

APRIL 3, 2017

The regular Council meeting was held at 6:00 PM at the M.S. Municipal Center with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Kuykendall, Jenkins, Neal, Roth, and Young. The City Manager, Interim 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 all local news media on Monday, March 28, 2017.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Dr. Jerri Perkins from First Presbyterian 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 March 6 and 20. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she had corrections regarding the minutes from the 6th and 20th. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the March 20, 2017 minutes should reflect that Mayor McLean made the motion to nominate Councilmembers Kuykendall and Young to the Gas Authority Board and the March 6, 2017 minutes should reflect that the burned house in discussion is on North Bell Street and not South Bell Street. Mayor McLean stated that he would like to remind Council the minutes are not exact but only reflect what action was taken at the meeting. Mayor McLean stated that the minutes are not the exact wording at the meeting just the action Council was taking. Mayor McLean stated that Council may make the changes but it is not necessary. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the minutes are made available to Council so that Councilmembers could go back and review them if they had questions. Mayor McLean stated that Council can review minutes but minutes normally have what action was taken. Councilmember Jenkins asked Mr. Wham, City Attorney, his thoughts on the matter. Mr. Wham stated that if the changes are a concern then Council may vote on the changes. Councilmember Cook asked if minutes have to reflect the motion and who made and second the motion. Mr. Wham stated that one correction was just a typing mistake and if an action is being taken then the minutes should reflect who made the motion and who second the motion. Mr. Wham stated that Mayor McLean was stating that it is not necessary to amend the typing mistake. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the March 6, 2017 minutes and March 20, 2017 minutes with the discussed changes and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was two to five with Councilmembers Roth, Neal, Young, and Kuykendall and Mayor McLean voting no. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the March 6, 2017 minutes and the March 20, 2017 minutes as received and seconded by

Councilmember Roth. The vote was five to two with Councilmembers Jenkins and Cook voting no.

**CITIZENS ADDRESS
COUNCIL
GERALD BOYCE
TRACK TEAM**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Gerald Boyce. Mr. Boyce stated that he founded the Unity Fest which was a way to bring the Community together and two years ago he started a track club. Mr. Boyce stated that three members of the track team went on to get college scholarships in track. Mr. Boyce stated that the track team not only encourages the members to get an education but also summer jobs. Mr. Boyce stated that he was before Council to ask for funds to keep the track program going. Mr. Boyce stated that the members of his track team participated in the Public Safety's National Night Out.

Councilmember Jenkins asked if the information given to Council was Mr. Boyce's application for the Community Grant funds Council gives out each year and Mr. Boyce stated yes.

**RICKY MARTIN
MARTHA DENDY**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Ricky Martin. Mr. Martin stated that he was before Council concerning the Martha Dendy Project. Mr. Martin stated that he has served in his Community for many years. Mr. Martin stated that he has met with the City Manager and the Mayor concerning the Martha Dendy Facility. Mr. Martin stated that he realizes some work has been done at the Martha Dendy Facility but it seems that the City is not moving forward with the project. Mr. Martin stated that the Community needs a facility where citizens could come together. Mr. Martin stated that he was shown the three million dollar plan and it is beautiful but it does not take three million dollars to get the facility up and running. Mr. Martin stated that the Community needs to have a functioning facility and that the City should move forward with this project and not wait until all of the funds are available. Mr. Martin asked Council to consider the Community around the Martha Dendy Facility and the possibilities that could be done for the children in that Community. Councilmember Jenkins asked Mr. Stovall, City Manager, to discuss some of the things the City has already done at the Martha Dendy Project. Mr. Stovall stated that the City took over the building from the School District and secured a Community Development Block Grant to demolish a portion of the Martha Dendy Building, remove lead paint and asbestos, rehab the basketball court, and to seal up a portion of the building for a future facility. Mr. Stovall stated that the three million dollar plan could be done in phases and the cost to upgrade the facility would be 1.2 million dollars. Mr. Stovall stated that before the building could be used the City would have to upgrade the electric and plumbing as well as the bathrooms in order to meet code. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the City held Community meetings to discuss the Martha Dendy Project. Councilmember Jenkins stated that during the meetings citizens gave the

engineers and the City input on what they would like to see at the Martha Dendy Facility. Councilmember Jenkins stated that Council is not just sitting here and not moving forward but the City does not have the funds to upgrade the building so citizens could safely use the building.

**JANICE LONG
MILLERS FORK TRAIL**

Mayor McLean recognized Janice Long. Ms. Long stated that she was before Council on behalf of Susan Galloway concerning the Miller's Fork Trail. Ms. Long stated that Ms. Galloway was unable to attend the Council meeting and she would read a letter about the Miller's Fork Trail. Ms. Galloway's letter encouraged Council to approve the matching funds for the Miller's Fork Trail. Ms. Galloway's letter stated that she is a member of Clinton Tree Canopy and has been a part of the Miller's Fork Trail Project since the beginning. Ms. Galloway's letter stated that the Clinton Tree Canopy is excited to learn they have received a \$100,000 Grant to move forward with this project.

**LAWRENCE YOUNG
MUSEUM**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Lawrence Young. Mr. Young stated that he was before Council concerning four books on loan to the Museum which he has received two of them and the future of the Museum. Mr. Young stated that he is currently dispersing his artifacts and would like to know when the Museum would be opened so he could store his property.

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor McLean stated that Council would need to amend the current agenda to include the Proclamation for the Lions Club 100 anniversary. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to amend the agenda and second by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**PROCLAMATIONS
ALCOHOL AWARENESS
AUTISM AWARENESS
FINANCIAL LITERACY
SAFE DIGGING
EARTH DAY
LIONS CLUB
CHILD ABUSE
AWARENESS**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall. Mr. Stovall stated that part of the transition to a new City Manager the Interim City Manager, Dale Satterfield, would conduct the agenda until item six on the agenda. Mr. Satterfield stated that the first item on the agenda is the Proclamations proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness Month, April as Autism Awareness Month, April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, April as Financial Literacy Month, April as Safe Digging Month, April 22nd as Earth Day, and April 10th - 15th as the Lions Club Anniversary. Councilmember Young made a motion to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean stated that many families in Clinton are affected by Autism and the front of the M.S. Bailey Center would be illuminated with blue lights in honor of Autism.

**PURCHASE
KNUCKLE BOOM**

Mr. Satterfield stated that the next item on the agenda is the purchase of one Knuckle Boom Loader and Dump Body. Mr. Satterfield stated that the purchase would replace the current 1995 Ford Cab and Chassis that has

165,947 miles and 6119.3 hours registering on the meters. Mr. Satterfield stated that the City solicited bids and recommends awarding the bid to Carolina International Trucks for \$136,879.77. Mr. Satterfield stated that the City would make a down payment of \$20,000 which is included in the budget and lease purchase the remainder. Mr. Satterfield presented Council with pictures of the current Knuckle Boom Truck. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if this equipment was left out in the weather and Mr. Satterfield stated yes. Mr. Satterfield stated that storage of large equipment is a need at the Public Works Department. Mr. Satterfield stated that the current Knuckle Boom Truck has been in service for 22 years. Councilmember Kuykendall asked what a Municipal Lease Purchase was and did this mean the equipment would be turned back in after a certain period of time. Mr. Stovall stated that the amount of debt the City could acquire is capped by State law and the lease purchase allows the City to purchase the equipment over time. Mr. Stovall stated that after the lease purchase is up then the City owns the equipment. Councilmember Young asked if this purchase includes the cab and chassis and Mr. Satterfield stated the purchase is for a complete unit. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if the City would use the current Knuckle Boom and Mr. Satterfield stated yes that the Right of Way Crew would use the truck. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the cost was included in the budget and Mr. Satterfield stated yes. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to purchase a Knuckle Boom Truck and Dump Body from Carolina International Trucks for a cost not to exceed \$136,879.97 with a down payment of \$20,000 and lease purchase the balance and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**FINANCE
ROW TRACTOR**

Mr. Satterfield stated that the next item on the agenda is the financing for one Right of Way Tractor and Rotary Mower. Mr. Satterfield stated that Council approved in March the purchase of a Right of Way Tractor and the City now needs to acquire the financing of the equipment. Mr. Satterfield stated that the City solicited bids and recommends Council approve the bid from BB&T for a three year lease with an interest rate of 2.6%. Councilmember Young made a motion to approve the financing bid from BB&T for a Right of Way Tractor for a three year lease of \$46,299.90 with a an interest rate of 2.6% and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**EXIT 54
BEAUTIFICATION
PROJECT**

Mr. Satterfield stated that the next item on the agenda is the Exit 54 Beautification Project. Mr. Satterfield stated that the City solicited bids for the design of Exit 54 and recommends Council approve the bid from Design South Landscaping Company for a cost not to exceed \$238,600.20.

Mr. Satterfield stated that this project would be funded through the Economic Development Fund. Councilmember Roth asked how much input does the State have in approving this project. Mr. Satterfield stated that the State approves the design. Councilmember Roth asked if the State tells the City what can or cannot be done on the project and Mr. Satterfield stated yes. Mr. Satterfield stated that the State gives specifications on when the work could be done. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if Design South has developed other projects like this one and Councilmember Young gave several projects Design South completed that are similar to the Exit 54 Project. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the bid from Design South Landscaping Company for the Exit 54 Beautification Project for a cost not to exceed \$238,600.20 and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous with Councilmember Young recusing himself from the vote because of his relationship with Design South.

CEDC FUNDS

Mr. Satterfield stated that the next item on the agenda is allocating funds not to exceed \$50,000 to the CEDC for economic development in Clinton. Mr. Satterfield stated that the CEDC is requesting a grant to assist in their efforts to bring vitality back to the downtown area. Mr. Satterfield recognized Mr. Threatt, Community Development Director, to address this request. Mr. Threatt stated that the City seal represents the City's buildings, downtown, and greenspace. Mr. Threatt stated that in 2015 the Strategic Plan was developed and the plan stated that the City had non-utilized buildings and lacked downtown amenities which prevented tourism and local citizens from shopping locally. Mr. Threatt stated that it also prevented economic growth because the downtown is not viable. Mr. Threatt stated that Council has been supporting the efforts by City staff to upgrade the downtown area. Mr. Threatt stated that the purpose of this grant is to increase the vibrancy downtown. Councilmember Young made a motion to approve the transfer of funds not to exceed \$50,000 from the Economic Development Fund to the CEDC for downtown projects and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**D E TRIBBLE
BUILDING**

Mr. Satterfield stated that the next item on the agenda is to allocate \$30,000 from the Community Development Fund to satisfy the dollar for dollar match required by the \$30,000 Federal Historic Preservation Grant received for the stabilization of the D.E. Tribble Building. Mr. Satterfield recognized Mr. Threatt. Mr. Satterfield stated that Mr. Threatt did an exceptional job in obtaining the grant for the D. E. Tribble Building. Mr. Threatt stated that the \$30,000 grant was the most funds the City could receive from the Federal Historic Preservation and this grant is restrictive in how it can be used. Mr. Threatt stated that this grant would be used to

stabilize the building and make it structurally sound. Councilmember Roth asked if the City owned the D.E. Tribble Building and Mr. Threatt stated yes. Councilmember Roth asked when the City purchase the building and Mr. Threatt stated about four years ago. Councilmember Roth asked about the condition of the building when the City purchased it and Mr. Threatt stated that the building was in bad shape. Councilmember Roth stated that the City purchased a building in bad shape and continued to let it deteriorate for four years before deciding to do something about it.

Mr. Threatt stated that the building was purchased and an review had to done about the problems with the building. Mr. Threatt stated that the building contained so much debris that it was difficult for a contractor to access what needed to be repaired. Mr. Threatt stated that the City has now cleaned out the building. Councilmember Roth asked if the City had any estimates for the repairs and Mr. Threatt stated the City has estimates to stabilize the building. Councilmember Roth asked if receiving grants would be the way the City makes repairs to the building. Mr. Threatt stated that the City has to stabilize the building first and then move forward with other types of renovations. Mr. Threatt stated that the City would do a Feasibility Study to determine if the City wishes to hold on to the property or sell it. Mr. Stovall stated that the D.E. Tribble Building sits across from the Public Works Facility. Mr. Stovall stated that at one time the City determined if new industry came in and needed a large water capacity then the City would have to expand the Filter Plant. Mr. Stovall stated that the only way to expand the Filter Plant would be to demolish the existing Public Works Building. Mr. Stovall stated that the City purchased the D. E. Tribble Building with the thoughts of moving the Public Works Building to the property. Mr. Stovall stated that since purchasing the D.E. Tribble Building LCWSC has announced the construction of a new Filter Plant and the City would not have to expand their Filter Plant. Mr. Stovall stated that Council and City staff has to determine what to do with the D.E. Tribble property which is to keep the property or sell it. Mr. Stovall stated that the City did not take actions to rehabilitate the building when the City purchased it because the City was looking at demolishing the existing building. Councilmember Roth stated that the City would spend \$60,000 to stabilize the building would the City anticipate more expense. Mr. Stovall stated that the total budget to renovate the D.E. Tribble Building was \$120,000. Mr. Stovall stated that Mr. Threatt would apply for another grant and Council could use Economic Development Funds to renovate the building. Mr. Stovall stated that after the building is stabilized then Council could look at some long term uses for the property. Mayor McLean stated that this building is 102 years old. Mayor Mclean stated that he and the City Manager went to Greer and saw how Greer has renovated their old buildings but Mayor

McLean stated that he told Mr. Stovall the City was tearing down the City's old buildings. Mayor McLean stated that if we keep tearing down our old buildings then we are going to destroy the heritage of this town. Mayor McLean stated that he voted against the price the City paid for the D.E. Tribble Building but the City needs to do something with the building. Mayor McLean stated that he did not want to see the building torn down. Mr. Threatt stated that he hopes the Main Street Program would bridge all the City's quadrants so there would be more pedestrian participation in Clinton. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve a transfer of \$30,000 match from the Community Development Fund for the Federal Historic Preservation Grant and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**RECREATIONAL
PARK GRANT**

Mr. Satterfield stated that the next item on the agenda is to allocate \$19,820 from the Community Development Fund to satisfy the 20% match required by the Recreational Trail Program Grant. Mr. Satterfield stated that the City has received a Recreational Trail Grant in the amount of \$99,100. Mr. Satterfield stated that the City would provide 20% match to develop a Phase I design and construction budget of \$118,920 for the Miller's Fork Trail. Mr. Satterfield recognized Mr. Threatt. Mr. Threatt stated that City staff along with Clinton Tree Canopy worked on putting the grant request together. Mr. Threatt stated that with a \$20,000 investment the City would have a \$120,000 trail.

Mr. Threatt stated that the trail would play a vital part in attracting businesses to the property on the interstate and the frontage road. Mr. Threatt stated that the trail could be used for hiking, running, and biking. Mr. Threatt stated that the City solicited bids and Darrohn Engineering out of Greenville, SC was selected to design and implement the Miller's Fork Trail. Councilmember Roth asked who owned the property. Mr. Threatt stated that the property is owned by Central Realty and the trail would be constructed on the City's sewer line easement. Mayor McLean stated that the City is only allocating the funds and not awarding the contract to anyone and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember Roth asked if this was just the first phase and Mr. Threatt stated yes. Mr. Threatt stated that the construction of the trail would be done in three phases. Councilmember Kuykendall made a motion to approve the allocation of \$19,820 from the Community Development Fund to satisfy the 20% match required by the Recreational Trails Program for the development of the Miller's Fork Trail and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION
LOST**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a Resolution providing for adjustment of the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Property Tax Credit Program. Mr. Stovall stated that the LOST are special

taxes the State allows Municipalities to put on the sale of goods. Mr. Stovall stated that the State law requires the City provide 71% of the LOST revenue to go toward reducing the property tax burden and the City gets the remaining 29%. Mr. Stovall stated that State law does not put any restrictions on the 29% but City Council has restricted the funds to be used to pay for Public Safety equipment, training and capital equipment debt. Mr. Stovall stated that the City recommends Council approving the Resolution to continue to earmark the 29% of the LOST funds for Public Safety. Mr. Stovall stated that these funds have paid for body cameras for the Police Officers and fire equipment upgrades. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the Resolution that allows the City to use 29% of the LOST funds to provide equipment, training, and capital equipment for the Public Safety Department and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to enter into an executive session to discuss one personnel matter relating to appointments to Boards and Commissions and one personnel matter regarding the Office of the City Manager and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor McLean declared Council back in open session. Mayor Mclean stated that two personnel matters were discussed and no action was taken.

HIRING FREEZE

Councilmember Cook stated that after receiving further information he would like to make a motion to rescind the motion regarding the hiring freeze for the Office of the City Manager and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was five to two with Mayor Mclean and Councilmember Neal voting no.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider nominations to Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Wham, City Attorney. Mr. Wham asked for nominations for the Planning Commission for one position for a two year term ending December 31, 1018.

Motion was made by Councilmember Young to nominate Mr. Robbie Strickland to the position and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**DESIGN & REVIEW
BOARD**

Mr. Wham asked Council for nominations for two positions on the Design and Review Board for a two year term ending December 31, 2018. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to nominate Darian

Bridgeman and Sarah Hill to the two positions and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**ZONING & APPEALS
BOARD**

Mr. Wham asked Council for nominations for an unexpired term on the Zoning & Appeals Board to end on December 31, 2018. Councilmember Roth made the motion to nominate Mr. Scott Taylor to the position and seconded by Mayor McLean. The vote was unanimous.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Wham stated that the Judicial Committee is a Standing Council Committee for a two year term with three Councilmembers. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to nominate Councilmembers Kuykendall, Young, and Roth to the Judicial Committee and seconded by Mayor McLean. The vote was unanimous.

**RECREATION
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Wham stated that the Recreation Committee is a Standing Council Committee for a two year term. Mr. Wham asked for nominations to the Recreation Committee. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to nominate Mayor McLean and Councilmembers Neal and Young to the Recreation Committee and seconded by Councilmember Roth. The vote was unanimous.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Wham stated that the Audit Committee is a Standing Council Committee for a two year term. Mr. Wham asked for nominations for the Audit Committee. Councilmember Roth made a motion to nominate Councilmembers Cook, Jenkins, and Young to the Audit Committee and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Wham stated that the Economic Development Committee is a Standing Council Committee for a two year term. Mr. Wham asked Council for nominations for the Economic Development Committee. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to nominate Mayor McLean and Councilmembers Roth and Neal to the Economic Development Committee and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

RULES COMMITTEE

Mr. Wham stated that the Rules Committee is a Standing Council Committee for a two year term. Mr. Wham asked Council for nominations to the Rules Committee. Councilmember Kuykendall made a motion to nominate Mayor McLean and Councilmembers Cook and Jenkins to the Rules Committee and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Wham asked Council for nominations to the Clinton Economic Development Corporation. Motion was made by Councilmember Roth to

- CORPORATION** nominate Mayor McLean to the Clinton Economic Development Corporation and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.
- YMCA BOARD** Mr. Wham asked Council for nominations to the YMCA Board for a two year term. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to nominate Councilmember Roth to the YMCA Board and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.
- PAVING** Mayor McLean stated that Council was going to tour the streets that needed paving and discuss which streets to pave. Mayor McLean stated that Laurens has received their funds from the Laurens County Transportation Commission and have paved their streets. Mayor McLean stated that if we do not move forward then the City is in danger of losing the funds. Motion was made by Mayor McLean to pave all of Forrest Street and with the balance of the funds pave a portion of South Woodrow Street and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. Mr. Wham stated that since the agenda has already been amended he recommends the Mayor making a recommendation to place this item on the next agenda. Mayor McLean stated that the item would be placed on the agenda for April 17, 2017.
- COUNCILMEMBER REPORT** Councilmember Jenkins stated that the schedule she received concerning the future Council meetings reflects the May Council meeting on the 1st and she thought Council had voted to move the meeting to the 8th. Mr. Stovall stated that the May meeting is on the 8th and that was a mistake.
- MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor McLean stated that the next budget workshop is Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that the next Council meeting is Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
- ADJOURN** With there no further business before Council motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to adjourn and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR