



CLINTON
South Carolina

MINUTES

JULY 1, 2013

The regular Council meeting was held at 6:00 PM at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center with Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Cook presiding with Councilmembers Dowdle, Byrd, McGee, Jenkins, and McLean. The City Manager and the City Attorney were present. Local news media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Daniel Lauer from the Laurens Advertiser, Randy Stephens from WLBG, and Rachel Ham from GoClinton.com. Notice was emailed and mailed to the news media on June 26, 2013.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Jim Roberts from Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- MINUTES** Mayor Pro Tem Cook asked Council to approve the minutes from June 3. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the June 3, 2013 minutes and seconded by Councilmember McGee. The vote was unanimous.
- CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** Mayor Pro Tem Cook recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is Proclamations proclaiming July as National Parks and Recreation Month and August 6, 2013 as National Night Out in the City of Clinton. Motion was made by Councilmember McGee to approve the proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- PROCLAMATIONS NATIONAL PARKS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**
- COMPLETE STREETS** Mr. Stovall recognized Ms. Bree Holmes, Laurens YMCA Wellness Director. Ms. Holmes stated that the Laurens YMCA received a grant to promote wellness in the community in 2011 and the Laurens YMCA created a coalition called Step Up Laurens County. Ms. Holmes stated that the purpose of the coalition is to promote a healthy lifestyle in Laurens County and one objective of the coalition is to pass a Complete Streets Resolution. Ms. Holmes stated that Complete Streets makes streets usable for all modes of transportation, not just vehicles. Ms. Holmes stated that some examples of Complete Streets are the downtown areas of the City of Asheville, the City of Greenville, and the City of Greenwood. Ms. Holmes stated that a Complete Street offers visible lines between pedestrians and traffic and encourages pedestrian traffic. Ms. Holmes stated that Complete Streets provides proper lighting, landscape and parking for pedestrians. Ms. Holmes stated that Complete Streets design roadways for all users in mind. Ms. Holmes asked Council to consider passing a Complete Streets Resolution. Councilmember McGee stated that the City has provided some pedestrian access to the downtown area but the City has to work with SCDOT, which limits what the City could provide. Mayor Pro Tem Cook asked Mr. Stovall to bring information to Council about Complete Streets and Mr. Stovall agreed.

SENIOR OPTIONS

Mr. Stovall recognized Ms. Joy Lindsay, Senior Options Director. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options is a non-profit organization and is located in the Industrial Park in Clinton. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options' mission is to enrich the quality of life in the Community by meeting basic needs of citizens. Ms. Lindsay stated that the main purpose of Senior Options is to provide quality life services throughout Laurens County for citizens who are 60 years old or older. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options receives funds from grants and contractual revenue sources. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options provides programs such as Meals on Wheels, senior day care, transportation, and an exercise facility. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options operates on a \$1.5 million budget but receives funding on a reimbursement basis. Ms. Lindsay stated that examples of local support are the United Way, the City of Laurens and contributions.

Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options operates with a staff of twenty-four with nine full-time employees and fifteen part-time employees. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options also relies on dedicated volunteers. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options provides volunteers to work with School District 56 for the Foster Grandparents Program, which work with at-risk students. Ms. Lindsay stated that Senior Options provide a way for senior citizens to be active and socialize with people. Ms. Lindsay asked Council to consider a financial contribution to the Senior Options program. Councilmember Dowdle asked how many people were on Senior Options Board of Directors and Ms. Lindsay stated fourteen. Councilmember McGee stated that Council has already passed the new budget but does the City have any funds for Senior Options. Ms. Stovall stated that the current budget does include some funds for community services but not \$10,000, which Senior Options is asking for. Mayor Pro Tem Cook asked Mr. Stovall to look at providing some funds to Senior Options and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she commended the Senior Options staff and volunteers for their work in the community.

**RESOLUTION
NAME FRONTAGE
ROAD**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a recommendation from the Planning Commission to pass a Resolution to name the frontage road under construction. Mr. Stovall stated that the Planning Commission recommends naming the road West Corporate Center Drive. Mr. Stovall stated that the name complies with State and County laws. Councilmember Dowdle asked when the City would be able to use the road. Mr. Stovall stated that he hoped the road would be completed sixty days after the existing right-of-way issues are cleared up. Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

RECOGNIZE NEW PSO	Mr. Stovall stated that he would like to introduce the new Public Safety Officers to Council. Mr. Stovall stated the Officers are Daniel Duckett, Justin Beaman, Samatha Yelton, Doug Richardson, Kasey Templeton, Steve Lawton, Naomi Bassett, Jamie Isphording, and Robin Morse, Public Safety Director.
LEASE AGREEMENT LIBRARY	Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider authorizing the City Manager to sign a one year lease extension agreement between the City of Clinton and GYG, LLC for the location of the Clinton branch of the Laurens County Library in the College Station Shopping Center. Mr. Stovall stated that the lease would expire on August 31, 2013. Mr. Stovall stated that the City does not have the lease prepared for Council and would like to bring this matter back to Council at the August meeting and Council agreed.
SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING	Mr. Stovall asked Council to consider a meeting date for the September Council meeting because Labor Day is observed on the first Monday in September and the City offices would be closed. After some discussion Council decided to move the September Council meeting to Tuesday, September 3 at 4:00 PM.
SCHEDULED EVENTS	Mayor Pro Tem Cook recognized Ms. Wyatt, Administrative Assistant. Ms. Wyatt stated that the next Town Rhythms would be Thursday, July 25 at 7:00 PM with the Embers performing.
MAYOR'S REPORT	Mayor Pro Tem Cook stated that the City lost a good leader when Mr. Randall stepped down as Mayor in order to pursue other opportunities. Mayor Pro Tem Cook stated that the current Council would move forward with their combined experience and knowledge. Mayor Pro Tem Cook stated that this Council would still have challenges and opportunities for Clinton which Council is looking forward to tackling. Mayor Pro Tem Cook stated that Council realizes that fiscal responsibility stops with Council and Council is looking forward to serving the citizens of Clinton. Mayor Pro Tem Cook stated that Clinton has a Council committed to growing the City of Clinton.
COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORT	Councilmember McLean stated that a tragedy has hit Clinton and he would like for everyone to keep the families involved in the situation in their thoughts and prayers.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that due to the recent tragedy families and the community should spend time communicating with young people.

Councilmember McGee stated he wanted to thank Chief Morse and his staff for their professionalism in handling the case.

Councilmember Dowdle stated the tragedy was a sad situation and affects not only the families but the community. Councilmember Dowdle asked for everyone to pray for the families. Councilmember Dowdle thanked the Public Safety Department for their hard work on the case.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business before Council Mayor Pro Tem Cook adjourned the meeting.

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