

JANUARY 6, 2014

The regular Council meeting was held at 6:00 PM at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center Building with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Dowdle, Byrd, McGee, and Jenkins. Local news media present were Randy Stephens from WLBG, Daniel Lauier from the Laurens Advertiser, Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, and John Wages from GoClinton.com. Notice was mailed and emailed to the news media on December 30, 2013.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Charles Brewington from the Open Door Ministries.
- MINUTES** Mayor McLean asked Council to approve the minutes from December 2. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the December 2, 2013 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.
- CHRISTMAS PARADE WINNERS** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is the presentation of the 2013 Christmas Parade award winners. Mr. Stovall stated that 1st place winner was the Laurens County Gymnastics and Learning Center for Hawaiian Christmas, the 2nd place winner was Thornwell Home for Children for Santa's Workshop, and the 3rd place winner was Beaverdam Baptist Church for All I Want for Christmas. Mr. Stovall stated that each year Council presents an award to the best decorated vehicle by the City of Clinton and the winner this year is Public Works. Mr. Stovall presented the award to Mr. Jason Collins, Water & Sewer crewman.
- CHRISTMAS DECORATING AWARD** Mr. Stovall stated that the winners for the Christmas Decorating Award are as follows: Ward I – Wayne Merchant Family at 506 North Sloan Street; Ward II – Rosie Sturkey at 1234 South Bell Street; Ward III – Linda Williamson at 306 Davis Street; Ward IV – Elizabeth Bates at 206 South Adair Street; Ward V – Callie Gault family at 101 Horseshoe Lane; Ward VI – Michael Young at 610 South Broad Street. Mr. Stovall stated that the Business winner was Holdway Photography at 131 East Main Street.
- RESOLUTION BIRTH DEFECTS BLOOD DONOR** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of Resolutions proclaiming January as Birth Defects Prevention Month and January as Blood Donor Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to approve the Resolutions and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- RESOLUTION** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution endorsing the Municipal Association 2014 Agenda. Mr. Stovall stated that there are four key components to the legislative agenda. Mr. Stovall stated that the first component is dilapidated structures. Mr. Stovall stated that the challenge is dilapidated structures are unsafe and create a dangerous environment and also

discourage economic development. Mr. Stovall stated that the Municipal Association is encouraging Legislature to approve the Dilapidated Buildings Act which provides an opportunity for private and nonprofit businesses to invest in the local economy and create jobs by returning derelict properties to productive use. Mr. Stovall stated that the next component is dependable revenue sources. Mr. Stovall stated that the challenge is residents and business owners expect services and infrastructure to support a healthy economy. Mr. Stovall stated that the solution is to ensure all revenues collected by the State on behalf of local government is returned to the cities through statutorily funded Local Government Fund. Mr. Stovall stated that the third component is quality transportation and infrastructure maintenance. Mr. Stovall stated that the challenge is residents and business owners expect cities to provide transportation systems that meet the demands of the community.

Mr. Stovall stated that the solution is to bring together local and state elected leaders to develop long term and stable funding sources for roads, bridges, and infrastructure maintenance. Mr. Stovall stated that the fourth component is public safety and crime prevention. Mr. Stovall stated that the challenge is residents and visitors expect cities to provide safe places to live, work, shop, and visit. Mr. Stovall stated that the solution is support legislation that enhances public safety and judicial efforts to prevent violent crime activity. Councilmember Byrd asked if the City had anyone working with Laurens County regarding gang activity. Mr. Stovall stated that Clinton's Public Safety Officers have been trained in regards to gang activity but the City does not have a specific employee that addresses these issues. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the Resolution endorsing the Municipal Association 2014 Agenda and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION SAFETY POLICY Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution adopting the 2014 City Council Safety Policy statement for the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that workplace safety is a critical component for City operations. Mr. Stovall stated that each year City Council affirms their commitment to workplace safety through the approval of a policy statement related to workplace safety. Mr. Stovall read the Safety Policy statement. Councilmember McGee made a motion to approve the Resolution endorsing the Safety Policy statement and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

ANNUAL CALENDAR Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is approval of the annual meeting calendar for City Council. Mr. Stovall stated that the calendar includes the following changes which are the May Council meeting be moved to May 12, 2014 because the meeting falls during APPA certification course, the July Council meeting be moved to July 14, 2014 because the regular meeting falls during the PMPA conference, and the September Council meeting be moved to September 2, 2014 because the regular meeting falls on Labor Day. Mr. Stovall stated that

the calendar includes workshops for strategic planning, budget, utility rates, and economic development. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has scheduled two budget workshops but could include a third workshop. Mr. Stovall stated that this calendar is tentative and could be adjusted. Councilmember Dowdle made a motion to approve the annual calendar and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to go into executive session to discuss one economic development matter regarding Project Opportunity and one economic development matter regarding Project Felt and to return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION Mayor McLean declared Council in open session. Mayor McLean stated that two economic development matters were discussed and no action was taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor McLean stated that the next Council meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2014. Mayor McLean stated that the Ten at the Top meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2014 at the Michelin North America Auditorium. Mayor McLean stated that Piedmont Technical College would hold an open house on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Center of Advanced Manufacturing. Mayor McLean stated that the Laurens Branch of the NAACP annual banquet is Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 6: 00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church Life Center. Mayor McLean stated that the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Mabry-Smith-Yonce Center.

Mayor McLean stated that the City of Clinton would a strategic planning meeting on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 2:00 PM at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center. Mayor McLean stated that the former Mayor, Randy Randall, had a death in the family.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT Councilmember Jenkins wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilmember Byrd stated that the Homes for Hopes houses are complete and she encouraged Council to go by and see them.

ADJOURN With there being no further business before Council motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

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MAYOR