

Clinton starts job of reorganizing its city government

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CLINTON, Iowa — The Clinton City Council has postponed the addition of a couple of new positions in city hall as part of a proposed reorganization of duties, but gave the go-ahead for reorganization plans in the public works department.

The addition of a clerk in the finance department and a part-time human resources position have been proposed by City Administrator Gary Boden as part of reorganization and realignment of duties.

Council member Mark Vulich said with the talk of a tight city budget, he could not support the addition of the personnel.

"I'm not sure six weeks into the budget year, this is economically the correct thing to do at this moment."

He proposed delaying action on both resolutions until February, when the new council could address the situation in the budget. The council voted 5-1 in favor of tabling the resolutions, with Bob Soesbe casting

the lone "no" vote.

During this week's committee-of-the-whole session, the council gave the city administrator the go-ahead to continue planning a reorganization of the public works department. Initially, Boden had proposed some internal promotions that would occur a couple of years in the future, but the council said they did not want to make that type of decision for a couple of years.

Boden said the reorganization and realignment was the important piece, not who filled particular jobs. Over the years, the departments have taken on new and different duties and responsibilities.

"It's an easy statement to say that the city is in significant need of reorganization," Boden said.

The city administrator said the process needs to start now to be able to make the budget changes required for the next fiscal year.

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