Connell stated that City Staff will be briefed on the analysis and he would speak with Judge Sivright on the phone.

M/S, Determann-O'Neill moved to forward a resolution to set a public hearing for the C.A.S.T. Request to place a new sign on Riverfront to the next City Council meeting agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

2. Elliott Mediation Settlement Offer – Mayor Vulich

Mayor Vulich advised the Council that the offer from Elliott is \$30,000 cash and \$37,000 in benefits previously provided. Councilmember O'Neill stated that when he read that Elliott had provided the City with a solid waste truck for a total of 22 weeks due to late delivery, he thought that the manufacturer would be reimbursed for being late and this is a perk that they would give to any good customer. He continued in stating that the issue regarding the billing which was lost was never addressed. The taxpayer's money was spent and the City did not get what they paid for. Mayor Vulich stated that this was their final offer.

Councilmember Connell inquired regarding whether the City still uses Elliott as a vendor and if we plan to use them in the future. Public Works Superintendent Creighton Regenwether advised that the City has a lot of Elliott's equipment and whether the City will use them as a vendor will have a lot to do with a recycling program. He stated that there has not been discussion regarding new vendors and Elliott is responsive.

M/S, Gassman-Connell moved to forward a resolution accepting Elliott's offer to the next City Council meeting agenda. On roll call, Gassman, Seeley, McGraw, Connell – Yes; Determann, O'Neill – No. Motion carried.

3. Sidewalk Replacement - Buell & Cleveland – Dick Schrad

Interim City Administrator Dick Schrad advised the Council that this item should be withdrawn from Council consideration. He stated that he and the City Engineer have met with the property owners as well as the contractor and have come up with an amicable solution.

4. Large Item Curbside Pickup – Councilmember McGraw

Councilmember McGraw stated that with the discussion about vacant and abandoned houses and problems with cleaning up properties Large Item Pickup should be discussed again. Councilmember Seeley inquired regarding the cost for the program. Finance Director Anita Dalton stated that the City had a contract with Determann in 2014 for \$36,958. She continued in stating that there was no dollar amount for 2013 and 2012, and in 2011 there was a \$30,000 cost. She advised that the City would need to contract for large item pick up again if the Council decides to move this forward. Mayor Vulich stated that the City does not have the personnel.

Councilmember O'Neill stated that there are businesses which will pick up large items and dispose of them.

Councilmember Connell inquired regarding how long it took Determann to complete the large item pickup. Mayor Vulich stated that they stopped when the City reached the cost limit and then BNS became overburdened. Interim City Administrator Schrad stated that he would like to take this issue back to City staff for their input. Public Works Superintendent Regenwether advised that people were sent out ahead of Determann to tag articles which would not be picked up. He stated that this took about four weeks and the staffing was huge. At that time his staff was not responsible for the R.O.W. mowing and Liberty Square.

5. Declaring Surplus Property – Chief Brown

Fire Chief Mike Brown advised the Council that now is the time to get rid of the two fire trucks and the one vehicle to make room for the newly purchased Tender/Pumper. He stated that there are two local fire departments interested in the trucks and want to bid on them. He continued in stating that sealed bids for the vehicles would be accepted. He further stated that the Crown Vic is in bad shape and suggested that the Fire Department replace it with an SUV.

M/S, Seeley-O'Neill moved to forward a resolution declaring surplus property to the next City Council meeting agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

6. Clinton Regional Development Corporation Annual Meeting – Councilmember Determann

Councilmember Determann advised that the CRDC Annual Meeting is a great event and everyone should plan to attend. He stated that there will be a great speaker. He urged the Council Members to make reservations through the City Clerk's Office.

7. Mayor & Council Updates

Councilmember O'Neill advised that he would not hold his Thursday radio show; however, there would be the Public Forum on Saturday, December 3rd at the Ericksen Center from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Interim City Administrator Dick Schrad stated that he has thoroughly enjoyed working in Clinton. He advised the Council that there would be a City Administrator Candidate Search progress report at the December 6th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Vulich stated that the PAAB Appeal would take place November 29, 2016 through December 1, 2016. He wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Van Loo
City Clerk