

DECEMBER 1, 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 Dowdle, Cook, Byrd, McGee, Jenkins, and Scarborough. News media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stephens from WLBG and Judith Brown from the Laurens County Advertiser. Notice to the local news media was emailed and mailed on November 27, 2014.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Sherrill Green from the First Pentecostal Holiness 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 November 3. Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to approve the November 3, 2014 minutes and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.
- CITIZENS
ADDRESS
COUNCIL
RENTAL
ORDINANCE
DARLENE KING** Mayor McLean recognized Darlene King-Summer. Ms. King-Summer stated that she owns JR Rentals and JR Junction and she would like to address the Rental Ordinance. Ms. King-Summer stated that landlords currently pay a \$25 Inspection Fee for property inspection. Ms. King-Summer stated that she pays a Business License, 6% rental property taxes, and rental insurance. Ms. King-Summer stated that City staff told her to pass the new inspection fee on to the renters but many renters cannot afford an extra fee. Ms. King-Summer stated that many businesses have closed and landlords cannot support this extra fee. Ms. King-Summer stated that she has spoken with several Councilmembers and the City Manager concerning the Rental Ordinance. Ms. King-Summer stated that as a landlord her property is inspected on a regular basis because of Renters moving in and out of her property for not paying their rent. Ms. King-Summer stated that a Renter has the option to call the City of Clinton and report any problems with the property. Ms. King-Summer stated that she is not going to fix a plumbing problem that may cost \$700 when the Renter would not pay their rent and she is getting ready to evict them. Ms. King-Summer stated that if the City charges the \$10 annual fee then would the City not charge the \$25 Inspection Fee. Ms. King-Summer stated that she owns high income property as well as low income property. Ms. King-Summer stated that Landlords pay higher property taxes and in turn the City receives more revenue. Ms. King-Summer stated that she knows this is a hard decision but Council needs to find another solution.
- HAROLD
SEIGLER** Mayor McLean recognized Harold Seigler. Mr. Seigler stated that he is against the Rental Ordinance. Mr. Seigler stated that currently the City charges the \$25 inspection fee every time a new renter moves into the home.

KEN COUSER Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Ken Couser. Mr. Couser stated that he was before Council to oppose the Rental Ordinance. Mr. Couser stated that he has read the proposed Ordinance and he does support the current inspection process. Mr. Couser stated that the current inspection process protects the Landlords, Renters, and the City of Clinton. Mr. Couser stated that if his rental property has a code violation then the Inspection Department could get in touch with him and he would correct the problem. Mr. Couser stated that if one of his Renters or neighbors has a complaint then he advises them to call the Police Department. Mr. Couser stated that he would look at the Police Incident Report and determine whether to start the eviction process. Mr. Couser stated that the current codes and rules help Landlords do their job and there is no extra cost to the City. Mr. Couser stated that the proposed Ordinance does not cover the cost to administer the rental inspections. Mr. Couser stated that the new Rental Ordinance would require time and money to administer. Mr. Couser stated that State law requires a Renter to be given a 24 hour notice of an inspection at a reasonable time. Mr. Couser stated that the Renter is going to have to be present during the inspection and this means the Renter would be out of work during that time. Mr. Couser stated that he has seen estimates of Clinton having about 4000 rental units but the proposed Ordinance does not stipulate what is considered a rental unit. Mr. Couser stated that the cost to the City to inspect each unit may be about \$200 per unit, which would be an annual cost of \$200,000 to administer the Rental Ordinance. Mr. Couser stated the City needs to look at the overhead costs and transportation costs. Mr. Couser asked Council to table the Ordinance and do further research on the matter.

DARIN BRIDGEMAN Mayor McLean recognized Darin Bridgeman. Mr. Bridgeman stated that he lives a 607 North Broad Street and he is the owner of Bridgeman Management. Mr. Bridgeman stated that he is before Council because he is against the Rental Ordinance. Mr. Bridgeman stated that he supports the current inspection process. Mr. Bridgeman stated that the Renter currently has to pay fees to the Landlord as well as the City in order to move into the property. Mr. Bridgeman stated that he does not believe the Landlord should pay the \$10 annual fee plus the \$25 Inspection Fee every time a Renter moves in. Mr. Bridgeman stated that he is concerned that the new inspections would require him to replace a roof which would cost approximately \$4000. Mr. Bridgeman stated that with all the other costs associated with the rental property then it does not pay him to be a Landlord. Mr. Bridgeman stated that he wanted Clinton to prosper. Mr. Bridgeman stated that he keeps his rental property in good condition and he should not be punished because a few Landlords do not keep their property in good shape.

REGGIE Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Reggie Fraiser. Mr. Fraiser stated that he lived in

FRAISER Waterloo and owned rental property in Clinton. Mr. Frasier stated that he is also a contractor and has worked for several Landlords in Clinton. Mr. Frasier stated that he is opposed to the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Fraiser stated that the current inspection process works and does not need to be fixed. Mr. Fraiser stated that the newspaper referred to the local Landlords as Slum Lords and he did not appreciate this term. Mr. Fraiser stated that if the Renter has a problem they call the City or the Landlord and the problem is fixed. Mr. Fraiser stated that the issue is not the City charging the \$10 Inspection Fee but the Renters not being able to pay the high power bills. Mr. Fraiser asked Council not to approve the Rental Ordinance.

IKE RAY Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Ike Ray. Mr. Ray stated that he lived at 211 Pinewood Avenue and he is opposed to the proposed Rental Ordinance. Mr. Ray stated that he is a Landlord and owns a Trailer Park. Mr. Ray stated that the majority of his Renters are in the low income range and only work about 30 hours per week. Mr. Ray stated that it takes his Renters the majority of their paycheck to pay the rent and their bills. Mr. Ray stated that most of his Renters stay behind in their rent and he does not receive money from the rental property on a regular basis. Mr. Ray stated that some of his rental property is under Section Eight which requires an inspection then the City is going to inspect annually and every time a Renter moves into his property. Mr. Ray stated that he may have to raise his rental rates because of the new inspections. Mr. Ray stated that the City becomes his Landlord and he would work for the City. Mr. Ray asked Council to reconsider the proposed Ordinance because this is an expensive endeavor.

HATTIE SUBER Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Hattie Suber. Ms. Suber stated that she lived at 103 D Street and she is opposed to the Rental Ordinance. Ms. Suber stated that she owns about ten rental units. Ms. Suber stated that most of her Renters are single parents. Ms. Suber stated that the new Inspection Fee would place a burden on her Renters. Ms. Suber asked Council to find another solution to the problem.

JAMES GIBBS Mayor McLean recognized Mr. James Gibbs. Mr. Gibbs stated that he lived at 104 South Woodrow Street. Mr. Gibbs stated that he is a Landlord and he keeps his property in good condition. Mr. Gibbs stated that the rental business is healthy in Clinton but with this additional fee it is hard to stay in business. Mr. Gibbs stated that he is opposed to the proposed Rental Ordinance.

JOY PULLEY Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Joy Pulley. Ms. Pulley stated that she rents from Ms. King-Summer and she does not want anyone coming into her home and inspecting the home. Ms. Pulley stated that Ms. King-Summer is a good Landlord and she has rented from her about twenty years.

ROD HOLMES Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Rod Holmes. Mr. Holmes stated that he owns several rental properties in Clinton. Mr. Holmes stated that he has looked at the proposed Ordinance and he sees a lot of ambiguity in the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Holmes stated that the City does not have the manpower to inspect all of the rental property. Mr. Holmes stated that State agencies are available to help a Renter if there is an issue with the property. Mr. Holmes stated that the proposed Ordinance duplicates Ordinances already in place to handle these issues.

ETHEL SIMPSON-JONES Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Ethel Simpson-Jones. Ms. Simpson-Jones stated that she was a Landlord and was opposed to the Rental Ordinance. Ms. Simpson-Jones stated that her property is Section Eight and undergoes an inspection. Ms. Simpson-Jones stated that in the past she has contacted the Police Department with some issues and the Police Department resolved the matter.

DANNY BURROWS Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Danny Burrows. Mr. Burrows stated that he owned rental property and he is opposed the Rental Ordinance.

TERRY PARKER Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Terry Parker. Mr. Parker stated that he lives in Laurens but owns rental property in Clinton. Mr. Parker stated that the current Inspection process works and does not need to be changed.

CITY MANAGER REPORT Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is the presentation of the AWOP Award to the Department of Public Works. Mr. Stovall stated that Public Works has won the Area-Wide Optimization Award from SC DHEC. Mr. Stovall stated that SC DHEC gives this award annually to Cities which operate their own Filter Plants and the water quality exceeds requirements. Mr. Stovall presented the award to Dale Satterfield, Public Works Director.

JONATHAN COLEMAN LCDC Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from Jonathan Coleman from the Laurens County Development Corporation. Mr. Stovall stated that Mr. Coleman would update Council on LCDC's activities throughout the year. Mr. Coleman stated that Laurens County is the fifth largest County in the State in capital investments. Mr. Coleman stated that the job creation numbers in 2014 is slightly lower from 2013. Mr. Coleman stated that the new job creations this year in Laurens County has generated about \$4.2 million dollars in the local economy.

Mr. Coleman stated that capital investment in Laurens County is twenty-three million and the average wage in Laurens County is \$15.81 per hour. Mr. Coleman stated that the unemployment rate is 5.8% which is the lowest number since 2001. Mr. Coleman stated that the Request of Information in 2014 is 59 with 52 of the requests resulting in site visits. Mr. Coleman stated that by having a Spec

Building LCDC received more requests for site visits. Mr. Coleman stated that LCDC has just completed a Site Selection Study in order to put together a 10 year plan on potential industrial parks. Mr. Coleman stated that Phase II of Piedmont Technical College's Center for Advanced Manufacturing was completed. Councilmember Dowdle asked how many jobs the new companies locating in Laurens County would bring to the County and Mr. Coleman stated about 200. Mr. Coleman thanked Council for their support of the LCDC.

PROCLAMATIONS Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a
DRUNK & DRUG Proclamation proclaiming December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention
DRIVING month. Councilmember Byrd made a motion to approve the Proclamation and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

AUDIT Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the annual audit for the fiscal year 1013-14. Mr. Stovall stated that due to an unforeseen issue McKinney Cooper & Company would be unable to present their information to Council. Mr. Stovall stated that the presentation would be held at the Council meeting in January.

PUBLIC HEARING Mayor McLean opened the Public Hearing on an Ordinance authorizing the
FIRE charge and collection of fees related to the provisions of certain fire protection
PROTECTION services. Council did not receive any comments from the public. Motion was
SERVICES made by Councilmember McGee to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

SECOND Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an
READING Ordinance authorizing the charge and collection of fees related to the provision
ORDINANCE of certain fire protection services; setting forth the uniform manner in which the
FIRE fees shall be imposed on all payees; setting the initial amounts of the fees for all
PROTECTION payees; creating the Fire Fee Revenue Fund into which the revenues generated
FEEES by the charge and collection of the fees shall be deposited and in which such revenues shall be maintained; setting forth the uses for which revenues deposited in the Fire Fee Revenue Fund may be expended; amending the Municipal Code of the City. Mr. Stovall stated that the first reading of the Ordinance was conducted in May 2014. Mr. Stovall stated that the Ordinance deals with the provisions of fire services at the Department of Public Safety. Mr. Stovall stated that due to rising costs, the costs of providing fire services is becoming difficult to meet. Mr. Stovall stated that an internal study revealed that over \$3 million would be needed over the next ten years to reduce equipment maintenance and replacement backlogs and continue to provide the same level of service to citizens. Mr. Stovall stated that after reviewing the study the first thing the City did was reduce the cost in the Public Safety Department. Mr. Stovall stated that some of the measures the City implemented to reduce costs over the last four years were full-time personnel reduced by 33%, Assistant

Fire Chief position eliminated, Fire Marshall position eliminated, facility maintenance on the main station was deferred, fire truck replacement has been eliminated, and fire gear has not been replaced on a schedule. Mr. Stovall stated that one reason the City had to make these cuts was the State reduced the amount of the Local Government Fund. Mr. Stovall stated that the State collects certain tax revenues for the Cities and in turn the Cities receive a percentage of that revenue. Mr. Stovall stated that the State has reduced this revenue and this reduction has affected the City by an \$80,000 reduction in operating revenue. Mr. Stovall stated that the Fire Service Fee is based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Stovall stated that the Fire Service Fee would include motor vehicle fires, motor vehicle accidents which require Fire Division response, and HAZMAT responses. Mr. Stovall stated that the Public Safety Department responds to these incidents on Highway I-26 and Highway 385. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2013 the Public Safety Department responded to 827 calls and 176 of those calls would be subject to this fee. Mr. Stovall stated that the fee structure covers the cost of operating and maintaining equipment and manpower associated with the Fire Service Fee. Mr. Stovall stated if the Ordinance is approved it would go into effect January 2015. Councilmember Scarborough stated that most of the Fire Service Fee would be paid by insurance companies and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would bill the insurance company for the City's fire service. Mr. Stovall stated that Clinton's taxpayers should not have to pay for the cost of responding to these types of fire calls. Councilmember McGee asked how the City would spend the funds generated from the fees. Mr. Stovall stated that the revenue from the Fire Service Fee would be placed in a separate account and be used to fund fire services. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the second reading of the Fire Service Fee and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

PURCHASE Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the purchase of the
BUCKET TRUCK Bucket Truck for the Department of Public Works. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would like to replace a 55' bucket truck through a six-year lease purchase agreement. Mr. Stovall stated that the City received one bid for \$187,432. Mr. Stovall stated that the City solicited bids locally and also on SCBO and the City contacted vendors the City has used before for this type of purchase. Mr. Stovall stated that the only vendor to respond to the bids was Altec. Mr. Stovall stated that Altec would also perform service calls on site. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has three small pickup trucks with the oldest being purchased in 1997 and the newest being purchased in 2012. Mr. Stovall stated that the City sends the on-call truck home with personnel. Mr. Stovall stated that Public Works have one 45' Bucket truck, two 55' Bucket Trucks, and one 70' Bucket Truck. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would replace one of the 55' Bucket Trucks. Mayor McLean stated that he was uncomfortable with one bid and he thanked Mr. Stovall for explaining the bid process. Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to

approve the purchase of a 55' Bucket Truck from Altec for a cost not to exceed \$187,432 and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the Resolution concerning
FINANCE the financing of the purchase of the Altec Bucket Truck for the Department of
BUCKET TRUCK Public Works. Mr. Stovall stated that the City solicited bids to finance the truck and received two bids from BB&T and one bid from Altec Capital. Mr. Stovall stated that the City chose the six year lease from BB&T with an interest rate of 1.78% with the first down payment of \$35,000 and the remaining lease payments of \$26,879.34. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the Resolution for the financing of the 55' Bucket Truck from BB&T for a six year lease payment and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

PURCHASE Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the
MATERIALS purchase of materials for the construction of the Electric Distribution lines along
ELECTRIC LINES the frontage road. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would purchase the materials
FRONTAGE RD for the project and then hire a contractor for the project. Mr. Stovall stated that the City solicited bids and evaluated the bids per item. Mr. Stovall stated that Line Equipment be awarded the bid for the composite cross arms, 25kv Urd cable, and connectors and terminals for a cost of \$93,433.16. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff recommends HD Supply be awarded the bid for galvanized steel poles, overhead conductor, and disconnect switches for a cost of \$54,313.92. Mr. Stovall stated that Shealy Electrical be awarded the bid of street light poles, pad mount switchgear, and LED roadway lightening for a cost of \$95,102.67. Mr. Stovall stated that the total cost of the materials is \$242,849.76. Mr. Stovall stated that the funds to pay for the materials would be paid from the 2011 Bond. Mayor McLean asked why the City purchased a full reel of cable at the higher price. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff preferred to purchase a full reel instead of pieces and any material left over would be used on other projects. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the City has used the services of these companies before and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember Cook asked what the balance in the 2011 Bond fund is and Mr. Stovall stated he did not know but would let him know the balance. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the bids for materials for the electric lines on the frontage road for a cost not to exceed \$242,849.76 and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

SECOND Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of
READING Ordinance of the City Code to add a new section 28-2 rental housing registration
ORDINANCE and to create a fee structure. Mr. Stovall stated that the purpose of the
RENTAL Ordinance is to require all rental property to be registered, require a rental
ORDINANCE permit and a responsible local agent for the rental property. Mr. Stovall stated that the rental property would be inspected annually by a certified inspector.

Mr. Stovall stated that City staff feels there are several problems in the current code such as tenants file complaints with the City about cosmetic issues because they do not have the expertise to see the underlying issues. Mr. Stovall stated that some tenants fear retaliation from the Landlord when a complaint is made to the City about the rental property. Mr. Stovall stated that the City needs to identify code violations before the violations become a hazard to citizens. Mr. Stovall stated that the Ordinance requires an annual \$10 permit fee. Mr. Stovall stated that the Ordinance also creates a permit process where Council could evoke a Landlord's permit. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed Ordinance also sets additional standards beyond the current code. Mr. Stovall stated that property values in 2002 were \$10.9 million and \$12 million in 2012. Mr. Stovall stated that since 2012 the City's property tax values have been in decline. Mr. Stovall stated that the property tax values affect the City because the City can only borrow up to 8% of the property tax values. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2002 the City could borrow up to \$879,000 based on the City's property tax values and in 2014 the City can borrow up to \$798,000. Mr. Stovall stated that these funds would cover police and fire protection, parks, and sanitation. Mr. Stovall stated that the buying power of a dollar was greater in 2002 and the City could purchase more equipment and materials than the City can in 2014. Mr. Stovall stated that what takes \$879,000 to buy equipment and materials in 2002 would take \$1.7 million to buy in 2014. Mr. Stovall stated that these figures concern City staff about the value of property in Clinton and improving the Code Enforcement is one way to improve property values. Mr. Stovall stated that if a citizen's property tax bill was \$1 then only 5 cents would go to the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the remaining 95 cents would go to the School District and Laurens County. Mr. Stovall stated that the property tax values not only affect the City of Clinton but also other agencies. Mr. Stovall stated that last week a rental trailer burned down and if the new Ordinance was in place the trailer would not have met the standards and would not have been occupied. Councilmember McGee asked if the City had any information on which landlords keep the utilities in their name instead of the tenant's name and Mr. Stovall stated no. Councilmember McGee asked if the City had any information on how much money the City loses when a tenant moves out and does not pay their bill. Mr. Stovall stated in the most current audit City staff recommends \$1.7 million in uncollected utility funds be written off.

Mr. Stovall stated that the last three years of uncollected debt stay on the books in hopes of collecting the funds. Councilmember McGee asked if the landlord's rental property were in their name on the tax books and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Mr. Stovall stated that the purpose of a local agent is to be able to contact someone who can make decisions about rental property when the owner may live in another state. Mayor McLean asked if the Ordinance could be written to affect a certain group of Landlords and Mr. Stovall stated no. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the slides Council viewed last month concerning code violations were corrected and Mr. Stovall stated the property was shut down. Council-

member Jenkins asked if the majority of the owners lived outside Clinton and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember Byrd asked how this blight affects the City's economic development efforts. Mr. Stovall stated that when BMW looked to locate in this area they drove around Greer and looked at the housing condition in the City which helped them to decide to locate in Greer. Mr. Stovall stated that the Rental Ordinance is used by many Cities. Councilmember Cook asked if the \$25 Inspection Fee would stay in place along with the \$10 annual Inspection Fee. Mr. Stovall stated that currently the City charges an Administrative Fee and a full Inspection Fee. Mr. Stovall stated that if a rental unit has been inspected within six months then the person would pay an Administrative Fee and would only pay the full Inspection Fee if the unit has gone past the six month inspection. Mr. Stovall stated that the Landlord would still be required to pay the \$10 annual Inspection Fee for the permit. Councilmember Scarborough stated that a \$10 annual fee translates to 83 cents per month. Councilmember McGee stated that he has read the Rental Ordinance twice and it is confusing. Councilmember McGee stated that a former Building Inspector visited him and told him that most of the codes the City is trying to enforce in the Rental Ordinance are already on the books. Councilmember McGee stated that he wanted to table the vote and hold a workshop with the current Building Inspector, Council, and the former Building Inspector. Mayor McLean asked if Council and City staff could go over the Rental Ordinance with the landlords so they will understand the Ordinance. Councilmember Cook stated that he would like to see more statistics concerning the local Landlords and the out of town landlords. Motion was made by Councilmember McGee to table the Rental Ordinance until further research could be done and to notify Local Landlords of any changes and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND
READING
TREE
ORDINANCE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance to create Chapter 83-Trees to provide for the creation of a Tree Commission and to provide for the maintenance and care of public trees and to provide for the protection for the public safety through the abatement of nuisance trees. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff is working on an application for Tree USA status. Councilmember Byrd asked the average cost of taking a tree down. Mr. Stovall stated that the cost could range from \$1500 to \$3500. Councilmember Byrd stated that she has a problem with only allowing the home owner 90 days to pay the City back for the cost of cutting the tree down. Councilmember Byrd stated that she would like to give the homeowner 120 days and Council agreed. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the second reading of the Tree Ordinance with the amendment of giving homeowners 120 days to pay for the cost of cutting down the trees and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

IDEMNIFICATION

Mr. Stovall stated that the last item on the agenda is for Council to authorize the

- AGREEMENT** City Manager to execute the Idemnification Agreement for PMPA. Mr. Stovall stated that the purpose of the agreement is to hold PMPA harmless for any issues resulting from our operation of load side generating capacity at PMPA's request. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the Indemnification Agreement and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to go into executive session and discuss one personnel matter relating to appointments to committees, one personnel matter relating to the Finance Office, one economic development matter relating to Project Picket Fence, one contractual matter relating to the Martha Dendy Pool, and one contractual matter relating to the purchase of land in Lydia Mill 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 in executive session two personnel matters, one economic development matter, and two contractual matters were discussed and no action was taken.
- MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor McLean stated that Thursday, December 4 is the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at the Robin's Nest in Laurens from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that the City of Clinton's Tree Lightening event would be held Thursday, December 4 at the downtown Depot at 6:00 PM and the Museum would offer carriage rides. Mayor McLean stated that the City's Christmas Parade would be held on Saturday, December 6 at 10:00 AM. Mayor McLean stated that Saturday, December 6 the Broad Street Methodist Church would host a flea market and craft fair at 7:00 AM until. Mayor McLean stated that the proceeds would go to Project Warm. Mayor McLean stated that Saturday, December 6 Whitten Center would host their parade at 1:00 PM at Whitten Center. Mayor McLean stated that the City of Clinton's annual Christmas Dinner would be held at the Broad Street Methodist Church at 6:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that the Presbyterian Community has invited Council to their annual Christmas Reception from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that the next Council meeting is January 5, 2015 at 6:00 PM.
- ADJOURN** With there being no further business before Council motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to adjourn and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR