

## MARCH 3, 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, Byrd, McGee, Jenkins, and Scarborough. News media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, John Wages from GoClinton.com, Randy Stephens from WLBG, and Daniel Lauer from the Laurens Advertiser. Notice was mailed and emailed to all local news media on February 26, 2014.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Adam Powers from Belleview Baptist Church.
- PLEDGE  
ALLEGIANCE** Mayor McLean asked Council and those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES** Mayor McLean asked Council to approve the minutes from January 27 and February 3. Councilmember Byrd stated that the February 3, 2014 minutes should be amended to reflect Mayor McLean instead of Mayor Randall. Motion was made by Councilmember McGee to approve the January 27, 2014 minutes and the February 3, 2014 minutes with the amendment and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- TROOP 111** Mayor McLean recognized Boy Scout Troop 111 led by Mr. Alex Cruickshank.
- CITIZENS  
ADDRESS  
COUNCIL  
MICHELLE  
GETER  
CROSSWALK** Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Michelle Geter. Ms. Geter stated that she lived at 40 Woodview Drive in Clinton and she is before Council concerning the crosswalk at East Carolina Street and Adair Street. Ms. Geter stated that the area does not have a camera but it has a countdown light. Ms. Geter stated that the crosswalk at Peachtree Street and West Carolina does have a camera but it does not have a functioning countdown light. Ms. Geter stated that the crosswalk at the Peachtree and West Carolina Street is in a predominately minority area and should have the same functioning countdown light as the crosswalk at East Carolina Street and Adair Street. Mr. Stovall, City Manager, stated that the crosswalks in question are owned and maintained by the SCDOT. Mr. Stovall stated that he would pass Ms. Geter's concerns about the crosswalk on to the SCDOT.
- BRIAN KELLER  
MINIMUM  
WAGE** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Brian Keller. Mr. Keller stated that he resides in Joanna, SC and would like to discuss minimum wages. Mr. Keller stated that he discussed his concerns about the minimum wage at the last Council meeting and he thinks that many companies do not honor the minimum wage requirements in Clinton. Mr. Keller stated that the City has been progressive in moving forward with the quality of life in Clinton but if companies do not pay minimum wages then citizens could not contribute to the local economy. Mr. Keller stated that he would like for Clinton to raise their minimum wage to \$6.40 per hour. Mr. Keller stated that Council discussed last month the reason why companies and citizens

do not locate in Clinton. Mr. Keller stated that many businesses in Clinton are grouchy and are not friendly.

**DALE SATTERFIELD** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall. Mr. Stovall stated that he wished to recognize the new Public Works Director, Dale Satterfield. Mr. Stovall stated that he would start his new position on July 1, 2014.

**PUBLIC WORKS ICE STORM** Mr. Stovall stated that Clinton was fortunate to escape the most recent ice storm with very little damage. Mr. Stovall stated that the City of Aiken did have power outages and requested help and a team from Public Works went to Aiken to provide help. Mr. Stovall stated that the City of Aiken has presented Council with a plaque in appreciation of Clinton's help.

**RESOLUTIONS** Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is the Resolutions for March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, March as Women's History Month, March 12, 2014 as Registered Dietitian Day, March 16-22 as Sunshine Week, March as American Red Cross Month, and April as Fair Housing Month. Motion was made by Councilmember McGee to approve the Resolutions and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**LAURENS COUTNY DISABILITIES SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from the Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board. Mr. Stovall recognized Mr. Jason Tavenner, Executive Director. Mr. Tavenner stated that the Disabilities and Special Needs Board service citizens with developmental needs in our community and serves approximately 500 citizens in Laurens County. Mr. Tavenner stated that Disabilities and Special Needs Board operate group homes in Laurens County with seven of the group homes in Clinton and also operate Evergreen Skills, which support 180 adults. Mr. Tavenner stated that his agency relies on private funds, volunteers, and United Way to sponsor and maintain their programs. Mr. Tavenner stated that the Disabilities and Special Needs Board has purchased a building in Clinton at 1071 W.C. Dobbins Highway. Mr. Tavenner stated that he hopes to open the building this fall. Mr. Tavenner stated that the Disabilities and Special Needs Board would be accepting applications as well as offering services at the new location. Mayor McLean stated that he was excited to see the Disabilities and Special Needs Board coming to Clinton.

