

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

The regular council meeting was held at M. S. Bailey Center building at 4:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Byrd, 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 August 31, 2015.

*The City recording system failed at the September 8, 2015 Council meeting so there is no transcript available for review.*

**MAYOR MCLEAN**

It is four o'clock and I would like to call the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton to order. Before we get started, I would like take a moment to address council, staff, and our citizens who have gathered here this afternoon. To council, I want to say that while we do not always agree on the issues or the solution we were all placed in this role by the majority of voters in our wards and city. I know that each of you is committed, as I am, to finding solutions to the problems we face and making this city a better place for the people who call it home.

To our city staff– This council and this city believes in you, supports you, and stands with you as we address these challenges. I think I speak for the entire council when I say how pleased we are when it comes to how our public safety employees are performing in the field, the fact that our public works employees have saved the city tens of thousands of dollars by changing out the water meters themselves rather than hiring a contractor, and how quickly our city employees are able to respond to power outages, storms, and other emergencies our citizens face and how well they perform when dealing with those emergencies. We are also proud of the effort that city management has undertaken to renegotiate contracts and refinance debt resulting in saving our taxpayers several hundred thousand dollars over the course of five years.

And finally I want to speak directly to you – our citizens. Our city faces many challenges; in fact, my desire to be part of the solution to those challenges is what inspired me to seek public office and to become your mayor.

We need to provide better recreation opportunities for our children, a winning Dixie Youth team is here tonight and they need a better place to play. I've been here 42 years and we have never had good ballfields. We need to support education and workforce development, we need to grow our local economy so that every citizen – every citizen – has opportunities to lead the life they want to lead, and we must address failing infrastructure in our city including roads, water, and sewer, and we also need to make sure that the cost of paying for government – paying your electric bill – is not a burden that limits the lives of

our citizens and the economic growth of our community. I also believe that our citizens should have a voice in the direction of our city.

However, to accuse city staff and city council of accomplishing nothing is simply a falsehood. It is one of many falsehoods and half-truths that have perpetuated our public discourse and peppered social media for weeks. We, your council, your staff, and you, can overcome these challenges by working together to craft a great city, by listening to each other and learning what we can about why things have evolved into what they are, and by supporting each other as we address each issue in due time.

You may ask, what have we done?

- Last year two companies with Clinton addresses added 168 new jobs and invested \$46 million in expansions. Sixty-one percent of all new jobs and 65% of all industrial investment happened on this side of the county last year.
- We started addressing the sewer issue before DHEC issued its consent order to the city by developing a response plan, improving system technology and maintenance, and we have submitted our plans to DHEC for review. Our sewer utility now pays its own way and is not subsidized by other utilities, and it should generate funds to improve system condition, and rates are designed to automatically lower as the condition improves – ultimately putting money back in your pockets when the system is in better shape.
- Our engineers have spent this summer analyzing every city owned street to develop a cost estimate and a plan for how we improve the condition of roads in our city.
- We have replaced and repaired more sidewalk in our city in the past 36 months than we did in the past ten years combined.
- We've completed our first ever long range economic development strategic plan, and we've been awarded grants and joint utility development funds to help make it a reality. Look in the budget – you'll see that we are focusing a significant amount of resources on economic development product development to make our city more attractive to business and industry.
- A team of council members and consultants are looking at solutions to address new recreation facilities.
- We also intend to embark upon a strategic planning initiative that will outline our goals over the next three years – and when the time comes citizens – you need to be part of that and make sure your voice is heard and your desires are reflected as priorities in the plan.

I am glad you are here. I think everyone on council and everyone on staff is excited that you want to be part of the process and part of the solution. Everyone needs to understand that there is no silver bullet to address all of these challenges in the span of a few short months, but we will address them. Please choose to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Now, let's get started – together.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Pastor Jim Roberts from Westminster 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 August 3 and 17. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the August 3, 2015 minutes and the August 17, 2015 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. Mayor McLean stated that he wanted to amend the August 3, 2015 minutes. Mayor McLean stated that on page 7 of the August 3, 2015 minutes he did not state use current avenues for submitting the bids to lease the Armory. Mayor McLean stated that in the August 17, 2015 minutes he did not state that he was running as a Strong Mayor. Mayor McLean stated that in the August 3, 2015 minutes Council was in executive session when the agenda was amended. Councilmember Scarborough stated that Council would need to listen to the transcript and see when Council went into executive session. Councilmembers Byrd and Jenkins also asked to review the tape. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if Council wished to table the vote until everyone could listen to the minutes. Mayor McLean then requested that the minutes be adjusted to reflect that the council voted to amend the agenda, and then voted to schedule a special call meeting for the 17<sup>th</sup> prior to leaving the chambers and conducted an executive session. Mr. Wham, City Attorney, stated that the implication was Council voted on an amended agenda and then went into executive session. Mr. Wham stated that the open session agenda was changed and not the executive session agenda.

**DIXIE YOUTH  
AAA ALL-STAR**

Mayor McLean recognized the 9-10 Dixie Youth AAA All-Stars of the Clinton YMCA. Mayor McLean stated that the team came in an impressive third place in the Dixie Youth World Series held in Lexington, SC. Mayor McLean presented each player and coach with a certificate. Justin Copeland, Wil Stewart, Zach Fortman, Austin Copeland, Luke White, RT Corley, Zane Mclendon, Wilson Wages, Jy Leake, Kason Copeland, Bryce Young, Carson Glenn, Head Coach Matt Stewart, Coach Brian

Fortman, Coach Josh Mclendon, and Manager and Team Mom Tammy Stewart.

**POST 193/24  
AMERICAN LEGION**

Mayor McLean recognized the Post 193/24 American Legion World Series Champions. Mayor McLean stated that the American Legion team consists of players from Clinton, Newberry, Mid-Carolina and Dutch Fork. The players from Clinton are Landon Allison, Tristan Smaltz, Peyton Spanlger, and Delshun Young. Mayor McLean stated the team won the American Legion World Series Championship by defeating Louisiana at Keeter Stadium.

**KAY CLEVELAND**

Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Kay Cleveland for her selfless service to School district 56 for thirty-two years. Councilmember Kuykendall presented Ms. Cleveland with a plaque and thanked her for her hard work with special needs students.

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he knows firsthand how dedicated Ms. Cleveland was to her job and he wanted her to know how much he appreciated her devotion to her job and the students she helped over the years.

**CITIZENS ADDRESS  
COUNCIL**

**RITA STANLEY  
BAILEY MANOR**

Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Rita Stanley. Ms. Stanley stated that she lived at 300 Jacobs Highway and she was before Council concerning Bailey Manor. Ms. Stanley stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Stovall, City Manager, Mayor Bob McLean, and Council for all of their help and prayers during the reconstruction of Bailey Manor. Ms. Stanley stated that City staff and Council not only were supportive during the accident but all through the year. Ms. Stanley stated that recently she had a job offer and one of the key factors to staying in her current job was Clinton and the support she receives. Ms. Stanley thanked Council and Mr. Stovall and stated that Bailey Manor would be reopening soon.

**CURTIS MCKELLAR  
UTILITY BILL**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Curtis McKellar. Mr. McKellar stated that he is before Council concerning the utility bills. Mr. McKellar stated that since he could not ask any questions he just wanted Council to know how hard it is to pay the high utility bills. Mr. McKellar stated that something needs to be done to solve this problem.

**CHLOE PURDUE  
UTILITY BILL**

Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Chloe Purdue. Ms. Purdue stated that she was before Council concerning the utility bills. Ms. Purdue stated that she understood Council did try to help citizens with their utility bills and she wanted to thank Council and City staff for their help. Ms. Purdue stated that she knows the City would not lower the electric rates. Ms. Purdue

stated that the City does not have any competition and does not have to lower the rates.

**SANDRA LONG  
UTILITY BILL**

Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Sandra Long. Ms. Long stated that she was before Council concerning her utility bill. Ms. Long stated that she wanted to know how the utility bills were calculated. Mayor McLean stated that if she would give her name to City staff someone would discuss her bill with her.

**BOSS HOWARD  
UTILITY BILL**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Boss Howard. Mr. Howard stated that he is before Council concerning the utility bill. Mr. Howard stated that he loved living in Clinton and has for many years. Mr. Howard stated that he was an electrical engineer Mr. Howard stated that Clinton was a great place to raise his children. Mr. Howard stated that he too was concerned about the utility bills but feels Council would find a solution. Mr. Howard stated that we have lower property taxes than our neighbors.

**DOUG HENDRICK  
UTILITY BILL**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Doug Hendrick. Mr. Hendrick stated that he lived at 109 Cleveland Street and he was before Council concerning the utility bills. Mr. Hendrick stated that he grew up in Clinton and his father was a former Police Officer. Mr. Hendrick stated that he also at one time owned a business in the downtown area. Mr. Hendrick stated that he was upset with all the talk on the internet about the City and Mr. Stovall. Mr. Hendrick stated that Mr. Stovall was an excellent City Manager and was always helpful to him when he owned his business. Mr. Hendrick stated that he knows it is hard to pay these high utility bills but the Community should pull together to find solutions instead of tearing down Council or City staff.

**DALE PATEL  
UTILITY BILL**

Mayor Mclean recognized Mr. Dale Patel. Mr. Patel stated that he lived at 505 North Broad Street and he was before Council concerning the utility bills. Mr. Patel stated that lives in Clinton and also owns several businesses in Clinton. Mr. Patel stated that his utility bill doubled. Mr. Patel stated that he owns businesses in other Cities and his bills combined does not exceed his utility bills in Clinton. Mr. Patel stated that he would like to build a house in Clinton but must reconsider since his utility bill is so high.

**CITY MANAGER'S  
REPORT  
PROCLAMATIONS  
ALCOHOL & DRUG  
CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is the Proclamations proclaiming September as Alcohol and Drug Addition Recovery Month, Bicycling and Pedestrian Awareness Month, Campus Fire Safety Month, National Preparedness Month, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, September 18<sup>th</sup>

**POW/MIA  
PROSTATE CANCER**

as POW/MIA Recognition Day, and September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> as Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**MUSEUM  
COMMISSION  
APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the recommendation from the Museum Commission to appoint individuals to the Museum commission. Mr. Stovall stated that the Museum Commission recommends appointing Ms. Crystal Ferguson, Ms. Lou Giles, and Mr. Darin Bridgeman. Mr. Stovall stated that the terms for the new members would be from September 8, 2015 through August 1, 2018. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the Museum Commission appointments and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION  
DELAYED PAYMENTS**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the Resolution amending the City Council's policy statement regarding delayed payments and adjustments of utility bill. Mr. Stovall stated that this policy was originally development in 1996. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed changes include payment extensions from a 2 to 12 month period to a 6 to 12 month period, extending extensions to 9 months from 6 months, and an addition of other clarifying language. Mr. Stovall stated that this change would affect the cash flow but the City would make adjustments to offset the cost. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the Resolution amending the City Policy regarding delayed payments and adjustments and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION  
LATE PENALTIES**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution authorizing the temporary adjustment of late penalties associated with water, sewer, electric, and sanitation utility bills in order to assist the City of Clinton utility customers with abnormally high utility costs. Mr. Stovall stated that currently a 10% late penalty is assessed per month. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed changes are no late penalties assessed for the July billing cycle and for the August billing cycle a 5% adjustment for customers requesting assistance prior to the due date and a 10% penalty for all other customers. Mr. Stovall stated that the financial impact of this adjustment to the City would be between \$17,000 and \$24,000. Mr. Stovall stated that there is a cost associated with this adjustment but City staff feels this is the right thing to do. Councilmember Jenkins requested the Resolution be read and Councilmember Scarborough read the Resolution. Councilmember Cook asked if a customer has already paid the late fee for the July bill would the customer receive a credit and Mr. Stovall stated yes.

Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Resolution temporarily adjusting the late penalty for July and August and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION  
RATE  
STABILIZATION FUND**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution authorizing the creation of a Rate Stabilization Fund for the electric utility, authorizing expenditures to fund the Rate Stabilization Fund, and outlining the purposes for which the fund may be utilized. Mr. Stovall stated that the City proposes creating a fund that would be used to offset positive PPCA charges that are deemed excessive. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would fund this account with \$50,000 from the Utility Contingency fund, \$57,000 from the Utility Reserve fund, and all negative PPCA rebates. Mr. Stovall stated that one financial impact to the City is the fund would stabilize electric rates. Mr. Stovall stated that this would reduce the Utility Contingency fund by \$50,000 making the new balance \$202,119 and reducing the fund by 20%. Mr. Stovall stated that the target fund balance is \$1,000,000. Mr. Stovall stated that this would also reduce the Utility Reserve Fund by \$57,000 making a new balance of \$954,718 and reducing the fund by 6%. Mr. Stovall stated that the target fund balance for this account is \$5,500,000. Mr. Stovall stated that the funds from the Rate Stabilization Fund can only be used to lower the electric rates that the City passes on to the customer. Councilmember Byrd made a motion to approve the Resolution creating the Rate Stabilization Fund and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE  
ADMINISTRATION  
FEE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a first reading of an Ordinance reducing the administrative fee associated with delinquent accounts that qualify for disconnection from \$25 per occurrence to zero dollars per occurrence. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would eliminate the \$25 Administrative Fee for delinquent accounts. Mr. Stovall stated that the financial impact is \$50,000 annually but the City would absorb the loss of revenue. Mayor McLean stated that this fee needed to be changed. Mayor McLean stated that the City charged a \$25 administrative fee for being delinquent and then another \$25 administrative fee to turn the power back on. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the Resolution eliminating the \$25 Administrative Fee associated with delinquent accounts and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND READING  
ORDINANCE  
DSM PROGRAM**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance to create a Demand Side Management Rate Program (DSM) for the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the DSM devices reduce a system peak demand which results in a savings of the fixed

demand charge the City pays for electricity. Mr. Stovall stated that each device would save the City approximately \$81 per year. Mr. Stovall stated that a customer would sign up for the program and PMPA would provide the device at no cost to the City or the customer. Mr. Stovall stated that PMPA has a certified HVAC technician install the device at no cost to the customer and the customer receives a \$25 gift certificate for participating to a City restaurant. Mr. Stovall stated that the customer is placed on the new DSM rate, which is .1446 on January 1, 2016 or later. Mr. Stovall stated that the DSM Program encourages customers to visit local restaurants and impacts HTAX. Mr. Stovall stated that it reduces the customer's utility costs. Mr. Stovall stated that if 1,350 customers sign up in the first 60 months the customers would save \$424,854 on their electric bills over the next decade.

Mr. Stovall stated that the DSM Program provides revenue to offset future rate increase from PMPA. Mr. Stovall stated that if 1,350 customers sign up in the first 60 months it would allow the City to absorb \$358,000 in rate increases over the next ten years. Councilmember Young asked if the DSM Program would affect the PPCA charge. Mr. Stovall stated that the PPCA charge is designed to make sure the City collects enough revenue to pay the monthly PMPA electric bill. Mr. Stovall stated that it would benefit the PPCA charge but the charge would not be eliminated. Mayor McLean stated that if the City lowers the peak demand then everyone would benefit, even the customers who do not sign up. Councilmember Scarborough made a motion to approve the second reading of an Ordinance creating the DSM Program and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

#### **911 SERVICES**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Laurens County emergency Dispatch and communication services. Mr. Stovall stated that the City of Clinton, City of Laurens, and Laurens County utilize a centralized emergency dispatch system operated and maintained by the County. Mr. Stovall stated that is system is cost effective since the cost of operating a stand-alone 911 system for the City would well exceed the cost of the contract. Mr. Stovall stated that the cost of the contract is \$23,802 annually and the City budgets funds in the Department of Public Safety to cover the cost. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to authorize the 911 Emergency Service contract with Laurens County for a cost not to exceed \$23,802 annually and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFING**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next items on the agenda are an administrative briefing for Council of current projects. Mr. Stovall stated that he would like to update Council on the Electric Rate Response Plan.

**ELECTRIC RATE  
RESPONSE PLAN  
SHORT TERM**

Mr. Stovall stated that he wanted Council to see which short term actions the City has completed since the Electric Rate Workshop. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff wanted to improve communication by creating an electric specific website to answer questions, keep customers informed of our progress, and provide information regarding public power, our utility, and energy efficiency. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff is working on the website and it will be up and running within a few weeks. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff is currently working on a mail out of a rate information sheet in the Clinton Focus Newsletter and developing collateral regarding rates and policies for customers. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has already reduced penalties and fees for July and August and eliminated the \$25 Administrative Fee associated with delinquent bills. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has a temporary hiring freeze on positions that are not associated with front line service delivery in mission critical areas such as police, fire, sanitation, ROW, water, sewer, and electric. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would reevaluate the frozen positions every three months. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has a temporary freeze on all capital expenditures unless those expenditures are budgeted from existing restricted accounts. Mr. Stovall stated that the City will institute a three month PPCA reduction as follows: July Kwh rate of \$0.148 + PPCA of \$0.029 which equals \$0.177; August Kwh rate of \$0.148 + PPCA of \$0.014 which equals \$0.162; September Kwh rate of \$0.148 + PPCA charge of \$0.00 which equals \$0.148.

**MID-TERM ACTIONS**

Mr. Stovall stated that the City would work with Abbeville Public Utilities and implement their Common Sense Energy Review Program for residential customers to assist in identifying ways in which residential customers can use energy more efficiently. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has already approved extensions with no penalty of up to six per year and to allow multiply payment agreements per year as long as the customer is not currently in a payment agreement. Mr. Stovall stated that the City is working with the software provider to open up the Budget Billing Program to allow signups anytime beginning October 1. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has implemented a Rate Stabilization Fund to offset the PPCA charge in order to stabilize billing for our customers. Mr. Stovall stated that these funds would only be used to reduce energy costs for citizens and the initial funding is expected to be \$207,000. Mr. Stovall stated that a mid-term action the City is working on is an independent Cost of Service Study. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would request funding from PMPA to have an independent qualified rate consultant and engineer to review our system, assess true cost of services, and assist in developing plans to make services self-sufficient. Mr. Stovall stated that

**LONG-TERM** Council has approved the DSM Program and City staff would be moving forward with the program. Mr. Stovall stated that the city has started work on the Pole Attachment Fees and complete the legal work and negotiate required to raise the Pole Attachment Fees. Mr. Stovall stated that the revenue generated from the fees would be used to reduce the electric rates for customers. Mr. Stovall stated that the City is developing and implementing a City net metering policy in conjunction with PMPA to allow customer installation and use of solar and for a wholesale buy back rate for the customer's solar power. Mr. Stovall stated that a long-term plan the City has begun is requesting PMPA to look at the rate structure to see if one is more favorable to Clinton and also fair to other participants.

**D.E. TRIBBLE PROPERTY** Mr. Stovall stated that the next briefing is the status of the D.E. Tribble property. Mr. Stovall stated that so far the DRB issued a demo permit for four sheds which have been demolished by City crews. Mr. Stovall stated the DRB issued a permit for window treatment and several tons of debris has been removed from the site. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would not replace the windows until all of the debris is cleared from inside the building. Mr. Stovall stated that structural analyses of the buildings are completed and the buildings are safe but the roof may have to be replaced. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has boarded up the buildings to secure the buildings from intrusion. Mr. Stovall stated that a portion of the property is leased to AT&T for equipment storage. Mr. Stovall stated that some upcoming actions on the property are interior clean out of structures by contract crews, exterior window replacement, exterior painting, roof repair estimates, and demolition of elevated she structures.

**FRONTAGE ROAD** Mr. Stovall stated that the briefing is the status of the Frontage Road project. Mr. Stovall stated that the natural gas, sewer, and water have been installed. Mr. Stovall stated that the City is 95% finished with installing the electric lines and this project would be completed within thirty days. Mr. Stovall stated that the curbing has been poured and tested and the paving would start within ninety days. Mr. Stovall stated that the landscaping design request would be released in thirty days and the Central Realty Agreements are currently being reviewed.

**SEWER CONSENT ORDER** Mr. Stovall stated that the next briefing is the progress on the Sewer Consent Order. Mr. Stovall stated that the civil penalty has been paid and completed. Mr. Stovall stated that the CMOM is completed, approved by Council, and has been submitted to SC DHEC for review. Mr. Stovall

stated that the action plan (CAP) has been completed, approved by Council, and submitted to SC DHEC for review. Mr. Stovall stated that the City anticipates a response and instructions from SC DHEC in the late 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the fiscal year.

**ROAD REPAVING**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item for briefing is the Road Repair Analysis. Mr. Stovall stated that the purpose of the analysis is to evaluate each road in the study area and determine priority for repaving and repair and determine a budget figure cost estimate for each road to fund paving and repair. Mr. Stovall stated that the study area includes all City owned and maintained roads which is eight-one miles of road. Mr. Stovall stated the study area also includes State maintained portions of South Broad Street, main Street, maple Street, and Holly Street. Mr. Stovall stated that the field study is complete and the data analysis is underway. Mr. Stovall stated that results from the Road Repaving Analysis are expected in late September or October.

**MUNIS UPDATE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next briefing item is a Munis implementation update. Mr. Stovall stated that the General Ledger, Human Resource, and Payroll are completed on time and within budget. Mr. Stovall stated that the Utility Billing phase is on budget and the go-live date is February. Mr. Stovall stated that the Work Orders is on schedule and within budget. Mr. Stovall stated that the Zoning and Inspections are on budget and the Business License phase would go-live in February.

**RESOLUTION  
SKID STEER**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the financing for a Skid Steer and Forestry equipment for the use by the Department of Public Works. Mr. Stovall stated that the City solicited bids for a ROW clearing machine and received three bids. Mr. Stovall stated that the lowest bid was BB&T for a five year lease with an interest rate of 1.98%. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would pay for the equipment with Sewer I&I funds. Mr. Stovall stated that the initial plan was to fund \$15,775 for five years for a ROW tractor but the City request that be replaced with \$24,843.83 for five years. Councilmember Scarborough made a motion to approve the Resolution for the financing of a Skid Steer Forestry machine from BB&T for a five –year lease with an interest rate of 1.98% and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE REPORT  
FIRST READING OF  
ORDINANCE FOR  
DESTRUCTION OF**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the recommendations from the City Council Committee. Mr. Stovall stated that the Council Committee met on August 17, 2015 and decided by a 3 to 0 vote to make the following recommendations to City Council. Mr. Stovall stated that the first recommendation concerns section 2-4 of the

- PAID BONDS** City Code. Mr. Stovall stated that this section of the code deals with the destruction of bonds and originally required that all bonds be cremated. Mr. Stovall stated that after consulting with the City's Bond attorney it is no longer the practice of bond holders of financial institutions to cremate bonds but they are marked paid in full and destroyed by mechanical shredding. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the first reading of the change in the Bond Ordinance of the City Code section 2-4 and since the recommendation comes from a committee no second is required. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Stovall stated that the next recommendation concerns the Repeal Section 2-221 through 2-230 of the City Code.
- REPEAL APPEARANCE COMMISSION** Mr. Stovall stated that this section of the code creates and provides duties to the Appearance Commission which has not been in effect for at least ten years. Mr. Stovall stated that since the Commission is no longer used and since most of the duties of the Commission are also listed as duties of the Planning Commission the City Council Committee recommends this section of the City Code be repealed. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the first reading of an Ordinance repealing the Appearance Commission in the Repeal Section 2-221 through 2-230 of the City Code and since the recommendations comes from a committee no second is required. The vote was unanimous.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to go into executive session to discuss one personnel matter relating to the Office of City Manager, one personnel matter relating to the appointments of committees, and one economic development matter relating to I-26 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 two personnel matters and one economic matter were discussed and no action was taken.
- CITY ATTORNEY REPORT AUGUST MINUTES** Mr. Wham, City Attorney, stated that he wanted to clarify the discussion concerning the executive session and the open session during the August 3, 2015 Council meeting. Mr. Wham stated that the intent of the Council was to amend the open agenda to include a discussion on the upcoming electric workshop and then go into executive session. Mr. Wham stated that he would recommend the motions to amend the agenda include that. What will have to happen is there was a motion at the table made that was not acted upon. Mr. Wham stated that it had other amendments in there that council would have to vote on. Councilmember Scarborough made a motion to amend the minutes as

stated by Mr. Wham. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion and the vote was carried with a 5 to 1 vote.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor McLean stated that Saturday, September 12, 2015 the Hall of Heroes would be in Clinton. Mayor McLean stated that Laurens County would host an Industry Tour and an Upstate Bus Tour. Mayor Mclean stated that he wanted to take this time to say that he is proud to be working with this Council.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
REPORT**

Councilmember Cook thanked Mr. Stovall for the information he gave Council regarding the electric rates

Councilmember Young thanked Mr. Stovall and City staff for their quick response to the electric bills and for their solutions to the problem.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked Mr. Stovall for the administrative briefing in the agenda.

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he is glad of the good representation of citizens at the Council meeting. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that our citizens are realizing the efforts Mr. Stovall and City staff are going to help citizens. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he has received several phone calls concerning the property on Springdale Drive that is in the development phase. Councilmember Kuykendall asked Mr. Stovall to address this issue. Mr. Stovall stated that currently the property in question is not in the City limits and is not zoned. Mr. Stovall stated that the property is surrounded by property inside the City. Mr. Stovall stated that the City Ordinance requires property receiving utilities from the City to be annexed into the City. Mr. Stovall stated that before the property could be developed the State requires the City to go through several steps to annex the property.

Mr. Stovall stated that the developer would have to submit plans to the to the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission makes a recommendation on if the property could be annexed and what to zone the property. Mr. Stovall stated that the Planning Commission holds a Public Hearing and then sends their recommendations to Council. Mr. Stovall stated that Council hears the Planning Commission's recommendations about the property and also hold a Public Hearing. Mr. Stovall stated that Council would make their own decision about the property.

Councilmember Scarborough thanked citizens, Mr. Stovall, and City staff for their hard work on the electrical problems. Councilmember

Scarborough stated that it has only been two weeks and many things have already been accomplished.

**ADJOURN**

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

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR