

MAY 4, 2015

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Municipal Center Building at 6:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Byrd, Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Scarborough, and Young. The City Manager and the City Attorney were present. Local 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 April 28, 2015.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Charles Brewington from the Open Door Ministries.
- 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 March 30, and April 6. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the March 30, 2015 budget workshop minutes, April 6, 2015 minutes, and April 6, 2015 budget workshop minutes and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS** City Council recognized outgoing members of the Design Review Board with a plaque. The members of the Design Review Board were Marietta Burnside, Sanna Kay Davis, Joe Giles, Kenny Moore, Norman Pigeon, and Amy Thomason.
- CITIZENS ADDRESS COUNCIL** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Charlie Stenson. Mr. Stenson stated that he lived at 201 S Adair Street and he was before Council in regards to the budget. Mr. Stenson stated that he wanted to thank Council for addressing the need for assistance to citizens who have trouble paying their power bills. Mr. Stenson stated that he knows money is needed to maintain infrastructure and to keep the City beautiful but he also understands the issues some citizens have in paying their power bill. Mr. Stenson stated he wanted to thank Council for their efforts in helping citizens.
- CHARLIE STENSON ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
- GEROLD BOYCE AAU TRACK&FIELD** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Gerold Boyce. Mr. Boyce stated that in the past he coordinated Unity Fest which was a summer festival that highlighted basketball tournaments for thirteen years. Mr. Boyce stated that he would like to start an AAU Track & Field traveling team. Mr. Boyce stated that his experience with track & field comes from working with his two sons. Mr. Boyce stated that 85% of citizens in Laurens County are considered living at the poverty level. Mr. Boyce stated that every eight out of ten students participate in free lunches. Mr. Boyce stated that his

program could build work ethic. Mr. Boyce stated that Track & Field teaches time management and how to follow rules. Mr. Boyce's son, Kurt Boyce, stated that track has taught him to believe in himself and work hard for his accomplishments. Mr. Boyce stated that the cost per person is \$95 and the total cost to get the program running is \$3,500. Mr. Boyce stated that he would appreciate any help Council could give him. Mr. Boyce stated that the program is called Unity Flight Recreation Commission.

<p>PROCLAMATIONS ALS AWARENESS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MILITARY MONTH PEACE OFFICERS TEACHERS WEEK PUBLIC WORKS WEEK</p>	<p>Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is approval of Proclamations proclaiming May as ALS Awareness Month, May as Historic Preservation Month, May as Mental Health Awareness Month, May as National Military Appreciation Month, May 15, 2015 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, week of May 4-8 as Teacher Appreciation Week, and the week May 17-23 as National Public Works Week. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.</p>
<p>AWARDS TREE CITY USA</p>	<p>Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is to brief Council on the awards and achievements received by the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has received Tree City USA status. Mr. Stovall stated that trees reduced energy costs and increase property values. Mr. Stovall stated that by achieving this status the City has met local, State, and National standards. Mr. Stovall stated that the South Carolina</p>
<p>CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT</p>	<p>Department of Archives and History has recommended to the National Park Service that the City be awarded the Certified Local Government status. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has met National requirements for historic preservation. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has met the goals of establishing a qualified historic Preservation Commission, enforce appropriate State or local legislation through local ordinances, maintain a system for the survey and inventory of local historic resources, and facilitate public participation in the local preservation. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (GFOA). Mr. Stovall stated that the City has received this award for twenty-six years in a row. Mr. Stovall stated that the City's financial statements are examined by individuals with expertise in the public sector financial reporting. Mr. Stovall recognized Ms. Morrow, Chief Financial Officer, for her work in achieving this GFOA.</p>

RESOLUTION	Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution honoring the Laurens County School District 56 Science Olympiad teams.
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAMS	Mr. Stovall stated that the Bell Street Middle School Science Olympiad Team is the South Carolina Champion and will compete on a national level in Nebraska. Mr. Stovall stated that Council would like to honor the 2015 Clinton High School Science Olympiad team. Mr. Stovall stated that each team would be awarded a plaque recognizing their achievements. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
FIRST READING	Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a first reading of an Ordinance to temporarily suspend the application of Sunday Sales prohibitions with the corporate limits of the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the State allows the City to suspend the Blue Laws every six months. Mr. Stovall stated that the Ordinance allows the City to operate on Sundays and be competitive with businesses in Laurens County. Mr. Stovall stated that the Ordinance would be valid from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Councilmember Byrd made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance suspending the Blue Laws and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.
BLUE LAWS	
RESOLUTION	Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution in support of the issuance by the SC Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its economic development revenue and revenue funding bonds (Presbyterian College) in one or more series amount not to exceed \$67,000,000.
PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE BONDS	Mr. Stovall stated that Susan Maddox, Vice President of Finance from Presbyterian College and Brad Love, Sinkler & Boyd is present to give a presentation of the project. Mr. Love stated that Presbyterian College is in the process of issuing JEDA bonds to expand, renovate, and equip Neville Hall, construct, equip, and furnish apartment style housing on the main campus, and refunding previously issued bonds. Mr. Love stated that the governing agency that issues the bonds requires Presbyterian College to hold a Public Hearing in the Municipality Presbyterian College is located. Mr. Stovall stated that there is no financial responsibility of the City for the bond.
PUBLIC HEARING	Mayor McLean opened a Public Hearing regarding a Resolution in support of the issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its economic development revenue and revenue funding bonds amount not to exceed \$67,000,000. Mayor McLean opened the floor for any comments or questions regarding the bond issuance. Council did not receive any comments. Motion was made by Council-
PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE BONDS	

member Scarborough to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION
PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
BOND**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution supporting Presbyterian College bond issuance not to exceed \$67,000,000. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

UPSTATE ALLIANCE

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from John Lumus with Upstate Alliance. Mr. Lumus stated that Upstate Alliance's mission is to market the Upstate to the world. Mr. Lumus stated that Upstate Alliance also strives to build relationships between the private sector and the public sector. Mr. Lumus stated that Upstate Alliance does global outreach by marketing through the website, social media and direct mail. Mr. Lumus stated that Upstate Alliance concentrates on several industry sectors which are aerospace, advanced materials, energy, automotive and bioscience. Mr. Lumus stated that there are seven regional economic development organizations in South Carolina and these organizations coordinate economic development for a particular region. Mr. Lumus stated that the Upstate Alliance came about because the Counties and Cities wanted to market the Upstate as one and not many regions. Mr. Lumus stated that the Upstate Alliance's budget is two million dollars with 43% of the funds coming from the private sector and 24% comes from the public sector. Mr. Lumus stated that Upstate Alliance employ three staff members that focus on the industry sectors. Mr. Lumus stated that 2014 was a record year for South Carolina because it was the most investment the State has had in one year. Mr. Lumus stated that 60% of the investment in South Carolina went to the Upstate. Mr. Lumus stated that the Upstate received investment in 27 new companies and 46 existing companies. Mr. Lumus stated that four billion was announced in capital investment in the Upstate which generated about 5000 jobs. Mr. Lumus stated that the Upstate was ranked number one in job growth with many jobs from international companies. Mr. Lumus stated that South Carolina is number one in tire manufacturing and number two in car exports. Mr. Lumus stated that Upstate Alliance look at ways to encourage companies to export. Mr. Lumus stated that South Carolina is in the process of establishing an inland port in Spartanburg County.

Mr. Lumus stated that this port would be a great advantage to South Carolina. Mr. Lumus stated that it is a rail yard and trucks will unload material to be shipped by freight to the Port of Charleston. Mr. Lumus

stated that Upstate Alliance is aware of what goes on in the Upstate and in South Carolina in order to improve their promotion of the Upstate. Mr. Lumus stated that the Upstate Alliance encourages schools and Technical Colleges to offer training for the Upstate workforce. Mr. Lumus stated that the State needs to improve the road system for the Upstate to be successful. Mr. Lumus stated that it is important for Clinton to be part of Upstate Alliance so that Clinton could be part of the marketing of the Upstate. Mr. Lumus stated that Upstate Alliance promotes Clinton along with all of the Upstate. Mr. Lumus stated that Upstate Alliance would collaborate with Cities and receive input from the Cities on how to market their area. Mr. Lumus stated that Upstate Alliance would try to market office space and regional headquarters recruitment for Cities. Councilmember Kuykendall asked where the hot spots are within the region and Mr. Lumus stated BMW since they would be expanding and offering more jobs and the Boeing Plant in Charleston.

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC PLAN**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is Council's consideration of the Economic Development Strategic Plan. Mr. Stovall stated that Crystal Morphis from Creative Solutions would give a presentation on the subject. Mr. Stovall stated that Council authorized funding to the CEDC to form a Strategic Plan Steering Committee and have the committee work with a consultant to develop a multi-year strategic plan for economic development for Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the members of the Steering Committee were selected by the CEDC Executive Committee and Council. Mr. Stovall stated that Creative Solutions was selected through a RFQ process that met all of the requirements of the City's Purchasing Ordinance. Mr. Stovall stated that Creative Solutions worked with the Steering Committee to develop the Economic Development Strategic Plan. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff has reviewed the plan and feel the contents are appropriate and that the plan outlines a solid strategy for moving Clinton forward on two economic development fronts which are make Clinton a great place to live and make Clinton a great place to do business. Mr. Stovall stated that by making Clinton a great place to live the City could focus on amenities that citizens expect and the City could experience improvements in both the quality of life and the vibrancy of the economy. Mr. Stovall stated that one challenge in Clinton and Laurens County is that employees of existing businesses, particularly high ranking employees, do not want to live in Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the benefits to improving the quality of life in our community by placing some level of economic investment in the quality of life programs are numerous. Mr. Stovall stated that by making Clinton a better place to live improves the quality of life for existing citizens as well as attracting new residents to Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that these improvements inspire entrepreneurial and

creative investments by citizens which encourage new economic development. Mr. Stovall stated that by making Clinton a great place to do business focuses on making sure that the processes and product are in place to allow economic growth. Mr. Stovall stated that constructing pads, expanding water and sewer, and performing other needed infrastructure improvement efforts the City could position itself to allow for and manage future economic growth. Mr. Stovall stated that the CEDC has reviewed the plan and recommends the Strategic Plan to Council so that the Strategic Plan would be used to guide budget decisions related to the expenditures of funds of economic development.

Mr. Stovall stated that Council could review the plan at the June Council meeting and also hold a Public Hearing. Ms. Morphis stated that Creative Solutions received feedback from citizens in Clinton when putting the plan together. Ms. Morphis stated that strategic plans are meant to guide investments in economic development over a long period of time. Ms. Morphis stated that Creative Solutions created an analysis from the Steering Committee, citizens, and information from the Department of Commerce. Ms. Morphis stated that Presbyterian College, Presbyterian College Pharmacy School and Piedmont Technical College were considered assets by everyone Creative Solutions surveyed. Ms. Morphis stated that a weakness is workforce skill level and development. Ms. Morphis stated that many communities face this problem. Ms. Morphis stated that another weakness is a site building. Ms. Morphis stated that businesses Creative Solutions talked with stated Clinton did not have a place to construct a building or a site building. Ms. Morphis stated that Clinton is between two metro areas that pull citizens for shopping and jobs. Ms. Morphis stated that Clinton's young citizens are not coming back to Clinton after they complete their education to work and live. Ms. Morphis stated that Clinton does have an opportunity to work with the Technical College and the School District to improve the workforce skill level. Ms. Morphis stated that there is an opportunity for Clinton to improve the downtown area in order to attract tourist. Ms. Morphis stated that the survey reflects citizens are concerned that Clinton does not have recreational and shopping opportunities. Ms. Morphis stated that the City needed to make improvements in education, downtown, and along the exits corridors into Clinton. Ms. Morphis stated that the surveyed shows citizens are concerned about jobs, recreation, and entertainment in Clinton. Ms. Morphis stated that the number one concern for all businesses is the workforce skill level. Ms. Morphis stated that if the City could not attract skilled employees to Clinton then the City would be at a disadvantage in regards to economic growth. Ms. Morphis stated that Clinton has a declining population, a low income level and a low education attainment but unemployment, jobs, and income levels

are growing. Ms. Morphis stated that Laurens County has done a good job in attracting jobs but people are leaving the area. Ms. Morphis stated that Laurens County is in a good location to attract the automotive industry and advanced material. Ms. Morphis stated that the City should start to focus on the Biochemical industry. Ms. Morphis stated that the survey asked citizens what should be the focus of the Strategic Plan and citizens stated local jobs, better paying jobs and community amenities. Ms. Morphis stated that the survey shows citizens want the City to make investments in diversification in recruitment and infrastructure. Ms. Morphis stated that the City could leverage Laurens County and the Upstate Alliance programs in business recruitment and use these partners to market Clinton. Ms. Morphis stated that Creative Solutions believe that Clinton Corporate Park I would be suitable for retail or light manufacturing. Ms. Morphis stated that Clinton Corporate Park III already has the groundwork for a future pad site. Ms. Morphis stated that 80% of businesses look for an existing building on a potential site. Ms. Morphis stated that the City should invest in running water and sewer infrastructure to future business sites. Ms. Morphis stated that the City should encourage local businesses to expand and communicate with local businesses about expansion projects. Ms. Morphis stated that the Strategic Plan encourages the City to form an Arts Council partnership and invest in parks and recreation. Ms. Morphis stated that Creative Solutions recommend the City offer incentives to the downtown businesses.

Ms. Morphis stated that when it comes to economic development the City should partner with the County and other agencies and work as a team. Ms. Morphis stated that in year one of implementing the Strategic Plan the City should concentrate on constructing a pad at the industrial park, downtown, and focus on the Strategic Plan. Ms. Morphis stated that in years two and three work the City should concentrate on site development and career partnerships and in years four and five work on site construction and small business development. Ms. Morphis stated that the Strategic Plan is meant to be implemented over a five-year period and just pick some priorities to accomplish each year. Mayor McLean stated that 80% of businesses look for a site building and the City would not construct one until five years down the road. Mayor McLean stated that this puts the City at a disadvantage if the City waits that long to construct a site building at the Corporate Park. Ms. Morphis stated that having a site building would be a positive but having a pad site would help with economic development. Mr. Stovall stated that he would post the Economic Development Strategic Plan on the City's website for public comment and bring the plan back to Council at the June Council meeting and Council agreed.

**MUSEUM
MEMBER**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a request from the Museum Commission to appoint Ms. Charlotte Slice to serve on the Clinton Museum Commission. Mr. Stovall stated that the Museum Commissions By-Laws allows the Commission to recommend members to Council. Mr. Stovall stated that Ms. Slice would serve a term on the Museum Commission starting May 4, 2015 and ending on May 7, 2018. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to appoint Ms. Charlotte Slice to the Museum Commission and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION
LOST**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a Resolution providing for the adjustment of the Local Option Sales Tax Property Tax Credit Program. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2013 the City determined the Public Safety Department would require in excess of three million dollars in capital investment to maintain operations at its current level and meet the requirements set forth before them to provide quality public safety services. Mr. Stovall stated that the General Fund does not provide the funding needed to meet these challenges and Council authorized a funding structure adjustment in 2013 that assisted the City in meeting this challenge. Mr. Stovall stated that the structure change involved programmatic changes to the management and use of the Local Option Sales Tax funds. Mr. Stovall stated that this change must be authorized each year by a Resolution. Mr. Stovall stated that Local Option Sales Tax is a tax collected on goods sold in Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the revenue from this tax is distributed to property tax owners in the form of a tax credit on their property tax bill. Mr. Stovall stated that the State requires the City to give 71% back to citizens as a property tax credit but the City is allowed to keep 29% of the Local Option Sales Tax. Mr. Stovall stated that the City only spends these funds in the General Fund for the following expenditures which are purchase capital equipment for the Public Safety Department, fund training for Public Safety personnel, and lease payments for capital equipment purchased by the Department of Public Safety which must be financed over multiple years. Mr. Stovall stated that the State does not limit the City on how to spend the 29% of LOST funds but the City wants to be transparent and let citizens know how the funds are spent.

Mr. Stovall stated that over a ten year span this program would fund about two million of the three million of the Public Safety Department needs in equipment and training. Councilmember Byrd made a motion to approve the Resolution continuing the LOST Program and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

VICTIM'S ADVOCATE

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one year contract with Laurens County for the provision of State mandated and constitutionally required Victim's Advocate service. Mr. Stovall stated that the State requires the City to have a Victim's Advocate service and fund the program from a percentage of collected police fines. Mr. Stovall stated that the Cities and Laurens County have partnered to provide a County wide Victim's Assistance program. Mr. Stovall stated that this is an annual contract and requires Council's approval every year. Councilmember Kuykendall made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one year contract with Laurens County for the Victim's Advocate Service and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a first 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. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed budget is \$28,210,453 which is a 2.9% increase from last year. Mr. Stovall stated that the revenue adjustments in the General Fund include a 4 mil property tax increase for operations and the institution of a \$20 per year Public Works Fee to cover the cost of equipment replacement in the Sanitation Department. Mr. Stovall stated that the highlights of the General Fund budget include funding to address deferred maintenance issues, community facility and program development, pursuit of standards leading to higher organizational performances, support for economic growth, achieving financial stability, and improving property conditions and stabilizing property values. Mr. Stovall stated that the Utility Fund's proposed budget reflects the following adjustments to the utility rates which are a base rate and volumetric rate adjustment of 2.5% in water rates, a collection volumetric rate adjustment of 2% in sewer rates for inside the City customers, a 1.6% collection volumetric rate adjustment in sewer rates of an outside customer, sewer treatment adjustments to lower the rate to match LCWSC rate resulting in a rate adjustment of -11% to -21% based on customer class, and the institution of a Treatment Adjustment Surcharge. Mr. Stovall stated that the highlights in the Utility Fund budget are public outreach and education, exceptional infrastructure funding, metering technology, Demand Side Management expansion, and improving customer service. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed budget includes a 2% Cost of Living increase. Mr. Stovall stated that the added positions in the proposed budget are an Administrative Assistant for Public Safety, Fire Marshall for the Fire Division, a Program Manager for the Department of Community & Economic Development, and a Supervisor for the Right-of-Way Department. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed budget funds \$620,278 in capital funding and the debt payment in the

proposed budget is \$1,253,840. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed budget is presented to Council efficiently and effectively supports the goals outlined by Council. Mr. Stovall stated that he wanted to thank the Department Directors and the Finance Director for their work on putting together a balanced budget. Mayor McLean asked if funding for the Upstate Alliance was included in the proposed budget and Mr. Stovall stated yes.

Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2015-16 and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**BIDS
CLINTON LIBRARY**

Mr. Stovall stated that the last item on the agenda is the approval of bids for the demolition of the Clinton library. Mr. Stovall stated that in 1974 the City constructed the library facility with help from Presbyterian College. Mr. Stovall stated that in 1987 there was a structural failure of the roof system. Mr. Stovall stated that a roof truss broke and collapsed while only being held up by the window sills. Mr. Stovall stated that the City hired a structural engineering firm, Mabry Engineering, to analyze the issue and design repairs. Mr. Stovall stated that the engineering firm placed the blame for the roof failure on the roof design and reported the roof was under designed for the load it had to bear. Mr. Stovall stated that Mabry Engineering recommended repairs and roof replacement. Mr. Stovall stated that Council approved the repairs and not the roof replacement. Mr. Stovall stated in 1996 a Technical College suffered a roof collapse and in 2000 the City of Union also suffered a roof collapsed. Mr. Stovall stated that the City of Union and the City of Clinton had the same insurance company, SCMIRFF. Mr. Stovall stated that the insurance company investigated both incidents and found that the fire retardant material used to treat the truss caused damage and decay to the truss. Mr. Stovall stated that the insurance company contacted the City of Clinton with this information about the truss and the City discovered the truss for the library facility had also been treated with the same chemical. Mr. Stovall stated that the library facility was condemned a second time in 2000. Mr. Stovall stated that the City hire Marshall Clarke to make repairs that cost \$29,660. Mr. Stovall stated that after Marshall Clarke made the repairs the firm recommended the City inspect the facility every quarter. Mr. Stovall stated that Marshall Clarke cautioned the City that it is difficult to predict the effect of conditions such as wind, snow, and ice on the building. Mr. Stovall stated that Marshall Clarke recommended the City put on a new roof. Mr. Stovall stated that Marshall Clarke estimated the cost of a new roof would be \$288,818. Mr. Stovall stated that taking into account for inflation the cost today would be about \$355,936. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2003 the library was moved

and the building was abandoned. Mr. Stovall stated that the City recommends Council approve the demolition of the building, convert the property to greenspace, and hold the property in land bank status for future expansion of the Public Safety Department. Councilmember Jenkins stated that Council has toured the building and the building is also an eye sore when someone comes into the City. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the demolition of the library facility located at 406 North Broad Street and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter relating to code enforcement on Woodrow Street, one legal matter relating to the acquisition of property on Old Colony Road, one legal matter regarding the water treatment services, and one contractual matter relating to the use of property on West Carolina Avenue for a City welcome sign 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 three legal matters and one contractual matter were discussed and no action was taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean stated that Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 12:00 PM the City would hold a National Day of Prayer at the Public Safety Department. Mayor McLean stated that Friday, May 15 at 6:30 PM the Peace Officer Service would be held downtown at the depot. Mayor stated that Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM the City would host the Rhythm on the Rails. Mayor McLean stated that Wednesday, May 20, 2015 Upstate Alliance Board of Directors would hold their second quarter meeting at Piedmont Technical College Center for Advanced Manufacturing at 11:30 AM. Mr. Stovall stated that Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 5:00 PM the Open Door would hold their banquet at the Presbyterian Church.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORT**

Councilmember Scarborough stated that he is looking forward to the first Rhythm on the Rails. Councilmember Scarborough thanked the Chief Morse for the Public Safety Department tour.

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that there are many exciting events going on around Clinton and he hopes people can participate.

Councilmember Byrd congratulated Ms. Morrow on the GFOA Award. Councilmember Byrd stated that she looked forward to the Rhythm of the Rails.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked Mr. Stovall and the City staff for their work on the budget. Councilmember Jenkins stated that Council appreciates the work. Councilmember Jenkins stated that in the past the month of May was the cleanup month for citizens. Councilmember Jenkins asked Mr. Stovall if the City could reinstate the program and Mr. Stovall stated yes.

Councilmember Young stated that May is the National Military Appreciation month and he was asked to find a speaker for the Memorial Day Program. Councilmember Young stated that the speaker would be Brigadier General Darlene McKee. Councilmember Young stated that Darlene McKee is the first General for the South Carolina National Guard.

Councilmember Cook made a motion to contribute \$2500 toward the trip the Bell Street Middle School Science Olympiad Team would make to compete on a National level and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR