

**JUNE 1, 2015**

The regular Council meeting was held at 6:00 PM at the M.S. Bailey Memorial Center building with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Byrd, Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Scarborough, and Young. The City Manager and the City Attorney were present. News media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stephens from WLBG and Judith Brown from GoClinton.com. Notice was mailed and emailed to all local news media on May 26, 2015.

**INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Dr. Jeri Paris Perkins from the First Presbyterian Church.

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

**MINUTES** Mayor McLean asked Council to approve the minutes from April 20 and May 4. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the April 20, 2015 minutes and the May 4, 2015 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**CITIZENS ADDRESS COUNCIL** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Lumus Byrd from 105 Shell Creek Court. Mr. Byrd stated that he is before Council to encourage Council to vote in favor of the Economic Development Strategic Plan. Mr. Byrd stated that he was part of the first strategic plan implemented in 2007. Mr. Byrd stated that the five-year plan proved successful and concluded in 2012. Mr. Byrd stated that Clinton started another strategic plan in 2013 titled Clinton Focus 2013. Mr. Byrd stated that the Economic Development Strategic Plan focuses just on economic development and not other areas. Mr. Byrd stated that this plan recognizes Clinton's strengths, weakness, and opportunities for economic development. Mr. Byrd stated that the plan identifies demographics, target industry and sets forth plans to achieve economic development goals. Mr. Byrd stated that the plan has achievable long term goals and objectives that build upon each other over time. Mr. Byrd stated that the plan focuses on making Clinton a great place to do business and a great place to live. Mr. Byrd stated that it is important to secure jobs for Clinton as well as make Clinton a place employees would want to live.

**DARIN BRIDGEMAN PUBLIC WORKS FEE** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Darin Bridgeman. Mr. Bridgeman stated that he lived at 607 North Broad Street and he is before Council because he is opposed to the Public Works fee of \$20. Mr. Bridgeman stated that his tenants could not afford the \$20 fee. Mr. Bridgeman stated that the Public Works Fee affects his business as well as any citizen that owns property. Mr. Bridgeman stated that this fee would be attached to his property tax bill. Mr. Bridgeman stated that the property tax bill is broken down so that the School District receives 65% of the revenue, Laurens County receives about 30%, and the City of Clinton receives about 5% of the property tax revenue. Mr. Bridgeman stated that he understands the City needs to find revenue but not through the property tax bill. Mr. Bridgeman stated that the City could look into asking the State to allocate more of the property tax revenue to Clinton. Mr. Bridgeman stated that the City should concentrate on educating students and not the school building. Mr. Bridgeman stated that the City should fine the large trucks coming through town because they tear up the roadways. Mr. Bridgeman stated that the City should stay within the budget and not try to keep up with Greenville or Spartanburg.

Mr. Bridgeman stated that large businesses receive tax breaks to locate in Clinton but a small business does not. Mr. Bridgeman stated that the City budgeted four administrative positions for the new year which the City could eliminate. Mr. Bridgeman stated that the City needs more field employees and less administrative employees. Mr. Bridgeman stated that at first citizens received a 100% property tax break from the Local Option Sales Tax but now a portion goes to the Public Safety Department.

**JOHN CHAPMAN  
MAIN STREET PROGRAM**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. John Chapman. Mr. Chapman stated that he owns 3 Taylor which is an e-commerce business located downtown. Mr. Chapman stated that he was before Council to support the Main Street Program. Mr. Chapman stated that the Main Street Program has been in effect for thirty-four years with a proven track record. Mr. Chapman stated that he encourages Council to move forward with the Main Street Program.

**CLINTON SENIOR  
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Mayor McLean called the meeting with the Clinton Senior Housing Authority to order. Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Barbara Jaco from Boyd Management. Ms. Jaco presented the financial statements for Tallwood Homes Phase I and Tallwood Homes Phase II. Ms. Jaco stated that Tallwood Homes is a non-profit apartment complex that is owned by the City of Clinton and is managed by Boyd Management. Ms. Jaco stated that Tallwood Homes is for the elderly or disable within the community. Ms. Jaco stated that no major repairs were made in 2014. Ms. Jaco stated that at the end of 2014 Phase I had a negative cash flow of \$2,037 and Phase II had a negative cash flow of \$15,041. Ms. Jaco stated that the negative balances are due to a cash transfer. Ms. Jaco stated that Tallwood Homes is mandated by the Department of Agriculture to transfer cash into accounts for future capital repairs. Ms. Jaco stated that Tallwood Homes transferred \$46,486 from the cash accounts to the capital account. Ms. Jaco stated that the current cash balance in Tallwood Homes Phase I is \$93,831 and \$81,315 in Phase II. Ms. Jaco stated that some future improvements for Tallwood Homes are window and door replacements. Ms. Jaco stated that some improvements in 2014 were new wiring in the apartments, new lights, install smoke detectors, and replace concrete. Councilmember Jenkins thanked Ms. Jaco for getting the report to Council before the meeting. Councilmember Jenkins asked how Boyd Management handles the waiting list. Ms. Jaco stated that a citizen is added to the Tallwood Homes waiting list after a thorough background check. Ms. Jaco stated that Tallwood Homes usually have ten to six citizens on the waiting list. Ms. Jaco stated that the residents could either be disabled or elderly. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to accept the Tallwood Homes Phase I and Phase II financial statements and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**PROCLAMATIONS  
NATIONAL SAFETY  
CAROLINA DAY  
PARK&RECREATION**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is Proclamations proclaiming June as National Safety Month, June 27, 2015 as Carolina Day and July as Park and Recreation Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**RP3 AWARD**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is for Council to receive the American Public Power Association award for the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the City received the Diamond Level, which is the highest level, of the Reliable Public Power Provider Award. Mr. Stovall stated that the award recognizes reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvements.

Mr. Stovall stated that Clinton is one of two Diamond Level utilities in South Carolina to earn the RP3 designation and one of only twenty-five Diamond Level awardees this year. Mr. Stovall stated that the Customer Average Interruption Index measures a customer's outage in minutes. Mr. Stovall stated that Clinton restores power to its customers 24% faster than other utilities in the region and 10% faster on a national level. Mr. Stovall stated that the RP3 award also uses the System Average Interruption Frequency Index to look at the number of times a customer would experience an outage. Mr. Stovall stated that Clinton's citizens experience 6% less electric outages than other customers in the Southeast and 16% fewer outages nationally. Mr. Stovall stated that Clinton's electric customers have fewer power interruptions and their power comes back on faster than other customers with the same size utility provider on a national level. Mr. Stovall presented the award to Dale Satterfield, Public Works Director and Mary-Wallace Riley, Special Projects Director. Mr. Stovall stated that both departments were instrumental in the City receiving the RP3 Award. Councilmember Kuykendall asked who was the other utility provider to win the Diamond Level Award and Mr. Stovall stated Santee-Cooper.

**CITIZEN ACTION  
CENTER APP**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation of the Citizen Action Center APP demonstration. Mr. Stovall recognized Mr. Stephen Taylor, Economic Development Director, to give the APP presentation. Mr. Taylor stated that in January the City launched the Citizen Action Center which allows citizens to search frequently asked questions, make a request or alert problems to City staff. Mr. Taylor stated that since January the Action Center System has provided 2,276 answers to routine questions and responded to 139 work orders with an average response time of 2 to 8 days depending on the type of request. Mr. Taylor stated that the Action Center allows City staff to track the progress of the request and also to follow up with the customer. Mr. Taylor stated that the City is now offering a mobile APP for phones so citizens could contact the City about a problem and the APP would give GPS coordinates or the customer could take a picture of the issue and send to the City. Mr. Taylor stated that the mobile APP allows the citizen to select what type of request or problem they have and which department the request would go to. Mr. Taylor stated that the APP gives the citizen a reference number for their request to help the citizen follow up on the request. Mr. Taylor stated that the Action Center routes the request to the appropriate department and if no action is taken then the Supervisor is notified. Mr. Stovall stated that the Action Center would send the customer notification that he request is completed. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if the City was still in the trial stage with the APP and the Action Center and Mr. Taylor stated no. Mr. Taylor stated that the Action Center has been live since January and the APP would be available in a couple of days. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she went on line to the Action Center to report a street light outage but the system asked for a pole number, which she did not know. Mr. Taylor stated that he City would remove that question but asked for a location. Mr. Stovall stated that a customer could use the APP for GPS coordinates and send that information to the Action Center. Mr. Stovall stated that the Citizen Action Center and the mobile APP would help City staff to keep up with requests so the requests or problems would not fall through the cracks. Mr. Stovall stated that if City staff does not respond to the citizen's request then the City Manager would be notified of the problem.

**SC DHEC  
CONSENT ORDER**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the Sewer System analysis update and the Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Stovall stated that Porter Rivers and Phillip Dieckmann from AECOM would give Council a presentation regarding the SC DHEC Consent Order and the Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Stovall stated that this is an opportunity for Council to address concerns and questions to AECOM. Mr. Stovall recognized Mr. Porter Rivers. Mr. Rivers stated that he is the Senior Project Manager for this project and he has worked with Clinton since 1994. Mr. Rivers stated that he would discuss the Consent Order and the Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Rivers stated that Clinton started the Sewer System in 1920 and there are still parts of the Sewer System from that era. Mr. Rivers stated that in 1972 Congress created the EPA through the Water Pollution Control Act, which is the agency tasked with controlling spills and pollution. Mr. Rivers stated that in 1977 the Clean Water Act gave EPA the right to regulate discharges from sewer systems and in 2000 the EPA was given the authority to regulate sewer collection systems. Mr. Rivers stated that several communities in South Carolina are also under a Sewer Consent Order for overflows. Mr. Rivers stated that Clinton is required to report sewer overflows to DHEC and in 2011 Clinton reported 90,000 gallons of overflow and anything over 5,000 gallons is considered a significant spill. Mr. Rivers stated that Clinton reported four over spills to DHEC. Mr. Rivers stated that in 2014 AECOM and City staff was invited to meet with DHEC concerning the spills and in October 2014 SC DHEC issued the Consent Order. Mr. Rivers stated that the Consent Order required the City to retain a qualified SC engineering firm to conduct a CMOM audit and report, develop a wastewater collection system maintenance manual, develop a Corrective Action Plan, and pay a civil penalty of \$8,000. Mr. Rivers stated that on June 19, 2015 the City must submit a Corrective Action Plan to SC DHEC. Mr. Dieckmann stated that AECOM looked at the current operations of the City and how these operations match up with the EPA guidelines. Mr. Dieckmann stated that AECOM looked at the maintenance of the Sewer System, the administration, and the actual infrastructure. Mr. Dieckmann stated that City staff did put into place some corrective actions before the CMOM audit was performed. Mr. Dieckmann stated that one preventive action was to start acquiring equipment in order to do a better job at maintaining the system and training the personnel to run the equipment. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the City plans to hire additional personnel to maintain the Sewer System. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the adjusted rate structure the City implemented would help the City to identify sources of revenue to maintain the Sewer System. Mr. Dieckmann stated that AECOM recommends the City formalizing the rules and procedures currently in place for the maintenance of the Sewer System and making sure these procedures are in compliance with EPA regulations. Mr. Dieckmann stated that AECOM recommends the City set forth performance measures in operating the Sewer System. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the City should become proactive and schedule regular maintenance of the Sewer System. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the City should implement a Private Sewer Service Ordinance. Mr. Dieckmann stated that a lot of the overflow comes from the customer's side of the system. Mr. Dieckmann stated that homeowners would have some type of incentive to encourage them to fix their problems. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the sewer line problems on the customer's side do contribute to the overflow. Mr. Dieckmann stated that from the CMOM audit the City would put together a Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the plan will contain certain corrective steps the City must take and a schedule included on when these steps are to be completed.

Mr. Dieckmann stated that every step in the approved Correction Action Plan must be completed and DHEC would continue to monitor the Sewer System. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the Corrective Action Plan will detail the problems in the Sewer System and give specific steps to address the deficiencies. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the Corrective Action Plan is broken up in three phases. Mr. Dieckmann stated that Phase I is what the City is currently doing as preventive measures. Mr. Dieckmann stated that Phase II is one to three years which would include some mid-term actions. Mr. Dieckmann stated that Phase III is the ongoing actions to maintain the Sewer System. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the Corrective Action Plan does include some funding possibilities because rehabbing the Sewer System would cost some money. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the City has over 3,000 sewer connections with four main drainage basins. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the four basins are Beards Fork, Millers Fork, Shell Creek, and Bush River with the Consent Order concentrating on the Beards Fork and Millers Fork basins. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the City has sixty miles of pipe and a five mile service area. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the City has 1200 manholes and ten pumping stations. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the City discharges the sewer to Laurens County Water Sewer Commission for treatment. Mr. Dieckmann stated that one deficiency is the age of the Sewer System. Mr. Dieckmann stated that 75% of the lines in the Sewer System are over forty years old. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the type of material in the ground usually has a life span of thirty to fifty years which means that the majority of the lines are near or past their life span. Mr. Dieckmann stated that when rain water infiltrates the Sewer System the City is paying to clean clear water. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the infiltration is caused by cracks in the ground, lines, or manholes. Mr. Dieckmann stated that another reason for infiltration is illegal connection to the sewer lines by homeowners such as roof drains, ground water, or broken services. Mr. Dieckmann stated that under Phase I of the Corrective Action Plan the City is in the process of creating a Right of Way crew, creating a detailed procedure manual on how to maintain the Sewer System, and training personnel on how to use the manual and operate the equipment. Mr. Dieckmann stated that in Phase I the City would also implement the CMOM procedures. Mr. Dieckmann stated that in Phase II the City would actually find the defeats in the Sewer System and Phase III is the ongoing maintenance of the Sewer System. Mr. Dieckmann stated that AECOM has identified some capital improvement projects such as the Copeland Street Project. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the sewer line is under the street and the street would have to be dug up in order to repair the sewer line. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the Clinton Mill Sewer Project would repair a sewer line that goes under a building. Mr. Dieckmann stated that because the sewer line is under the building the City would have to line the sewer pipe in order to repair the line. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the Derby Lane Manhole Project requires the City to repair the manholes in the area to prevent water from going into the sewer lines. Mr. Dieckmann stated that after the City starts the rehabilitation of the sewer lines the City could compare the water flow to see how well the repairs are going. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the City would use tools such as smoke testing, cameras, and performance standards to aid them in the sewer line rehabilitation. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the City has to collect data about the condition of the sewer lines in order to formulate a Rehabilitation Plan. Mr. Dieckmann stated that Phase III is the long term maintenance of the Sewer System which has an Administrative component and operation and maintenance component.

Mr. Dieckmann stated that the City's Administration would oversee components such as the budget, legal, regulatory requirements, and engineering guidelines for sewer maintenance, and information management. Mr. Dieckmann stated that the operation and maintenance part of the plan would detail the long-range maintenance of the Sewer System. Mr. Rivers stated that the City would have to determine a schedule for the Corrective Action Plan and also commit to the schedule. Mr. Rivers stated that AECOM would not have the evaluation of Beards Fork Creek until 2016 and then the City could assess the cost involved in the rehabilitation. Mr. Rivers stated that in 2017 the City would evaluate Millers Fork Creek. Mr. Rivers stated that AECOM is aware that the Corrective Action Plan would have to work within the City's budget. Mr. Rivers stated that some funding options for the City are the City's Sewer Revenues, Clean Water Loans, and Grants. Mr. Rivers stated that the City would match the project with the type of available funding. Mr. Rivers stated that the City would finalize the Corrective Action Plan and submit the plan to DHEC. Mr. Rivers stated that once the plan is finalized with DHEC then the City must move forward with the schedule the plan details. Mr. Rivers stated that once the rehabilitation projects are identified then the City would match the funding to the project. Mayor McLean asked how other cities handled the funding for their projects and Mr. Rivers stated by a combination of revenues, grants and loans. Mayor McLean stated that if 75% of the sewer lines are forty years old then the City would have to replace a lot of lines and Mr. Rivers agreed. Councilmember Cook asked if the Consent Order would have an impact on economic development as far as being able to expand the City's sewer services. Mr. Rivers stated that once the Corrective Action Plan is the City could let potential customers know about the Plan and the City is correcting the problems. Mr. Rivers stated that economic development is about capacity and would the City be able to get the sewer into the system and get it to the Treatment Plant. Councilmember Young asked when does the City start looking for funding and Mr. Stovall stated that City staff has already started the process. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has made adjustments to the sewer fees in the upcoming budget which would offer stability for the Sewer Revenue. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff would research grants and loans for these projects. Mr. Stovall stated that the only way to successfully fund these projects is a mixture of grants, low interest loans, and sewer revenue. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would try to fund these rehabilitation projects with forgiveness loans and grants but the City will have to use other funding sources which would impact the customer. Councilmember Scarborough stated that these projects may take ten to fifteen years to complete and Mr. Rivers agreed. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff has installed technology to monitor water flow at the pump stations in order to alert staff of a problem. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to authorize the City Manager to present the Corrective Action Plan to SC DHEC and for the City Manager to enter into negotiations with SC DHEC regarding the Corrective Action Plan and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
STRATEGIC PLAN**

Mayor McLean stated that Council is in a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Economic Development Strategic Plan. Mr. Stovall stated that Mr. Lane is the Economic Development Corporation Chairman but he was unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Stovall asked permission from Council if Mr. Taylor could read a letter from Mr. Lane endorsing the Economic Development Strategic Plan and Council agreed. Mr. Taylor read the letter to Council in which the Economic Development Corporation endorsed the proposed plan.

Councilmember Byrd made a motion to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the Resolution approving the Economic Development Strategic Plan and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**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 the State allows Council to suspend the Blue Laws every six months in order for businesses to stay open on Sundays. Motion was made by Councilmember Young 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 2015-16**

Mayor McLean stated Council would open a Public Hearing for the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed budget totals \$28,210,453 and is balanced. Mr. Stovall stated that Council and City staff has conducted several workshops regarding the proposed budget. Mayor McLean opened the floor for public comment on the proposed budget. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND READING  
ORDINANCE  
BUDGET FY 2015-16**

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, 2016. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the second reading of the budget for the FY 2015-16 and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE  
PUBLIC WORKS FEE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a first reading of an Ordinance to create and implement a Public Works Fee. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to create a Public Works Fee and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he has looked over this Ordinance and he understands the need to have a clean City but he has an issue with asking citizens in his Ward to spend \$20 per year for this fee. Councilmember Kuykendall asked Council to consider including a Sunset Clause of two to three years to the Ordinance in order to study the impact this fee has on the citizens. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that in two to three years Council would look at the fee again and see if the City needs to continue with the fee or stop collecting the fee. Mayor McLean stated that he sees the Public Works Fee as a tax and whether a citizen owns an apartment complex or a gully the citizen would pay the same fee. Mayor McLean stated that if the Public Works Fee is used to cover a shortfall in the Street and Sanitation Department then the City should find out how much it cost to operate the department and charge citizens accordingly. Mayor McLean stated that the Sanitation Department should cover its own cost and not be a subsidized department. Councilmember Byrd asked what type of fine a citizen would face by not paying this fee. Mr. Stovall stated that the Ordinance contains a general violation clause which many of the City's Ordinances have in them. Mr. Stovall stated that if a citizen is in violation of this Ordinance then the citizen would face a fine of \$500.

Mr. Stovall stated that it is standard practice for municipalities and agencies to include this type of clause. Mr. Stovall stated that fees are governed strictly by State law. Mr. Stovall stated that the Public Works Fee is generated to cover the capital equipment cost in the Sanitation Department. Mr. Stovall stated that these funds are to be placed in a separate account and only be used for the purpose identified in the Ordinance. Mr. Stovall stated that the City is not in a financial situation to purchase a Grapple truck or Garbage truck out right but the Public Works Fee could be used to make a down payment on the equipment. Councilmember Jenkins asked if Mr. Stovall could explain the refund of fee. Mr. Stovall stated that fees collected on property tax bills are subject to refund if the County Auditor determines the citizen paid their property tax in error. Mr. Stovall stated that the Public Works Fee would be given back to the citizen. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the fee was paid once a year and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she was also on a fixed income and does not want to pay extra fees but in order for Clinton to prosper and grow the City has to buy equipment. Councilmember Jenkins stated that if Council does not help improve the City then industry and citizens would not locate in Clinton. Mayor McLean stated that the Public Works Fee is not fair to low income citizens. Mr. Stovall stated while putting the budget together City staff looked at several options for the Sanitation Department. Mr. Stovall stated that during the April budget workshop City staff informed Council that the Sanitation Department would operate with a \$137,450 shortfall which included the Public Works Fee. Mr. Stovall stated that the Public Works Fee would generate approximately \$50,000 which would be used as a down payment on a truck. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would have to raise the collection rate from \$12.50 per month to \$14.00 per month in order to collect the extra \$50,000 for the down payment. Mr. Stovall stated that raising the Sanitation Collection Fee would impact the low income customer in a negative manner. Mr. Stovall stated that the \$20 Public Works Fee appears on the property tax once a year and if the citizen itemizes their taxes then part of the \$20 could be written off. Mr. Stovall stated that the \$20 Public Works Fee would cover the projected cost for capital equipment replacement. Councilmember Cook asked when would the Public Works Fee take effect and Mr. Stovall stated when citizens receive their next tax bill which would be in 2015. Mr. Stovall stated that the Sunset Clause would end the collection of the Public Works Fee in the fiscal year 2017-18. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to create and implement the Public Works fee with an amendment to add a Sunset Clause of three years and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was five to two with Councilmember Young and Mayor McLean voting no.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter relating to the City Attorney position, one personnel matter relating to the Department of Community and Economic Development, one contractual matter relating to the acquisition of property on Old Colony Road, one contractual matter regarding water treatment services, and one legal matter regarding code enforcement on Woodrow Street and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**OPEN SESSION**

Mayor McLean called Council back in open session. Mayor McLean stated that Council discussed two personnel matters, two contractual matters, and one legal matter and no action was taken.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor McLean stated that Saturday, June 6, 2015 is Laurens County Clean-Up Day from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 10:00 AM the Open Door will rename the Soup Kitchen. Mayor McLean stated that Friday, June 12, 2015 the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce would host a Red Carpet Breakfast to introduce the newly elected Officials at the Laurens County Higher Education Center at 7:30 AM. Mayor McLean stated that the next Town Rhythms is Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Downtown Depot with the Tams performing. Mayor McLean stated that Senator Danny Verdin would attend the Town Rhythms.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORT**

Councilmember Scarborough thanked all of the City staff involved with the RP3 Award. Councilmember Scarborough thanked Mr. Stovall and Mr. Satterfield for their proactive steps toward improving the Sewer System.

Councilmember Kuykendall congratulated the City on the RP3 Award. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the City has challenges ahead but the City is making positive steps toward improvement.

Councilmember Byrd asked if the cancelled Town Rhythms would be re-scheduled and Mrs. Addison, Executive Assistant, stated the City is looking into the matter.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked the staff involved with putting the Economic Development Plan together. Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for the Law Enforcement Day.

Councilmember Young congratulated City staff on the RP3 Award. Councilmember Young stated that he was excited about the Citizen Center Action APP. Councilmember Young stated that the City has challenges ahead and he looks forward to working with Council and City staff to reduce some of the issues.

Councilmember Cook thanked City staff for their work on the first Rhythm on the Rails festival.

**ADJOURN**

With there no further business before Council Mayor McLean adjourned the meeting.

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

