



**CLINTON CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**May 26, 2015**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**ROLL CALL:**

- 1. School Resource Officer Discussion – Tom Bohle**
- 2. One-time funding request for Mississippi River City & Towns Initiative  
– Mayor Vulich**
- 3. Mayor & Council Member Updates**

# Committee of the Whole Summary Sheet

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## **1. School Resource Officer Contract Issue**

With the promotion of one SRO to a Corporal, the Council needs to decide if they want to refill the SRO position for the remainder of the contract (July 2016) or see if the School is mutually agreeable to reducing the contract to two SRO positions. The memo includes the financial impacts of each choice.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

To refill the vacant SRO position for the duration of the current contract.

## **2. Request for Mississippi River City and Towns Initiative**

The Mayor has received a request to provide one-time funding to the Mississippi River City and Towns Initiative and will present the request.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

To provide funding to the Initiative.



## MEMO

Date: May 21, 2015  
To: Mayor Vulich and the City Council  
From: Tom Bohle, Interim Chief of Police  
Re: School Resource Officer Program

On May 11, 2015 School Resource Officer Lorenzen was promoted to the rank of Corporal. With that promotion he will be removed from the SRO program at the end of the school year to assume a supervisory position on Patrol.

The promotion and transfer results in an opening in the SRO program. The current SRO program has one SRO assigned to the high school, one SRO assigned to the middle school, and the third SRO assigned to the four elementary schools with an office at Clinton High School. SRO Lorenzen was assigned to the four elementary schools.

There are two options for the SRO program under the current contract which expires July 31, 2016.

### Option 1:

Select and train an officer to fulfill the obligations of the contract. This would replace Corporal Lorenzen and keep three SRO's in the Clinton Community School District (CCSD). A new SRO requires significant training which includes a one week basic SRO course and a one week advanced SRO course. The learning curve is typically one year before an SRO has all the tools needed to feel comfortable in the position. The basic SRO training cost is approximately \$2,570 for Registration/Room/Board/Transportation. The advanced SRO training ranges from \$2,500-\$3,000.

### Option 2:

Negotiate with CCSD to operate with two SRO's for the next school year. This would return an officer to the streets which addresses a staffing concern, but at the same time it causes a loss of revenue. This move causes the City to fully fund the former SRO position since the CCSD paid ½ the salary. The cost to fully fund Cpl. Lorenzen's position is an additional \$52,524.

It would be speculation to say that overtime would be reduced by an SRO returning to patrol duties. It would definitely reduce minimum staffing however there were school related overtime calls that the school district covered ½. Some of these duties may still require overtime. Any training an SRO received, whether department training or school training, was ½ funded by the school district. Quite a bit of the school related training was fully funded by the school district. Any major incident on the streets of Clinton during weekdays that required additional assistance was supported by SROs coming out of the schools to assist. Even then, ½ of the SRO's salary was being paid by the CCSD.

I know this is a budgetary concern for both the City and the CCSD. I am looking for guidance as to how to proceed.

The SRO program is very beneficial to both the City and the School District. If we focus only on the safety and welfare of our school children, I think it is a no-brainer... replace the SRO position.

However I understand the budgetary concerns for both parties involved and that must be a council decision.

Captain Bohle (Interim Chief)