

JULY 1, 2014

The regular Council meeting was held at M.S. Bailey Municipal Center at 5:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Dowdle, Byrd, McGee, Jenkins, and Scarborough. The City Attorney and the City Manager were also present. Local news media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Daniel Lauer from the Laurens Advertiser, and Randy Stephens from WLBG. Notice was mailed and emailed to the local news media on June 26, 2014.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Sherrill Green from the Clinton 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 June 2 and 6. Councilmember Byrd stated that the date of the special called meeting in the June 6, 2014 minutes is incorrect and should read July instead of June. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the June 2, 2014 minutes and June 6, 2014 minutes with the changes and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.
- PROCLAMATIONS
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is a proclamation proclaiming Tuesday, August 5, 2014 as National Night Out in the City of Clinton. Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to approve the Proclamation and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- RESOLUTION
LAURENS COUNTY
TRAILS ASSOCIATION** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution supporting the Laurens County Trails Association efforts in promoting trail development in the City of Clinton, surrounding areas, and Laurens County. Mr. Stovall recognized Mr. Taylor, Economic Development Director, to address Council. Mr. Taylor stated that the Laurens County Trails Association is a non-profit organization. Mr. Taylor stated that the Laurens County Trails Association requests the Resolution in order to apply for State and Federal grants. Mr. Taylor stated that trails play an important role in the viability of a Community. Councilmember McGee asked if the Laurens County Trails Association is looking for the City to finance their project and Mr. Taylor stated no. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the Resolution is needed for State and Federal grants. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING
REZONE PROPERTY
WEST CORPORATE
CENTER DRIVE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Public Hearing on the amendment to the City of Clinton's Zoning Map to change the zoning of forty acres of property located on West Corporate Center Drive to Commercial(C-3). Mr. Stovall recognized Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor stated that the parcel in question would be rezoned from PDD to C-3. Mr. Taylor stated that the Public Hearing was advertised in the paper two weeks prior to the Council meeting. Mayor McLean opened the floor for questions and did not receive any comments or questions. Motion was made by Councilmember McGee to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND READING
ORDINANCE
REZONE PROPERTY
WEST CORPORATE
CENTER DRIVE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is second reading of an Ordinance approving the amendment to the City of Clinton's Zoning Map to change the zoning of forty acres of property located on West Corporate Center Drive to Commercial (C-3). Mr. Stovall stated that City Staff recommends the approval of the Ordinance. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the Ordinance rezoning property located on West Corporate Center Drive to Commercial (C-3) and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

LIBRARY LEASE

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a one year lease extension with GYG, LLC for rental space to provide library services for the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the current lease on the library would expire August 31, 2014 and in order to continue to provide library services the lease would need to be renewed at a cost of \$19,200 per year. Mr. Stovall stated that the agreement with Laurens County is that the City provides the building and utilities for the library. Councilmember Dowdle asked if this is the same price as last year's lease and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the one year lease for \$19,200 for library services and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous with Mayor McLean recusing himself from the vote.

**SEPTEMBER
COUNCIL MEETING**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the rescheduling of the September Council meeting. Mr. Stovall stated that City Staff would like to move the September Council meeting to another date because of the Labor Day holiday or reaffirm the September Council meeting on a holiday. Motion was made by Councilmember McGee to move the September Council meeting to Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 5:00 PM at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center and seconded by Councilmember Dowdle. The vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to go into an executive session to discuss one personnel matter relating to the Office of the City Manager, two personnel matters relating to the Department of Public Safety, one personnel matter relating to the appointments of Boards and Commissions, and one legal matter regarding the maintenance and operations of the Sanitary Sewer System and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor McLean declared Council back in open session. Mayor McLean stated that Council discussed four personnel matters and one legal matter and no action was taken.

**ACCOMMODATIONS
TAX COMMITTEE**

Motion was made by Mayor McLean to approve VK Shaw, Rachel Killingsworth, Kay Addison, Brett Mitchell, Bryan Reece, and Rhonda Cruickshanks to the Accommodation Tax Committee and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was six to one with Councilmember McGee voting no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean thanked Ms. Wyatt, Administrative Assistant, for her work on the Town Rhythms. Mayor McLean recognized Isaac Newton and Danny Rogers from the Water Department for returning a lost purse to a citizen. Mayor McLean recognized Sunny Fincher from the Street Department on his retirement after fifteen years of service. Mayor McLean stated that the PMPA Conference begins July 6, 2014 and July 9, 2014 the Municipal Association meeting begins in Charleston, SC. Mayor McLean stated that the next Council meeting would be Monday, August 4, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

**COUNCILMEMBERS'
REPORT**

Councilmember McGee stated that someone from Alaska attended the Town Rhythms.

Councilmember Byrd thanked the Electric Department for their work during the recent power outages. Councilmember Byrd stated that she enjoyed the Town Rhythms concert.

Councilmember Scarborough stated that he enjoyed the Town Rhythms. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the concert attracts many visitors.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that she enjoyed the Town Rhythms concert.

ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR