

JUNE 2, 2014

The regular Council meeting was held at 6:00 PM at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Dowdle, Byrd, McGee, and Scarborough. Local news media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stephens from WLBG, and Daniel Lauer from the Laurens Advertiser. Notice was mailed and emailed to the local news media on May, 28 2014.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Reverend Jerry Harris from the Church of Christ.

**PLEDGE
ALLEGIANCE** Mayor McLean asked Council and the audience to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES Mayor McLean asked Council to approve the minutes from May 12. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the May 12, 2014 minutes and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

**CITIZENS
ADDRESS
COUNCIL
SENIOR
OPTIONS** Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Joy Lindsay, Senior Options Director. Ms. Lindsay stated that she was before Council for financial aid. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options is a private non-profit organization. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options purpose is to enrich the quality of life for Laurens County citizens by meeting their needs. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options serves citizens in Laurens County who are 65 or older. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options provides an Adult Day Care which requires \$250,000 annually to operate. Ms. Lindsay stated that six citizens from Clinton are in this program. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options sponsors the Foster Grandparent Program in School District 56. Ms. Lindsay stated that this program provides help in the classroom so that the School District does not have to hire personnel. Ms. Lindsay stated that twenty-five citizens from Clinton participate in this program. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options sponsors the Meal on Wheels program which requires \$350,000 annually to operate. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options transports citizens to various appointments throughout the year and sixty-two citizens from Clinton participate in this program. Ms. Lindsay stated that it takes \$280,000 annually to run this program. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Citizens would appreciate any support from Clinton. Councilmember McGee stated that in the past the City did furnish the Meals on Wheels program a facility to work from. Mayor McLean thanked Ms. Lindsay for her presentation.

**PROCLAMATIONS
NATIONAL SAFETY
CAROLINA DAY
RECREATION** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of Proclamations proclaiming June as National Safety Month, July as Park and Recreation Month, and June 28 as Carolina Day. Councilmember Dowdle made a motion to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**LCWSC
Presentation**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the presentation from the Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission. Mr. Stovall stated that the LCWSC purchases water from the City and is the City's largest customer. Mr. Stovall stated that the City contracts with the LCWSC to provide sewer treatment services for Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that Mr. Ted Davenport, Clinton's Representative on LCWSC's Board and Jeff Fields, Executive Director for LCWSC would address Council. Mr. Stovall recognized Mr. Davenport. Mr. Davenport stated that he is Clinton's Representative on the LCWSC Board and that LCWSC is before Council to update them on several capital projects. Mr. Davenport stated that LCWSC appreciates the cooperation from the City of Clinton. Mr. Davenport stated that Mr. Fields would update Council on LCWSC's new projects. Mr. Fields stated that currently LCWSC's permit allows 2.75 MGD and the current flow is 1.2 MGD. Mr. Fields stated that the Phosphorous limit is 8,340 lbs. annually and LCWSC is currently loading 8000 lbs. of Phosphorous which is 96% of the limit. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC is upgrading their facilities because of their limited ability to remove the phosphorous and other natural nutrients from the water. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC facilities have no chemical feed for P removal and a limited aeration and oxidation ditch. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC looked at their current facilities and wanted to upgrade them. Mr. Fields stated that the desired performance of a 2.75 MGD remains the same but the new facility would have biological nutrient removal capability. Mr. Fields stated that the upgrade would allow LCWSC chemical feed for additional removal. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC's goal is to reduce P discharge to approximately 44% of the limit. Mr. Fields stated that the new Liquid Lime System would use Line Slurry which is effective with very little maintenance. Mr. Fields stated that another project is the Sand Creek Force Main Extension. Mr. Fields stated that the existing gravity discharge point is 24" but LCWSC plans to move the discharge downstream to 27". Mr. Fields stated that the Sand Creek Extension has three lift stations which are Millers Folk, High School, and Sand Creek. Mr. Fields stated that the Sand Creek line comes together at one point and LCWSC would divert some of the line with a tie-in. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC would build a Lake Greenwood Water Plant. Mr. Fields stated that the capacity would be 4 MGD with an expandable package for technology. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC would employ Lake Rabon, Enoree River, and Lake Greenwood as storage and drainage in order to service their current and potential customers. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC is currently in the permit and design stage of the Lake Greenwood Water Plant with the hopes of completing this stage in three years. Mr. Fields stated that the State owns Lake Greenwood and LCWSC would have to negotiate the terms of the permit with the State and Greenwood. Mr. Fields stated that he would like LCWSC and the City to have a discussion about the new Water Plant and form a partnership that would benefit Clinton and the LCWSC. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the City of Clinton should be concerned about water supply fifty years down the road.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE BLUE LAWS Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance to temporarily suspend the application of Sunday sales prohibitions within the corporate limits of the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that this Ordinance suspends the Blue Laws and allows a business to be opened and to operate on Sunday. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has approved the first reading. Councilmember McGee asked if Council could approve this Ordinance annually and Mr. Stovall stated that the State only allows the City to suspend the Law every six months. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the second reading of an Ordinance suspending the Blue Laws and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET FY 2014-15 Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Public Hearing on the budget for the fiscal year 2014-15 for the City of Clinton. Mayor McLean opened the Public Hearing for public comments. Council did not receive any comments from the public and Councilmember McGee made a motion to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Councilmember Dowdle. The vote was unanimous.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE BUDGET FY 2014-15 Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance to appropriate and raise revenue and adopt a budget for the City of Clinton for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has gone over the budget several times and approved the first reading at the May Council meeting. Mr. Stovall stated that he would go over the highlights in the proposed budget. Mr. Stovall stated that the total budget for fiscal year 2014-15 is \$27,410,539.

GENERAL FUND Mr. Stovall stated that the budget includes the General Fund with a budget of \$6,258,530 and the Utility System with a budget of \$21,152,009. Mr. Stovall stated that the General Fund revenue adjustments are a 2 mil property tax increase for operations and a 4 mil increase for Reserve Fund development. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would use proceeds from the Local Option Sales Tax to fund Public Safety training and equipment acquisitions. Mr. Stovall stated that the Sanitation Fee would increase by .50 cents per month. Mr. Stovall stated that the budget addresses funding of deferred maintenance issues such as facility painting and repairs, supports strategic planning initiatives for the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Community & Economic Development, and code enforcement reform such as improving the appearance and marketability of Clinton.

UTILITY SYSTEM Mr. Stovall stated that the Utility System has revenue adjustments in the Electric rates, Water rates, and Sewer rates. Mr. Stovall stated that the electric base rate adjustment is \$6.55 per month and a kWh adjustment of \$0.0048 per kWh. Mr. Stovall stated that the water rate adjustments are a base rate adjustment of 2% plus \$1.00 per month and a consumption rate adjustment of 2%. Mr. Stovall stated that the Sewer rate adjustments are a base rate adjustment of \$1.50 per month and a

treatment rate adjustment of 5%. Mr. Stovall stated that the budget addresses public outreach and education, the Great Managers Program, and exceptional infrastructure in the Utility System. Mr. Stovall stated that the budget includes a 2% COLA for personnel and a salary program change in the Public Safety Department. Mr. Stovall stated that several new positions are included in the budgets which are a Special Projects Manager and personnel in the Water & Sewer Departments. Mr. Stovall stated that the budget funds \$278,900 for capital purchases in the General Fund and \$509,550 for capital purchases in the Utility System. Mr. Stovall stated that the debt service in the proposed budget is \$1,293,629. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed budget efficiently and effectively supports Council's goals. Mr. Stovall thanked City staff for their support in preparing the budget. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed budget is balanced and a balanced budget is achieved when the City has enough fiscal discipline to be able to equate the revenues with expenditures over the business cycles. Councilmember McGee stated that he appreciates the work City Staff does in preparing the budget but he is upset that the budget does not include enough funds for sidewalk and street repairs. Councilmember McGee stated that the City would have to address this issue in the future. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance to approve the budget for fiscal year 2014-15 and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC
HEARING
PROPERTY
ELIZABETH ST**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the Public Hearing on the transfer of property located at 804 Elizabeth Street in the City of Clinton. Mayor McLean opened the Public Hearing for comment. Council did not receive any comments and motion was made by Councilmember McGee and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND
READING
ORDINANCE
PROPERTY
ELIZABETH ST**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance for the transfer of property located at 804 Elizabeth Street in the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the City acquired the property located at 804 Elizabeth Street from the Forfeited Land Commission in 2014 and demolished the abandoned home on the property. Mr. Stovall stated that the City proposes to give ownership of the property to Homes of Hope. Mr. Stovall stated that Homes of Hope intends to construct a house on the property as part of Phase II of the Housing Development Project on Elizabeth Street. Motion was made by Councilmember McGee to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to transfer property located at 804 Elizabeth Street to Homes of Hope and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST
READING
ORDINANCE
REZONING** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Ordinance approving the amendment to the City of Clinton's zoning map to change the zoning of forty acres of property located on West Corporate Center Drive to Commercial (C-3). Mr. Stovall recognized Mr. Taylor, Economic Development Director. Mr. Taylor stated that the Planning Commission recommends Council approve the first reading of this Ordinance to rezone this property. Mr. Taylor stated that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 and did not receive any comments concerning the rezoning. Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to approve the first reading of the Ordinance rezoning property located at West Corporate Center Drive to Commercial (C-3) and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION
FINANCE
BACKHOE** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a Resolution for the financing of the purchase of a backhoe/loader. Mr. Stovall stated that the City wishes to replace an existing 21 year old 4 wheel drive backhoe/loader at the Department of Public Works. Mr. Stovall stated that the purchase and financing of the equipment was approved at the May Council meeting. Mr. Stovall stated that BB&T is financing the purchase and requires a Resolution. Mayor McLean asked if this was a normal procedure and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the Resolution for the financing of the backhoe/loader and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND
READING
ORDINANCE
AMEND
PURCHASE
ORDINANCE** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance to amend the City of Clinton Purchasing Ordinance to provide for priority to local vendors when practical. Mr. Stovall stated that the City received a recent bid from a vendor in Laurens County within \$20 of the bid but the City's Purchasing Ordinance requires the vendor to reside within the City's corporate limits. Mr. Stovall stated that this amendment extends local purchasing benefits to businesses located within Laurens County if no business in the City is able to provide the service or meet the stipulations of the local procurement regulations. Mr. Stovall stated that this amendment would support businesses in Laurens County. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to amend the Purchasing Ordinance to include vendors from Laurens County and seconded by Councilmember Dowdle. The vote was unanimous.

**SCHEDULE
COUNCIL
MEETINGS** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the rescheduling of the July Council meeting. Mr. Stovall stated that Council needs to reschedule the July Council meeting because it conflicts with the PMPA Training Program. Mr. Stovall stated that Council also needs to schedule a special called meeting to address the Martha Dendy Demolition bids. Councilmember McGee made a motion to schedule a special called meeting on Friday, July 6 at 7:30 AM at the M.S. Bailey

Memorial Center and a regular July Council meeting on Tuesday, July 1 at 5:00 PM at the M.S. Bailey Memorial Center and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

SENIOR OPTIONS Mr. Stovall stated that the last item on the agenda is the appropriation of funds for Senior Options. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to provide \$3,000 to the Senior Options Program and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter relating to the appointments to Boards and Commissions, one personnel matter relating to the Office of the City Manager, one legal matter regarding the appeal of the Design Review Board ruling regarding Doyle Hall, one legal matter regarding the provision of the Sanitary Sewer services, and one economic development matter relating to Project Sticky and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION Mayor McLean declared Council back in open session. Mayor McLean stated that two personnel matters, two legal matters, and one economic development matter was discussed and no action was taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor McLean stated that Clinton True Value would have a grand opening on Friday, June 6 at 10:00 AM and would last two days. Mayor McLean stated that the Community Clean Up in Lydia Mill is Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 AM and is sponsored by the Department of Public Safety and the Laurens County Sheriff's Department. Mayor McLean stated that the next Town Rhythms is Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 PM downtown with the Tams performing.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS Councilmember McGee stated that School District 56 is honoring Ms. Cindy Jacobs on her nomination as Dietician of the year in South Carolina.

Councilmember Scarborough thanked Ms. Wyatt, Administrative Assistant, for her hard work on the recent Town Rhythms. Councilmember Scarborough thanked everyone involved in the Veterans Memorial service.

ADJOURN With there being no further business before Council motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to adjourn and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR