

CLARINDA IOWA PROUD OF HER MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

(Clarinda, Iowa, has adopted a managerial form of government—to a certain extent. Not as far-reaching as La Grande's, it is true, but nevertheless embraces a manager form of government. Appended is a newspaper article from Clarinda that indicates the managerial form is well liked there.)—Editor's note.

"Where will I find the manager?" That is the query of every person having business to transact with a business firm or corporation. It is the natural and direct way to get results—find the one man in authority, who, without delay or quibbling, can pass upon matters concerning the institution under his charge. And that is the method that must be pursued by any who would have dealings with the little city of Clarinda, Ia.—find the manager.

Clarinda administers its municipal affairs in precisely the same way that a systematized commercial organization is run—under the direction of a business manager. In the hands of man lies the authority to enforce the policies of government and on his shoulders rests the responsibility of keeping the city in good running order; clean, healthful, well lighted, protected from fire, its pavements and sidewalks in repair, its improvements properly installed—in short, to run the municipality as a private business enterprise should be run, with a view to economy, efficiency and wholesome growth. And that man knows if he fails to discharge his duties properly he will be fired forthwith, just as the manager of any other business might expect to be. His is not a political office, to endure its appointed time regardless of the shortcomings of the incumbent—it is a business job, dependent in its permanency on good and faithful service.

It's a Town of 4,000.

Clarinda is the county seat of Page county and has about four thousand inhabitants. It is surrounded by a fairly prosperous agricultural region, and the Iowa State Hospital for the insane is there, but it possesses no peculiar advantages in its geographical situation. Its two railroads are both small branches of systems of

which the main lines are many miles away, and there is no resident industry of sufficient importance to lend the community distinction. It would be just an ordinary, obscure, commonplace, back country, county seat town if it were not for the adoption of some progressive policies of government that have pulled it out of the mire of mediocrity and set it up as a shining example to other municipalities, large and small.

Among the "Other Officers."

There was opposition to the plan at first. Some said such a thing could not be done under the law, but the father of the idea pointed to the statutes, which empowered the mayor to name "a street commissioner, a health physician, a marshal, and other officers authorized by the council." Among the "other officers," he proposed appointing a business manager, and with the council's aid he went ahead and did it. It was a simple process. The council passed and the mayor signed an ordinance creating the office, the mayor's appointee, to "perform such acts as are needful and proper for the good government of the city," and to have such other powers as the council might confer upon him. The ordinance also specified that the offices of business manager and street commissioner might be held by the same person.

It was decided that the business manager should have a salary to start with of \$1,500 a year, which, is esteemed a dignified income in Clarinda. There was something of a rush for the job, but none of the active candidates got it. The mayor went outside of the list of applicants and chose, for reasons of his own, a certain young man named T. A. Wilson.

"No, Wilson has no conspicuous qualifications for the job," explained the mayor last week. "He had no special training for such work never had held a political office, never had made a striking success in any line of endeavor. But he was the type of man that, when he started to do a thing, he went at it hammer and tongs, forgot the clock and hustled, I didn't make any mistake. He has held the position since the first of last May, and I believe he has made good to the satisfaction of everybody."

The Busiest Man in Clarinda.

As for Wilson himself, he is the busiest business manager in Clarinda, or any other city of its size, probably; which is not remarkable when it is remembered that he is some eight or ten city officers rolled in one. The Advantage of Dealing With One Man.

The full extent of the powers to be invested in the business manager has not yet been fully determined in Clarinda, but they are likely to be increased, rather than curtailed, as time goes on. The advantage to the residents in having to deal with but one man, and that man an active executive, when they desire small improvements, repairs and the like, is highly gratifying. Direct action through one man has simplified tremendously the routine of petty detail in administering the affairs of the city's upkeep, insignificant matters that formerly consumed much of the council's time and furnished opportunities for bickering and trading favors among the councilmen. And when questions of more serious import arise, the mayor and the council have in the business manager an agent and adviser familiar with every part of the city and with every condition affecting the life of the community.

If there was no saving in the operating expenses of the city under the plan of employing a business manager, there still would be good reason for retaining him," Mayor Peters asserts. "A city of this size necessarily pays small salaries for many office or job holders, and the result is that work is slighted. Under the old plan a \$50-a-month job attracted only \$50-a-month men, whereas we now have that \$50-a-month job taken care of by a \$125-a-month man. The best citizens, who have businesses of their own cannot afford to give their time and effort to the city for the remuneration the city

offers, but under the present system we get the services of a high grade man for the same money. Furthermore, concentrating responsibility for the details of municipal housekeeping keeps the people of the town in closer touch with the administration, and places the business manager in a position where he must make good, or make way for a better man."

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Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5per cent of circulation)	33,789.80
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Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid..	17.94
National Bank Notes outstanding	47,300.00
Due to other National Banks	4,282.44
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