



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Council Meeting was called to order and presided by Mayor Randall with Councilmembers Cook, Williams, Neal, Kuykendall, Roth and Walsh present. City Manager Brooks, Assistant City Manager Meadors and City Attorney Wham were also present. The meeting was an open meeting. Citizens could view the meeting on the City's Facebook page.

AMENDING OF AGENDA

Mayor Randall stated the first item of business is the amending of the agenda to include to correct date of November 27, 2023. The Motion to approve this change was made by Councilmember Kuykendall and was seconded by Councilmember Williams.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Roth

CITY COUNCIL to recognize CITIZENS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS WHO HAVE REGISTERED TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL (TWO MINUTES).

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to recognize Citizens regarding agenda items who have registered to address Council. Mayor Randall asked City Clerk Lewis if any citizens were registered to address Council and City Clerk Lewis answered there were not.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from the November 6, 2023 Council Meeting. The Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Cook and was seconded by Councilmember Neal. Mayor Randall asked if there were any corrections or comments and Councilmember Williams stated page six (6) should read that Councilmember Walsh requested to vote by hands, not Councilmember Neal. The vote to approve the minutes with this correction was unanimous.



CITY COUNCIL to consider SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-001-006 AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLINTON TO UPDATE THE CLASS SCHEDULE AS REQUIRED BY ACT 176 OF 2020

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider the Second Reading of Ordinance number 2023-001-006 amending the Business License Ordinance of the City of Clinton to update the class schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020. The Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Walsh and was seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

CITY COUNCIL to conduct a PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON.

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for the City of Clinton. Mayor Randall opened the Public Hearing for public comment but there was no one registered or wishing to address Council on this matter. Mayor Randall closed the Public Hearing.

CITY COUNCIL to consider SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-011-002 REGARDING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON.

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider the Second Reading of Ordinance number 2023-011-002 regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for the City of Clinton. A Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Cook and was seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. Mayor Randall asked if Council had any comments or questions regarding this. Councilmember Williams requested clarification on the tiered pay scale presented as well as the Utility rate being for businesses and residences and clarification was provided by City Manager Brooks. Mayor Randall called for a vote and the vote passed six (6) to one (1) with Councilmember Walsh voting "No".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in the Administration Department. The Motion to go to Executive Session was made by Councilmember Neal and was seconded by Councilmember Williams. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION



Mayor Randall declared the meeting back in session and stated there was no action taken during Executive Session.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

City Manager Brooks stated he would like for Planning Director Rochester to have his time to discuss upcoming Christmas projects. Planning Director Rochester stated the Christmas Tree Lighting would be held on Thursday, November 30th from 6:00 to 9:30pm and stated this would consist of: Eastside Elementary School singing, the lighting of the tree, hot chocolate from the Vestibule, Santa and carriage rides. Planning Director Rochester noted the carriage ride tickets would be sold for five dollars (\$5) each with twelve (12) years old and under getting to ride for free and stated all proceeds are to go to the Clinton Community Cares fund. Planning Director Rochester stated there would be photos with Santa available as well with forty percent (40%) of those proceeds going to the Clinton Community Cares fund and stated retailers are welcome to set up a table but are required to make the City of Clinton aware they will be attending to set up a table. Planning Director Rochester stated the Christmas Parade would be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00am due to the City of Clinton participating in Whitten Center's parade. Planning Director Rochester noted the parade would go on through rain or shine and would only be cancelled during thunder and lightning with the hopes it would not need to be cancelled since it cannot be rescheduled. Planning Director Rochester stated the lineup for the Christmas parade would be sent out on November 28, 2023 and would also be posted in the local newspaper. Councilmember Neal asked about "Santa's Cause" and Planning Director Rochester explained this year the City of Clinton would be going to the schools with Santa for the 4K and 5K classes and requested that City Clerk Lewis send this information to Council again. Councilmember Neal also questioned if citizens would be able to throw out candy and Planning Director Rochester stated they have been instructed not to do so but are allowed to have walkers hand out candy. Planning Director Rochester stated this is a safety issue with children possibly running out in the road after candy. City Manager Brooks stated that was all of his reports.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is the Councilmembers' reports and recommendations. Councilmember Walsh had no report. Councilmember Roth stated he would like to congratulate Police Chief Ledda on the honor of the Police Chief Association of South Carolina and nominated Mayor Randall to be one of the walkers handing out candy. Councilmember Kuykendall reminded the citizens of Clinton the Fire Department does still give out smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and nominated Mayor Randall to hand out candy during the Christmas parade. Councilmember Neal stated she is looking forward to the Christmas activities, hopes everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and nominates Mayor



Randall to hand out candy at the parade. Councilmember Williams stated she would also like to be the forth (4) Councilmember to nominate Mayor Randall to hand out candy at the Christmas parade and thanked Planning Director Rochester and City Manager Brooks for the demolitions done in Ward 2. Councilmember Williams stated there was still a lot of work left to be done at the railroad crossing of Sloan Street and stated she had difficulty at the intersection of Hampton and Broad Street due to two (2) cars being parked at the Urgent Care building and stated this may be something the City needs to address. Councilmember Cook stated he is looking forward to the Christmas festivities and noted based on the amount of candy eaten by Mayor Randall at the Halloween trunk or treat, he may not need to be in charge of giving out candy at the Christmas parade.

MAYOR'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Randall stated he would be asking for donations from all of City Council for a new pair of shoes for walking and handing out candy and Councilmember Walsh reminded him she did not nominate him for giving out candy.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the November 27, 2023 Council Meeting was adjourned. A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Walsh and was seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.