

## APRIL 16, 2020

The regular Council meeting was held by video with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Neal, Roth, and Walsh. The City Manager and City Attorney were present. News media present were Vic McDonald from the Clinton Chronicle. Notice as well as an invitation to attend the meeting by video was emailed to all local news media on March 15, 2020.

- INVOCATION**                    The invocation was given by Councilmember Jenkins.
- MINUTES**                        Mayor McLean asked Council to approve the minutes from March 2 and 20. Councilmember Walsh stated that the March 20, 2020 Special Called meeting minutes left off Thomas Higgs last name and that needs to be corrected. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the March 2, 2020 Council meeting minutes and the March 20, 2020 Special Called Meeting minutes along with the amendment and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.
- RESOLUTION  
LOST  
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**        Mayor McLean stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of a Resolution providing for adjustment of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Property Tax Credit Program. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- RESOLUTION  
MILLER'S FORK**                    Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution approving the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Miller's Fork Trail. Councilmember Roth asked if Laurens County would have to also approve the agreement in order for the agreement to be valid and Mr. Cannon, City Manager, stated yes. Motion was made by Councilmember Walsh to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Miller's Fork Trail and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.
- CITY MANAGER'S  
REPORT  
GARY STREET**                    Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Bill Cannon, City Manager. Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Satterfield Construction Company to resurface Gary Street. Mr. Cannon stated that the City solicited bids to resurface Gary Street from West Centennial Street to Parker Street with the low bid being Satterfield Construction for a cost of \$94,400. Mr. Cannon stated that the City received funding for this project from the Laurens County Transportation Committee (CTC).

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Mr. Cannon stated that the Laurens County Transportation Committee's guidelines allow for an additional 30% of the bid total which would add \$28,320 to the bid cost. Mr. Cannon stated that City staff recommends Council approving an additional \$27,280 to the project which would bring the total cost of the Resurfacing Project to \$150,000. Mr. Cannon stated that the additional funds would be applied to West Centennial Street which is on the CTC paving list. Mayor McLean asked if the \$150,000 would pave Gary Street and Mr. Cannon stated the funds would pave Gary Street and West Centennial Street. Councilmember Jenkins asked what is the CTC and what are their guidelines. Mr. Cannon stated that the CTC determine which roads they would fund to pave and the Committee gives the City \$100,000 toward the paving the roads. Mayor McLean stated that CTC is the Laurens County Transportation Committee. Mayor McLean stated that Mr. Jimmy Potts and Ms. Charlotte Strickland represents Clinton. Councilmember Kuykendall asked what portion of West Centennial Street would be paved and Mr. Cannon stated from Sloan Street to Tribble Street. Mr. Meadors, Public Works Director, stated that the portion to be paved is South Sloan Street to Tribble Street. Mayor McLean stated that 1952 feet would be paved. Mayor McLean stated that the CTC requires a \$50,000 match to receive the \$100,000. Councilmember Roth asked if the City could request more than \$100,000 from the CTC and Mr. Cannon stated he did not know. Mayor McLean stated that four years ago the City did not receive any funding from the CTC. Mayor McLean stated that the funds the City receives for paving is based on the Gasoline Tax within Laurens County. Councilmember Roth asked how much does the County receive and Mayor McLean stated that he did not know but it is public information. Councilmember Neal asked how does the CTC determine which streets to pave. Mayor McLean stated that the CTC members ride down every street in Laurens County to determine which streets need paving. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Satterfield Construction Company to resurface Gary Street and West Centennial Street and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**TIMBER CONTRACT**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is for Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with W & W Logging Company to cut timber on approximately twenty acres Laurens County Tax Map Number 901-31-01-033 and approximately thirty acres Laurens County Tax Map Number 901-31-01-006. Mr. Cannon stated that the logging company is in Clinton and the City wanted to utilize them to cut timber on these two small tracts.

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Mr. Cannon stated that the tract next to Rosemont Cemetery could be utilized to expand the cemetery because Rosemont Cemetery is running out of space. Mr. Cannon stated that the City does not currently have any endowment funds to maintain Rosemont Cemetery and an expansion would be a way to start an Endowment Fund. Mr. Cannon stated that it cost the City \$1,800 to cut the grass at Rosemont Cemetery. Councilmember Walsh asked where the property in question is located. Mayor McLean stated that the twenty acres borders Clinton Corporate Park III which comes in behind the Clinton Middle School and the thirty acres are behind Rosemont Cemetery. Mayor McLean stated that the City had a Cemetery Committee to oversee Rosemont Cemetery but the last time this committee met was in 2001. Mayor McLean stated that Council may wish to reform the Cemetery Committee to oversee the expansion. Councilmember Walsh asked if the funds would be put aside and Mayor McLean stated yes. Mayor McLean stated that the funds from the sale of the timber on the twenty acres would go back into the Hospitality Funds because the City used those funds to buy the property. Mayor McLean stated that the sale of the timber behind Rosemont Cemetery would go into an Endowment Fund. Motion was made by Councilmember Roth to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with W&W Logging to cut timber on Laurens County Tax Map Number 901-01-033 and Laurens County Tax Map Number 901-31-01-006 and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
BRIEFING**

Mr. Cannon stated that the City is still working on projects. Mayor McLean stated that the grading company is waiting on DHEC approval to start grading the Recreation Complex.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
REPORT**

Councilmember Walsh asked when would the City schedule the budget workshops. Mr. Cannon stated that the City would schedule a budget workshop on May 4, 2020 at 5:00 PM before the Council meeting. Councilmember Walsh asked if the City was waiting on the Governor's decision about May and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Councilmember Walsh stated that she wanted people to be aware the United Ministries would provide food for citizens in need. Councilmember Walsh stated that the Clinton Chronicle ran an article about what United Ministries could provide to citizens. Councilmember Walsh stated that this is a time of need and a time for people to help each other.

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Councilmember Roth thanked City staff for working under the current conditions. Councilmember Roth stated that there is a burst water line on Hampton Avenue. Councilmember Roth stated that this is the second break on this water line.

Councilmember Kuykendall thanked City staff for their hard work. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he appreciated all the support he has received since his surgery. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he knows the City is short on staff but a lot of debris is on the streets and needs to be picked up.

Councilmember Neal asked if United Ministries has a website. Councilmember Walsh stated that she did not know if United Ministries has a website but they may have a Facebook page but the Clinton Chronicle has ran several articles about the program and many of the churches use United Ministries. Councilmember Neal thanked the Mayor and City staff for keeping Council and the citizens aware of what is going on with the COVID-19.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for their work during these conditions. Councilmember Jenkins stated that Thomas Boyd, City of Newberry Councilmember, passed away in February, Adolphus Brewster, City of Gray Court Councilmember passed away in March and Johnny Kelly, City of Laurens Councilmember also passed away. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she wanted to encourage people to complete the 2020 Census. Councilmember Jenkins thanked Phil Hasty, IT Department, and Thomas Higgs, Assistant City Manager, for putting the meeting together.

Councilmember Cook stated that he wanted to remind citizens that there are many financial scams going on and that citizens should ask questions and do not give out vital information.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor McLean wished Councilmember Kuykendall a quick recovery. Mayor McLean thanked City staff for their work during this time. Mayor McLean stated that many citizens are working in their yards and putting a lot of debris out. Mayor McLean stated that the City may need to bring back personnel to get caught up. Mayor McLean asked Council if they would like to work as a group to clear a section of the road from TD Bank to Arthur State Bank. Mayor McLean stated that according to DHEC the total number of COVID-19 cases in South Carolina is 3,656. Mayor McLean stated that Laurens County has only fourteen cases.

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Mayor McLean stated that he wanted to express sympathy to a local family who lost a family member to COVID-19. Mayor McLean stated that currently Rhythm on the Rails has not been cancelled. Mayor McLean stated that the City would follow the Governor's guidelines in making a decision about the event.

**ADJOURN**

With there no further business before Council motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to adjourn and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

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**MAYOR**