**PROCLAMATION DISABILITIES AWARENESS** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Proclamation declaring March as Disabilities Awareness Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to accept the Proclamation and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**UPSTATE ALLIANCE GLOBAL** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from the Upstate Alliance regarding Global Cities initiatives. Mr. Stovall recognized Mr. Clay Andrews. Mr. Andrews stated that the Upstate Alliance is always looking for

**CITIES  
INITIATIVES**

ways to bring in new jobs and new investments into the Upstate. Mr. Andrews stated that the Upstate has a strong connection with overseas companies. Mr. Andrews stated that the world's population and purchasing power is based outside the United States and it would become more competitive for the Upstate to win foreign projects in the future. Mr. Andrews stated that during the recent recession exporting companies grew by 30%. Mr. Andrews stated that exporting would include products as well as services, such as legal services or engineering services. Mr. Andrews stated that exporting companies tend to also have higher wages. Mr. Andrews stated that 68% of capital expenditures and 50 % of the Upstate's jobs are coming from overseas companies. Mr. Andrews stated that the Upstate Alliance would create a global strategy to bring foreign companies to the Upstate. Mr. Andrews stated that Upstate Alliance not only wants to encourage exporting companies from overseas to come to the Upstate but encourage established companies in the Upstate to start exporting overseas. Mr. Andrews stated that Upstate Alliance has joined a group called Global Cities Initiative sponsored by J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. Mr. Andrews stated that the goal of the Initiative is to stimulate economic growth at the metropolitan level. Mr. Andrews stated that twenty Cities are participating and each City would be encouraged to come up with and share their own strategies for growing the economy. Mr. Andrews stated that this would be a four year process. Mr. Andrews stated that Upstate Alliance would like elected officials to participate in the study.

**ANNUAL  
MEETING  
TALLWOOD**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the annual meeting of the Clinton Senior Citizens Housing Authority. Mayor McLean declared Council in a 2014 Senior Citizens Housing Authority meeting. Councilmember McGee made a motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2013 and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Sheila Blakely from Boyd Management. Ms. Blakely stated that she is the Site Manager for Tallwood Homes Phase I and Phase II. Ms. Blakely presented Council with the 2013 annual report for Tallwood Homes. Ms. Blakely stated that Phase I ended the fiscal year with a negative net operating income of \$3,444 and Phase II ended the fiscal year with a positive net operating income of \$1,869. Ms. Blakely stated that the negative balance was due to overhauling five vacant units, water extraction in some of the apartments, and Boyd Management repaired the alarm system at Tallwood. Ms. Blakely stated that Tallwood Homes implemented a \$10 rent increase but the increase did not affect the residents. Ms. Blakely stated that in 2013 Boyd Management repaved the parking Lots and underwent roof replacement and gutter replacement in Phase I and Phase II. Ms. Blakely stated that Tallwood Homes is 100% occupied with fourteen applicants on a waiting list. Ms. Blakely invited Council to come and tour Tallwood Homes. Mayor McLean asked if the City sold Tallwood Homes would Federal restrictions and rules still apply to the new owners and Ms. Blakely stated she did not know but would get an answer to Council. Councilmember Jenkins asked how many

units were at Tallwood Homes. Ms. Blakely stated that Phase I has twenty-four units and Phase II has sixteen units. Councilmember Jenkins asked if Council could receive the annual report several days in advanced of the annual meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to accept the annual report for Tallwood Homes from Boyd Management and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

**HUMANE  
SOCIETY**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from the Laurens County Humane Society. Mr. Stovall recognized Ms. Brooke Spatta. Ms. Spatta stated that she works with a group of people who are dedicated to the prevention of animal cruelty. Ms. Spatta stated that the Laurens County Humane Society has helped about 400 animals this past year. Ms. Spatta stated that the Humane Society receives calls throughout the year and host fundraiser to help with taking care of the animals in Laurens County. Ms. Spatta stated that the Humane Society is before Council to ask for help in building an animal shelter for dogs and cats. Ms. Spatta stated that the Humane Society works closely with the Laurens County Animal Control Office but they are overwhelmed and the Humane Society would like to build the shelter to help alleviate this problem. Ms. Spatta stated that the Laurens County Animal Control Office took in 1400 dogs and 750 were destroyed. Ms. Spatta stated that the animal shelter would work in conjunction with Laurens County Animal Control and the shelter would be a place to adopt animals. Ms. Spatta stated that the Humane Society does have the land and some funds to build a shelter. Ms. Spatta stated that the Humane Society also has donated funds but the funds could not be used until the Humane Society has a viable plan to build and operate the animal shelter. Ms. Spatta stated that the Humane Society would like for the City of Clinton, the City of Laurens, and Laurens County to work together and donate funds to build the shelter and maintain the shelter. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to allow him and representatives from the City of Laurens and Laurens County to form a sub-committee and study an animal shelter plan and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

**BASKETBALL  
TEAM**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from the Zone Thunder Youth Traveling Basketball Team. Mr. Stovall recognized Ms. Marsha Gregory. Ms. Gregory stated that she reside at 1439 Leesville Road. Ms. Gregory stated that her daughter participated in several basketball traveling teams and they are very expensive. Ms. Gregory stated that she and several other citizens decided to form their own traveling team and charge a lower rate to participate. Ms. Gregory stated that the team started with twelve players and this year the team has thirty plus players from Laurens County. Ms. Gregory stated that the team member's grade point average is 3.0 and they players are tutored three to four times a week. Ms. Gregory stated that the basketball team participates in tournaments inside and outside South Carolina. Ms. Gregory stated that the team is covered with one

million dollar liability insurance and a \$25,000 insurance policy per player. Ms. Gregory stated that the YMCA and Sanders Middle School have allowed the team to use their facilities. Ms. Gregory asked Council to help support the basketball team financially or by use of City facilities. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she wanted to commend Ms. Gregory for working with these young men and also commend the young men for keeping a 3.0 grade point average.

**SECOND  
READING  
ORDINANCE  
TIMBER SALE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance for the sale of timber located at 550 Asten Road and 2173 Highway 308 North in the County of Laurens. Mr. Stovall stated that several months ago City staff identified timber for sale for additional revenue and to replant property for a future revenue source. Mr. Stovall stated that the CEDC also owned property in this area and has sold their timber portion. Mr. Stovall stated that these funds were used to pay down debt owed on the property. Mr. Stovall stated that the revenue from the sale of City owned timber would be used to beautify the property, replant the property, and make improvements on CEDC owned property for economic development. Mr. Stovall stated that the City solicited bids for 8 acres located on Asten road and 15 acres located on Highway 308 and the low bid was Walker and Walker Logging for a price of \$17.70 per ton for pine and \$10.50 per ton for hardwood. Councilmember Byrd asked if the property had more pine or hardwood and Mr. Stovall stated pine. Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to approve the second reading of an Ordinance regarding to sale of timber on Asten Road and 2173 Highway 308 to Walker and Walker Logging Company and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE  
VALVE  
FILTER PLANT**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the purchase of a control valve for the Water Distribution Division of the Department of Public Works. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would purchase a piston control valve for an elevated tank which would allow the City to control the water age in the tank. Mr. Stovall stated that this tank is located at Thornwell Street and would allow City staff to drain the tank without having to drain the other two tanks first. Mr. Stovall stated that the City solicited bids but only received one bid because this is a specialized service. Mr. Stovall stated that the bid was from Jack Moore and Associates for \$12,195.60. Mr. Stovall stated that the City only budgeted \$10,000 for this valve and this requires Council approval to buy the valve. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has deferred some purchases in order to buy this valve. Mayor McLean stated that a large portion of the cost is delivery and Mr. Stovall stated that the valve would be delivered on a truck. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the purchase of a valve for the Filter Plant tank from Jack Moore and Associates for a cost not to exceed \$12,195.60 and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE  
AMEND  
BUDGET  
FY 2013-14** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the budget for the City of Clinton for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Mr. Stovall stated that this amendment is in response to PMPA's rate adjustment of 6.7% which would require the City to adjust their electric rates by 8.6%. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would adjust the base electric rate to \$20 per month and adjust the cost of energy by .0048 per kWh.

Mr. Stovall stated that PMPA's rate adjustment is effective May 1, 2014 and if approved the impact on customers would be an increase of \$10.85 on their electric bill per month. Councilmember McGee stated that this is the third time the City has made an adjustment to the budget to cover the new rate adjustment by PMPA. Councilmember McGee asked if the City was not receiving notice from PMPA. Mr. Stovall stated that PMPA makes their rate adjustments in May and previously the City absorbed the rate adjustments until the new fiscal year but the City can no longer do this and makes the amendment to the budget to cover the pass through rate adjustment from PMPA. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 to adjust the electric rates and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION  
PUMP REPAIR** Mr. Stovall stated that the last item on the agenda is the approval of a Resolution for the emergency procurement actions taken by the City Manager to repair a raw water pump. Mr. Stovall stated that water pump #1 was taken off line for a planned maintenance repair which left pumps #2 and #3 operational. Mr. Stovall stated that due to a fault in the electric system damage was caused to pump #2 and that left only pump #3 in operation. Mr. Stovall stated that the City's options were to acquire a new pump for \$55,000 with an estimated delivery time of 90 days or repair the pump for a cost of \$11,700 within seven days. Mr. Stovall stated that he authorized the repair without taking bids and the repair was not budgeted because the City could not afford to have two water raw pumps down. Councilmember McGee made a motion to approve the Resolution approving the emergency repair of a raw water pump by the City Manager and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION** Motion was made by Councilmember McGee to go into executive session to discuss one legal matter relating to the appeal of the DRB decision in Case #2013-1219, one personnel matter regarding the Department of Public Safety, one personnel matter regarding the Office of City Manager, one personnel matter relating to the Mayor and Council, and one contractual matter relating to the West Corporate Center Drive and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

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

**RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE** Councilmember Cook made a motion to re-establish the Recreation Subcommittee for Council which would be comprised of Councilmembers Scarborough and Byrd and Mayor McLean to work on future matters relating to recreation for Clinton and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORT** Councilmember Scarborough thanked City staff for their work during the last snow storm.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for the work during the snow storm and the taking down of the oak tree downtown.

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

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR