

**Committee of the Whole**  
**February 10 2015**

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

1. RFP for Collection Agency – Anita Dalton

City Finance Director Anita Dalton advised the Council that she had sent out 11 RFP's for a collection agency and had received four responses. She stated that one stood out because they specialize in municipal collections. They are located in Palatine Illinois and were the only one to answer all of the questions. Councilmember O'Neill stated that Trans Global had a lower percentage. He suggested that Finance Director Dalton negotiate with Municipal Collections for a lower percentage. Councilmember Rowland stated that the amount of units the City gives them may change the percentage.

Councilmember O'Neill inquired regarding the number of accounts the City would be sending them and the dollar total. Finance Director Dalton stated that they would receive fewer accounts with the higher amounts owed. Councilmember Rowland stated that the better they do with obtaining the collections the more accounts they would receive.

City Administrator Kinser stated that some of the responses received may be eliminated if they did not answer all of the questions. She further stated that she agreed with Director Dalton that Municipal Collections was the only responsive RFP received.

M/S, O'Neill-Allesee moved to forward Director Dalton's recommendation of Municipal Collections to the next Council agenda and requested that she negotiate the percentage and check their references. On roll call, carried unanimously.

2. Reorganization of the Mayor's Youth Commission – Gregg Obren

Recreation Director Gregg Obren advised the Council that he has been the staff liaison for the Mayor's Youth Commission for many years. He stated that the Commission members brought the idea to him regarding splitting the middle school students and the high school students into two divisions of 11 members each. This will be an opportunity to get more middle school students involved. He continued in stating that a significant hurdle currently exists due to middle school and high school vastly differing schedules. He further stated that once the high school students graduate they no longer take part in the Commission. He recommended that the age requirements be modified to be 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade inclusive.

Councilmember Allesee inquired regarding whether Director Obren had discussed the change with the School Superintendent. Director Obren stated that he has not discussed this with the School Superintendent; however, he would bring this to her attention.

M/S, O'Neill-Allesee moved to forward the reorganization of the Mayor's Youth Commission to the next Council agenda. On roll call, carried unanimously.

### 3. Mayor & Council Member Updates

Mayor Vulich advised that Clinton County Day in Des Moines went well. He stated that there was good dialogue regarding 411 changes, insurance related to demolitions, Hotel/Motel Tax and the gas tax.

Councilmember Determann stated that Clinton County Day in Des Moines was a great success. He advised that the Smart Conference would be held May 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there are work sessions relating to TIF, certification of sites, etc.

Councilmember O'Neill stated that he would be holding a public forum on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> with the main discussion relating to three lane conversion.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Van Loo  
City Clerk