

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

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

<b>INVOCATION</b>	The invocation was given by Jesse Anderson, Elder of the Elzee AME Church.
<b>PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE</b>	Mayor McLean asked Council and the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>MINUTES</b>	Mayor McLean asked Council to approve the minutes from August 4. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the August 4, 2014 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
<b>CITIZENS ADDRESS RITA STANLEY BAILEY MANOR</b>	Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Rita Stanley from Bailey Manor. Ms. Stanley stated that she wanted to thank everyone involved with the accident at Bailey Manor. Ms. Stanley stated that she is proud to be a part of Clinton and Bailey Manor is appreciative of all the help during the evacuation of the residents. Ms. Stanley stated that all of the residents were placed in facilities in Clinton. Mr. Stovall, City Manager, stated that the Bailey Manor staff was able to execute their evacuation plan efficiently which greatly aided Public Safety. Mr. Stovall stated that every institution and family should have an evacuation plan.
<b>BETTY WALLENZINE JOHN THOMAS OAKLAND STREET TRAILER PARK</b>	Ms. Wallenzine stated that she lives at 108 Oakland Street and John Thomas also a neighbor lives at 106 Oakland Street. Ms. Wallenzine stated that she is before Council to discuss the issue about the trailer park across the street from her residence. Ms. Wallenzine stated that she brought 37 incident reports concerning the Oakland Street Trailer Park. Ms. Wallenzine stated that the Police were at the trailer park last night and today. Ms. Wallenzine stated that she was told nothing could be done about the trailer park. Ms. Wallenzine stated that one trailer does not have electricity but people live in the trailer. Ms. Wallenzine stated that the residents live outside until nightfall and then go inside the trailer. Ms. Wallenzine stated that the residents do not keep up their animals. Mr. Thomas stated that the Police told him to put up a privacy fence across his front yard. Mr. Thomas stated that the Police are called to the trailer park three to four times a week. Councilmember McGee stated

that the problem has been going on for a while. Councilmember McGee stated that he has brought 60 incident reports to the City Manager's attention. Councilmember McGee stated that until the City shuts the trailer park down the City and citizens would have problems with the trailer park. Mayor McLean stated that the City would look into the matter.

**DARLENE KING SUMMER RECREATION PARK** Ms. King stated that she was the owner of Hair Biz and JR Rentals and she was before Council to discuss the Recreation Park. Ms. King Summer stated that the City may purchase property from Thornwell Home for the Recreation Park and she wanted Council to know that she owns thirty acres adjacent to the Thornwell property. Ms. King Summer stated that she would consider making an investment and opening her property up and build homes. Ms. King Summer asked Council to take her property into consideration when planning for the Recreation Park.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT PROCLAMATIONS ALCOHOL AWARENESS BICYCLING AWARENESS CAMPUS FIRE PROSTRSATE CANCER HISPANIC MONTH** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is Proclamations proclaiming September as Alcohol and Drug Addition Recovery Month, September as Bicycling and Pedestrian Awareness Month, September as Campus Fire Safety Month, September as National Preparedness Month, September as Prostrate Cancer Awareness Month, September 19, 2014 as P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Day, and September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month. Councilmember Dowdle made a motion to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST READING ORDINANCE AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the City of Clinton Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Stovall recognized Mr. Stephen Taylor, Director of Community and Economic Development, to discuss the matter. Mr. Stovall stated that this proposal comes from the Planning Commission to create a new Zoning classification, Industrial I-2. Mr. Taylor stated that the proposed Ordinance would create a new Zoning District known as Industrial I-2. Mr. Taylor stated that the creation of the new district is a result of new industrial projects. Mr. Taylor stated that the new Zoning District would deal with height restrictions, distance between buildings, and loading spaces. Mr. Taylor stated that property zoned I-2 would have to be approved by the Planning Commission as well as Council. Mr. Stovall stated that the primary reason for the new Zoning District is the City cannot compete for some economic development projects because of the current restrictions in the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Stovall stated that the new Zoning District gives the Planning Commission and Council a new tool to pursue economic development projects. Motion was made by Councilmember

Byrd to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**FIREFIGHTER  
TRAINING  
PROGRAM**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to execute a memorandum of agreement with Laurens County School District 56 for the development of a Firefighter Training Program. Mr. Stovall stated that the Public Safety Department has been working with School District 56 to develop a program to encourage interest in firefighting. Mr. Stovall stated that the program would provide a track for students to enter emergency services and the program would create a pool of trained personnel. Mr. Stovall stated that students would complete the program and be able to become a Volunteer Firefighter in Laurens County. Mr. Stovall stated that the goals for this program are to promote student understanding of the practice of emergency services, provide career training for high school students, increase the number of trained fire personnel in the region, increase the number of potential volunteer and career firefighters, improve students' attitude towards emergency services personnel, and increase access for students and parents to community agencies. Mr. Stovall stated that current employees, who are State certified, would teach the classes. Mr. Stovall stated that the equipment and materials would be provided by the City. Mr. Stovall stated that School District 56 would provide the space for the equipment, classroom space, and instructional technology to support the training program. Mr. Stovall stated that the cost of this program would be approximately \$5,000 which would come from the Public Safety's training budget.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that she thinks this would be a great program and she is happy to see students interested in the program. Councilmember McGee stated that the program would also help fire departments in Joanna, Mountville, and Cross Hill. Motion was made by Councilmember McGee to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with School District 56 to offer a Firefighter Training Program and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**APPOINT  
ACCOMMODATIONS  
TAX COMMITTEE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment of individuals to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Mr. Stovall stated that this committee decides how to spend State ATAX funds. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff recommends Council appoint Ms. Valerie Jones to a two or four year term. Mr. Stovall stated that Mr. V.K. Shah, Mr. Brian Reese, Ms. Rhonda Cruickshanks, and Ms. Rachel Killingsworth are serving a four-year term. Mr. Stovall stated that Ms. Kay Addison and Mr. Brett Mitchell are serving a two-year term. Councilmember McGee

made a motion to appoint Ms. Valerie Jones to a two-year term on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and seconded by Councilmember Dowdle. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION  
SANTEE COOPER  
GRANT  
CORPORATE PARK**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to pursue an economic development grant to perform improvements to Clinton Corporate Park II. Mr. Stovall stated that the grant is through Santee Cooper and requires a 50% matching commitment. Mr. Stovall stated that the first project the grant funds would be used for is Clinton Corporate Park II. Mr. Stovall stated that the grant funds would fund utility installation and a mass grading of approximately 5 acres of land fronting I-26 near exit 54. Mr. Stovall stated that this would provide an access road from the Frontage Road to the property. Mr. Stovall stated that the property could then be marketed for future development. Mr. Stovall stated that the total cost of this project is \$1.2 million. Mr. Stovall stated that if the City receives the grant then the City would match the grant funds through the 2011 Bond funds. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff is asking for approval to apply for the Santee Cooper Grant and to apply the grant funds to the Frontage Road. Mayor McLean stated that the City is not spending any additional funds but using existing funds from the 2011 Bond to upgrade this property. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the Resolution to apply for the Santee Cooper Grant for \$1,286,850 and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION  
SANTEE COOPER  
GRANT  
HWY 72**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to pursue an economic development grant to perform improvements to industrial property on Highway 72. Mr. Stovall stated that the second project the City would use the Santee Cooper grant for is the grading of 100,000 square foot pad within Clinton 26 Corporate Park. Mr. Stovall stated that the pad is located on Highway 72 at the intersection of Highway 72 and I-26 and the pad would be designed to encourage economic development by reducing the time and cost associated with the construction of a facility. Mr. Stovall stated that the site is the one Council was considering for a spec building and using grant funds to build the pad would only help offset future costs of building the spec building. Mr. Stovall stated that the total cost of the project is \$397,000 and the City would match the grant funds through the Economic Development Funds. Councilmember Dowdle made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Santee Cooper Grant for \$397,000 and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE  
VEHICLES  
PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the purchase of two patrol vehicles (SUV) for the Department of Public Safety. Mr. Stovall stated that the City solicited bids and received three with the lowest bid from Firman Ford for \$55,380. Mr. Stovall stated that the State bid was for a basic vehicle and City staff wanted some upgrades to the vehicles such as a Blue Tooth Radio System, a backup camera, and emergency lights. Mr. Stovall stated that the funds for the vehicles are included in the current budget. Councilmember McGee asked if the SUV'S would be marked and used on the road and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember McGee asked the price of two cars and Mr. Stovall stated approximately \$24,000 per vehicle. Mr. Stovall stated that he would like to increase the Public Safety's fleet to include vehicles with 4-wheel drive in order for Public Safety to get around in bad weather conditions. Councilmember Byrd asked what would happen to the old vehicles. Mr. Stovall stated that the cars would be sold for salvage. Councilmember Scarborough asked if the SUV'S could be helpful in storing fire equipment and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would issue the SUV'S to Officers who are cross-trained and would need the space for the fire equipment. Councilmember McGee asked if the City looked at the cost of maintaining the SUV'S compared to maintaining cars. Mr. Stovall stated that it is hard to compare the SUV'S and the cars because the make and model are not the same. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the purchase of two SUV'S from Firman Ford for a cost not to exceed \$55,380 and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**BIDS  
WATER LINES  
GASTLEY DRIVE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the last item on the agenda is the approval of bids for the installation of the water distribution lines on Edgewood Drive. Mr. Stovall stated that the City received a Rural Infrastructure Grant to install water lines on Gastley Drive. Mr. Stovall stated that the City completed the project and with the remaining grant funds of \$40,000 the City would install water lines on Edgewood Drive. Mr. Stovall stated that the City solicited bids and received six with the lowest bid from Corbett & Son for \$57,376. Mr. Stovall stated that Corbett & Son received the Gastley Drive bid and their equipment is already on site and this is the major difference in the bids. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would receive \$40,000 from the Rural Infrastructure Grant and the balance would be paid from the 2012 Bond. Councilmember McGee asked if the property is outside the City and Mr. Stovall stated yes but the area is in the City's water service district. Councilmember McGee asked if the City could use the funds inside the City on South Broad Street. Mr. Stovall stated that \$57,000 is not enough funds to replace the South Broad

Street water line. Mr. Stovall stated that Edgewood Drive exceeds the income level for a Community Development Block Grant and Laurens County Water Sewer Commission already has several CDBG grants open and the City could not apply for one because LCWSC has met Laurens County's limit. Councilmember Jenkins asked if replacing the lines improves water pressure. Mr. Stovall stated that the new lines would improve the water pressure and the water quality and the City would be able to provide fire hydrant protection. Mr. Stovall stated that the City is trying to systematically tackle the replacement of old water lines. Councilmember McGee stated that City would replace the water lines on one street in Edgewood Drive and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember McGee stated that the new water lines would benefit twelve houses and Mr. Stovall stated yes.

Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the bid from Corbett & Son for \$57,376 to replace the water lines on Edgewood Drive and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdle to go into executive session to discuss one personnel matter relating to economic development, one contractual matter regarding the potential acquisition of property on North Broad Street, one contractual matter regarding the potential partnership in recreation service provision, one economic development matter relating to Project Picket Fence, one economic development matter relating to Project Opportunity, and one economic development Project Frontage Road and 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 back in open session. Mayor McLean stated that one personnel matter, two contractual matters, and three economic development matters were discussed and no action was taken.

**MAYOR'S  
REPORT**

Mayor McLean thanked everyone involved with the accident at Bailey Manor. Mayor McLean stated it was impressive how effectively all the agencies worked together to help the residents at Bailey Manor. Mayor McLean stated that Thursday, September 4 the City and the Clinton Business Association would host Party on the Square to welcome back Presbyterian students. Mayor McLean stated that Saturday, September 6 at 8:30 AM Whitten Center would host their 5K and 10K walk/run. Mayor McLean stated that Saturday, September 6 at 9:00 AM at the Broad Street Methodist Church Beautify Laurens County would host their quarterly clean up. Mayor McLean stated Saturday, September 6 at 7:00 PM Presbyterian College would host their first night game since 1990. Mayor McLean stated that Tuesday, September 9 at 12:00 PM at Mabry-

Younce the United Way would host their Kick-Off Luncheon. Mayor McLean stated that Thursday, September 18 at 5:00 PM Park Sterling Bank in Laurens would host the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours. Mayor McLean stated that the next Council meeting is Monday, October 6 at 6:00 PM at the M.S. Municipal Center Building.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
REPORT**

Councilmember Scarborough thanked everyone involved with the Bailey Manor incident. Councilmember Scarborough stated that a test of any system is when the system is put under extreme stress.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked everyone involved with the Bailey manor incident.

Councilmember Byrd also thanked everyone involved with helping Bailey Manor.

Councilmember McGee thanked everyone who helped during the Bailey Manor incident.

Councilmember Cook thanked everyone involved with the Bailey manor incident.

**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.

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MAYOR