

Committee of the Whole
August 11, 2015

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

1. Mayors for Peace – Mayor Vulich/Lori Freudenberg

Mayor Vulich advised the Council that the Sisters of Saint Francis have requested Council support for the initiative called Mayor's for Peace.

Ms. Lori Freudenberg advised the Council that the tragedies caused by the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki has led to the establishment of Mayors for Peace. Mayors for Peace in conjunction with partner cities around the world has developed the 2020 Vision Campaign calling for the total abolition of nuclear weapons by 2020.

Councilmember Rowland stated that the Council deals with City issues and does not delve into political or social matters. Ms. Freudenberg stated that this would only be a symbolic gesture. Councilmember Allesee inquired regarding whether the Sisters are actively involved in nuclear arms. Ms. Freudenberg stated that they have taken a stand on nuclear weapons. Councilmember O'Neill stated that he agrees that the Council does not deal with political or social issues; however, maybe we should. It may be a step in the right direction.

M/S, O'Neill-Allesee moved to place a resolution on the next Council agenda supporting Mayors for Peace. On roll call, McGraw, Rowland, Gassman, Wilke, O'Neill, Allesee – Yes; Determann – No. Motion carried.

2. SOQ for Railport Site Studies – Rich Phelan

Mr. Rich Phelan, Chair of the Clinton Regional Development Corporation (CRDC) advised the Council that as part of phase 3 for site certification, additional studies are required. He stated that the additional studies consist of environmental assessments, wetlands, endangered species, archeological and historical studies, and soil reports. He continued in stating that he has been working with the City Engineer to put the Statements of Qualification (SOQ) documents together. He further stated that the SOQ's would be sent to several engineering companies. He proceeded to state that the cost is unknown until the SOQ's are received.

Councilmember Rowland stated that he thought that the water would be the end and now there is something different. Mayor Vulich stated that the City has known there are three phases. Phase one and two were paid for by the state and we are responsible for Phase three so that the site is certified and ready to be developed. He continued in stating that Phase Three is the last step and then we are done. Councilmember O'Neill stated that there is no known cost or information and there has been no input from the Council. He further stated that this is not a good partnership. City Administrator Kinser advised that this information had been in her weekly report two weeks ago.

Councilmember Determann stated that he agrees with Councilmember O'Neill regarding the Council not being informed. Councilmember Allesee stated that if this is a step to move us forward we should do it and work together. Councilmember O'Neill stated that he did not think that the City has the ability to move this forward.

M/R, O'Neill-Rowland moved to rescind the resolution under consideration and direct staff to look into other parties who may be interested in purchasing the City's part of the Railpark, determine the amount of investment made by the City and bring that information back to the Council. On roll call, Rowland, Gassman, O'Neill – Yes; McGraw, Determann, Wilke, Allesee – Mo. Motion failed.

In discussion before roll call, Councilmember O'Neill stated that the CRDC should buy out the City's share of the Railpark and let them move forward. He continued in stating that the City is looking a

minimum of 500 acres and does not have the money to buy that. He further stated that he is not opposed to the Railpark, the CRDC needs another partner.

Councilmember Wilke stated that the City does not have the money to keep putting into projects. He continued in stating that what is being talked about now should be an item on the Committee of the Whole.

M/S, Determann-Gassman moved to proceed with the SOQ. On roll call, McGraw, Gassman, Determann, Wilke, Allesee – Yes; Rowland, O’Neill – No. Motion carried.

3. Renaming of Pool 13 – Mayor Vulich/Edith Pfeffer

Mayor Vulich advised the Council that the lake north of Lock and Dam 13 has always been known as Lake Clinton; however, it has never been designated as such. He stated that there is a process the City can go through to name it Lake Clinton.

Ms. Edith Pfeffer advised the Council that the DOT was updating their map and could not find it so designated. She stated that if the City would like it named Lake Clinton there is a process we can go through to do so. She suggested placing interpretive panels by the binoculars.

M/S, Allesee-Determann moved to forward the renaming of Pool 13 to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

4. National Geographic Magazine Branding of the Mississippi River – Edith Pfeffer

Ms. Edith Pfeffer advised the Council that there would be a meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 12th regarding the branding of the Mississippi River and sharing out places of interest on the National Geographic website. She stated that this is being funded by the Mayor’s Consortium and individuals from Tennessee.

Mayor Vulich stated that there would also be a ribbon cutting for the MRT at the Chamber of Commerce at 9:00 A.M.

5. Referrals from Planning Commission:

a. Final Plat: Sievers First Subdivision

City Planning Intern Jacob Couppee advised the Council that the preliminary and final plat came before the Planning Committee to settle an estate. He stated that there is no further intent for the land.

M/S, Gassman-Wilke moved to forward the Final Plat of Sievers First Subdivision forward to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

b. Rezoning: 600 South 4th Street

City Planning Intern Jacob Couppee advised the Council that rezoning of 600 South 4th Street would allow the Roosevelt Building to be used for residential purposes. The request is to go from C-3 to R-4 which is an adjoining use. He stated that there has been a request to be removed from the Central Business District Overlay.

M/S, Determann-O’Neill moved to forward the rezoning of 600 South 4th Street to the City Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

c. Alley Vacation: 600 South 4th Street

City Planning Intern Jacob Couppee advised the Council that the request has been made to vacate the alley adjacent to the Roosevelt Building which divides the parking in order to make the building ADA compliant and improve safety. He stated that the alley would be blocked off at the north end and the value would count towards the City's part of the development agreement.

M/S, Allesee-Determann moved to forward the alley vacation at 600 South 4th Street to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

d. Rezoning: Valley West Court/Manufacturing Drive

City Planning Intern Jacob Couppee advised the Council that the area is currently zoned M-3; however, has been turned into commercial. He stated that he is requesting to rezone the area C-2 which would also subject the area to meet City design and landscape guidelines.

M/S, Wilke-Rowland moved to forward the rezoning of Valley West Court and Manufacturing Drive to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

e. Rezoning: South 21st Street/Harrison

City Planning Intern Jacob Couppee advised the Council that the request for rezoning the area from M-3 to C-2 is related to concerns that future development abide by the City's design and landscape guidelines; however, allow transition areas to provide necessary services.

M/S, Gassman-Rowland moved to forward the rezoning of South 21st Street and Harrison Drive to the next City Council agenda. On rollcall, carried unanimously.

6. Traffic Study Commission Referral:

a. Installation of Yield Sign on 16th Ave NW at the corner of 11th St NW

City Engineer Jason Craft stated that his is a request from residents at Westview Heights. He continued in stating that after church there is a steady line of cars turning eastbound on 11th Street NW. A yield sign would safely allow vehicles to turn at an uncontrolled intersection.

Councilmember O'Neill stated that normally a left turn would need to yield. He inquired regarding why there is need for a yield sign. One car coming out of the subdivision would take precedence and the rest would need to yield. Engineer Craft stated that there are no problems except when church is out; however, it would not hurt to install a yield sign.

M/S, Gassman-Wilke moved to forward the installation of a yield sign on 16th Ave NW at the corner of 11th St NW to the next City Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

7. Mayor & Council Member Updates

Mayor Vulich advised the Council that there would be a ribbon cutting at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday at 9:00 A.M. for the MRT. He stated that applications are being accepted for the next Citizen's Academy. He continued in stating that the IDOT met in Burlington and has awarded the Clinton Airport \$101,000 for hangar repairs. He further stated that IEDA has approved the CDBG Grant for the 20th Avenue North project.

Councilmember Determann thanked everyone who helped with the American Queen's visit. He stated that it was fantastic and everyone thought the City is great. He continued in stating that he attended the IDOT meeting in Burlington to request the four lane on Highway 30 between DeWitt and Lisbon. He further stated that the concrete is in at the Lyons Business and Technology Park.

Councilmember O'Neill stated that he spent last Saturday at the Vincent Jetter Community gathering. He continued in stating that it is a great event and he is looking forward to attending next year. He further stated that he would be holding a public forum at the Ericksen Community Center on Saturday, August 15th from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. where there will be discussion regarding the water shut-off.

M/S, Determann-Wilke m oved to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Van Loo
City Clerk