



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Meeting was called to order and presided by Mayor Randall with Councilmembers Cook, Williams, Neal, Roth, Kuykendall, 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.

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.

Mayor Randall stated the first item on the agenda is for City Council to recognize Citizens regarding agenda items who have registered to address City Council. There was no one registered to address City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is the approval of minutes from the July 17, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilmember Williams stated on page two (2) of the minutes, it needed to be corrected to state Mr. Timothy Hill lives on "Gary Street". Mayor Randall asked for a Motion to approve the minutes with the discussed corrections taking place. A Motion was made by Councilmember Cook and was seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

CITY COUNCIL to consider PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE 140 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF CLINTON

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for City Council to consider a Proclamation celebrating the 140 year anniversary of Hebron Baptist Church in the City of Clinton. Mayor Randall invited Reverend Goodwin and church members in attendance to come forward to represent Hebron Baptist Church. Mayor Randall referenced the Proclamation and expressed his excitement for celebrating with Hebron Baptist Church on their one hundred forty (140) years



anniversary. Mayor Randall read aloud the end of the Proclamation. Reverend Goodwin thanked Mayor Randall and City Council for the celebration of one hundred forty (140) years and invited everyone to church services. Reverend Goodwin expressed his thanks for having Councilmember Neal and Councilmember Williams as members of Hebron Baptist Church. Mayor Randall thanked the members of Hebron Baptist Church for being in attendance.

CITY COUNCIL to recognize CITY EMPLOYEES ON THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF CLINTON

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for City Council to recognize the following City Employees on their years of service with the City of Clinton: Mr. Tyrone Goggins for twenty five (25) years, Ms. Lisa Staton for fifteen (15) years, Mr. Petties Tucker for thirty (30) years and Mr. Chris Moore for twenty (20) years. Each employee was called forward to receive their certificate and gift and was thanked by City Council and Mayor Randall for their years of service with the City of Clinton.

PRESENTATION BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT – FIRE CHIEF MARSHALL

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is a presentation by Fire Chief Marshall and the Fire Department. Fire Chief Marshall referenced photos provided to Council and explained in December 2022, the Fire Department was awarded a grant to purchase a new firetruck and stated at that point in time, the Fire Department was still working out specifics for equipment. Fire Chief Marshall referenced an engine that has plagued the Fire Department with maintenance issues and stated it has caused about forty two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) in maintenance charges for the previous year. Fire Chief Marshall stated the firetruck has been repaired and the intent of the Fire Department is to sell that firetruck to offset the cost of equipment for the new firetruck coming in. Fire Chief Marshall stated the projected delivery time for the firetruck is in February or March. Fire Chief Marshall referenced a firetruck that was given to Clinton High School to use for training purposes and stated the intent is to donate the firetruck to Clinton High School for training purposes in the future and stated the firetruck is “too small” and “does not fit all of the required equipment”. Fire Chief Marshall stated a stipulation would be for the School District to let the City know if they intend to sell the firetruck in the future so the City has the first buy back option. Fire Chief Marshall stated the Clinton Fire Department has received a firetruck from the Forestry program for forty five hundred (\$4500) dollars and stated in December of 2023, the Forestry commission will inspect the firetruck and then the City can receive the title to the firetruck. Fire Chief Marshall referenced a Fire Safe certificate from the Fire Marshall’s office and stated they are recognizing community outreach and education. Fire Chief Marshall stated since 2020 the Fire Department has installed six hundred and fifty (650) smoke alarms in addition to carbon monoxide alarms. Fire Chief Marshall asked for a photo with Mayor Randall and Mayor



Randall agreed. Mayor Randall as well as all of Council thanked Fire Chief Marshall for his presentation. A Motion to donate the firetruck to Clinton High School for the Firefighter program was made by Councilmember Kuykendall and was seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

CITY COUNCIL to consider 2023 COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for City Council to consider the 2023 Council Meeting schedule. Mayor Randall proposed having one monthly Council Meeting each month and having a second workshop meeting each quarter. A Motion was made by Councilmember Walsh and was seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. City Manager Brooks proposed keeping the Council Meeting calendar for 2023 in case a quarterly meeting is needed. Mayor Randall proposed having quarterly meetings each January, March, June and September. Councilmember Walsh requested that the second workshop meeting be true work sessions for updates without motions and formal business matters. City Manager Brooks proposed using the downstairs area with round table discussions for future workshop meetings. Mayor Randall suggested doing another quarterly workshop meeting in October. The vote was unanimous.

CITY COUNCIL to consider ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for City Council to consider the roles and responsibilities for a Finance Committee. Finance Director Waters referenced the documents provided to Council listing the roles and responsibilities for a Finance Committee. Mayor Randall asked for a Motion to accept and the Motion was made by Councilmember Neal and was seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. Councilmember Williams asked if all of Council would be aware of these decisions and Finance Director Waters answered that it would. The vote was unanimous.

CITY COUNCIL to consider SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, CONTAINING 5.42 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED OFF THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF SC HIGHWAY 72, AND BEING IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF LAURENS COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 901-34-01-007

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider the second reading of an Ordinance approving the sale of City-owned real property within the Corporate limits of the City of Clinton, containing five point four two (5.42) acres, more or less, located off the



Southeast side of SC Highway 72, and being identified as a portion of Laurens County tax map number 901-34-01-007. City Manager Brooks stated this is for the land adjacent to the Whitten Center property and is now owned by Pacolet Milliken and stated this will “square up” the back end of the property and referenced being able to put in the road to the industrial park as well as keeping commitments made to Whitten Center. A Motion to proceed was made by Councilmember Williams and was seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

CITY COUNCIL to consider SCAMPS RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCAMPS AND THE CITY OF CLINTON.

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for City Council to consider a SCAMPS resolution regarding the execution and delivery of the Membership agreement between SCAMPS and the City of Clinton. Assistant City Manager Meadors stated the SCAMPS board has started looking at opportunities to pass along to the twenty (20) cities who are members of SCAMPS. Mayor Randall stated this gives the City of Clinton a voice in the association. A Motion was made by Councilmember Cook and was seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. A vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to move into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters with PMPA with possible action. Mayor Randall asked for a Motion to move into executive session and a Motion was made by Councilmember Neal and was seconded by Councilmember Williams. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Randall called the August 7, 2023 City Council meeting back into Open Session and stated in Executive Session, Council discussed contractual matters with PMPA and no action was taken. Mayor Randall asked if Council wished to take action. Councilmember Walsh stated she moved that the City Manager be allowed to negotiate with PMPA to sell excess Catawba capacity in future years over and above what is needed to serve Clinton’s future expected loads. Councilmember Neal seconded the Motion. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is the City Manager’s reports and recommendations. City Manager Brooks stated there is an Ordinance that deals with some



issues being had in the downtown area and stated he has researched what other municipalities are doing and is working on a solution to that problem. City Manager Brooks stated he has met with some state representatives about energy grants and helping with the City's transmission and other expenses that the City has as they grow their system. City Manager Brooks stated the City has submitted a mini grant for electric vehicle charging station downtown and hopes to be successful in that. City Manager Brooks thanked Ms. Dianne Wyatt and all City staff who participated in "The Tams" performing downtown and congratulated everyone on the success of the event. City Manager Brooks stated the City is still looking into storm water issues and control and stated he would bring it before Council soon. City Manager Brooks stated himself and Assistant City Manager Meadors has been working with USC as the move in to the City.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is the Finance Director's reports and recommendations. Finance Director Waters stated the agreed upon procedures for the rate stabilization account were very close to being finished and referenced a meeting scheduled in two (2) days' time with the auditor. Finance Director Waters stated she has been in contact with Gary Bailey and has provided him with paperwork needed to finish his analysis and audit report. Finance Director Waters stated the budget is still being worked on and would be able to be brought before Council soon. Finance Director Waters stated she is working with Mr. Carl Stephens on utilizing more munis capabilities to use more of the automated systems already in place. Finance Director Waters stated she would make sure she adds "reporting to Council" in the procedures after Councilmember Williams' question.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is Councilmember's reports and recommendations. Councilmember Cook had no report. Councilmember Williams stated the Back to School event at Martha Dendy was a big success and referenced the churches and businesses that all donated to help make the event a success and stated over two hundred fifty (250) children were served. Councilmember Neal had no report. Councilmember Kuykendall congratulated all City staff involved in the downtown event "the Tams" and expressed his excitement for the ribbon cutting at USC Laurens and invited everyone to his church. Councilmember Roth had no report. Councilmember Walsh had no report.



MAYOR'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor Randall thanked everyone involved for the success of all downtown events, congratulated all City employees on their years of service, congratulated Hebron Baptist Church and thanked all City staff for all hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the August 7, 2023 City Council Meeting adjourned. A Motion was made by Councilmember Cook and was seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.