

October 03, 2022

The City Council Regular Meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Center with Mayor McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Jenkins, Neal, Kuykendall, and Walsh. The City Manager and City Attorney were present. Media present was the Laurens Advertiser. The meeting was an open meeting. Citizens could view the meeting on the City's Facebook.

INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Reverend Kenny Moore, Pastor of Davidson Street Baptist Church.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mayor McLean asked Council and the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Mayor McLean stated the first order of business is approval of the September 12, 2022 Regular Council Minutes and the September 26, 2022 Work Session Minutes. Councilmember Jenkins made the motion to approve the minutes as received. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.
PRESENTATION BY BARRETT MOODY OF PC COLLEGE	Mayor McLean stated the next item on the agenda is a presentation by Barrett Moody. Ms. Moody made the following statements during her presentation: I am an active student at Presbyterian College and I am very passionate about pursuing entrepreneurship and economic development. Recently I have been working on a campaign called Project Expand which is meant to bring a connection between the community, students, and businesses in order to implement change and growth within the downtown streets of Clinton. By uniting everyone, the goal is to recapture the beauty of the City. Imagine students in and out of the Mom and Pop Shops downtown and residents utilizing Vance Park and imagine visitors stopping in Clinton because of its vintage appeal and aesthetic scenery. Project Expand has the potential to create this by forming an alliance. It is evident that one side of the railroad is working on something while the other side is working on another. Miscommunication is a barrier that has slowed our city down long enough, we should be on one accord. In the beginning phase of Project Expand for feedback, I hosted a brainstorming session called the Thinkcubator. In this session student leaders from all backgrounds and local businesses built a mastermind and devised ideas to revamp the downtown streets. From the Thinkcubator its clear people would like more crowding, restaurants and entertainment downtown. We also observed there is room for collaboration of the Halloween Zombie Walk and the City Christmas Tree Lighting. Change can come in ways such as retail recruitment, beautification and service. Since industry is expensive, we will have to look towards grants and the organic increase

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that will occur as nearly 1200 new residence join us. In order to begin, multiple smaller scale projects are in the works now such as an additional art mural downtown and a green day for Clinton. These projects require minor funding and can rely solely on local assistance. Visions for bigger and more advanced projects shouldn't be disregarded but only considered for later. On behalf of Presbyterian College I would like to state that our motto is as we live we serve. This statement embodies the project entirely because everyone will have a chance to serve and be served. President Vanderberg has made known the school is invested with the newly renovated Musgrove 112 building that provides students with a downtown hangout area. These efforts are valuable and now the city should join us in applying the necessary pieces to form an atmosphere that everyone sees value in. So to sum it all up, tonight I want to bring to the table an alliance between the institutions, the community, and the city. Like peanut butter and jelly, we are okay apart, but a heck of a lot better together. Thank you for your time and please remember that partnership is the fastest track to success.

**RESOLUTION#2022-010-001
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
STONE CREEK PUMP
STATION**

Mayor McLean stated next on the agenda is for City Council to consider a resolution to award a construction contract for construction of Stone Creek Pump Station and Rehab of the Florida Street and Rehab of the Florida Street Pump Station and Force Mains, and other matters related thereto. City staff is recommending that the contract be awarded to AAA Utility and Construction, LLC in the amount of \$2,538,789.00 of which \$240,000.00 will come from Capital Sales Tax for the Florida Street Pump Station and the remainder from proceeds from the SRF Loan. Councilmember Cook made the motion to approve Resolution#2022-010-001. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor McLean stated an executive session had been requested to discuss contractual matters regarding Administration and contractual matters regarding City Property. Councilmember Neal made the motion to enter into executive session. Councilmember Kuykendall seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor McLean stated in executive session Council discussed a contractual matters regarding Administration and City Property and no action was taken. Councilmember Cook made the motion to amend the City Manager's contract to include housing at the City's Recreation Complex in lieu of the City own vehicle that would be provided to the City Manager. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

REPORTS AND

Mayor McLean stated the last item on the agenda is reports and

RECOMMENDATIONS

recommendations. City Manager Tom Brooks reported he was gathering solar information to offset the power usage at the YMCA. Mr. Brooks stated he was getting estimates together now for the industrial property on Highway 72 across the interstate and he is also working on some zoning updates. Mr. Brooks stated that on October 30, 2022 the City would be assisting in sponsoring the Big Blue Mania Fan Day that is free to the public at PC. Councilmember Jenkins reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Councilmember Kuykendall reported that the Red Tips on the fence on the corner of Main Street at the Cotton Loft is creating a blind spot and it needs to be looked into. Councilmember Kuykendall stated at H D Payne on Airport Road it is the same situation. Councilmember Walsh reported that the steering committee for the Laurens County Library has been meeting regularly with the architects and designers and that process is very much in progress and Ms. Barksdale will be reporting soon to County Council and then she will come to the City. Mayor McLean reminded everyone that Rhythm on the Rails is coming soon and looks to see everyone there.

ADJOURN

No further business was brought before Council. Councilmember Kuykendall made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.