

APRIL 1, 2019

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Center with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Neal, Roth, and Walsh. The City Manager and the City Attorney were present. News media present were Judith Brown from the Laurens Advertiser, Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, and Randy Stephens from WLBG. Notice was emailed to all local news media on March 26, 2019.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Kenny Moore from Davidson Street Baptist 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 4. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- CITIZENS ADDRESS COUNCIL VERNON HESTON VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Vernon Heston. Mr. Heston stated that he resides at 705 Elizabeth Street and he is before Council concerning voter registration cards. Mr. Heston stated that several months ago he was before Council about where citizens could pick up a voter registration card. Mr. Heston stated that he spoke with Laurens County Registration Office and they now place the applications at the Clinton Library. Mr. Heston stated that he is also working with this office to have absentee applications available to the public. Mr. Heston asked if the City had a Noise Ordinance and Mr. Bill Cannon, City Manager, stated yes. Mr. Cannon stated that he would provide Mr. Heston with a copy.
- JENETTE MARVIN DENTAL SHARE NETWORK** Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Jenette Marvin. Ms. Marvin stated that she resides at 2063 Hwy 72 West. Ms. Marvin stated that she is before Council concerning her non-profit organization, Dental Share Network. Ms. Marvin stated that this organization provides dental care for the under-served in Laurens County. Ms. Marvin stated that the service is available for adults 21 years and older and the organization has been in existence for one year. Mayor McLean asked how would a citizen get in touch with Ms. Marvin. Ms. Marvin stated the organization could be found on the web under Dental Share Network.
- SUSAN GALLOWAY CLINTON CANOPY** Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Susan Galloway. Ms. Galloway stated that she resides at 106 E Maple Street and she is before Council concerning the Clinton Canopy. Ms. Galloway stated that the Clinton Canopy was formed in 2008 from the City's Strategic Plan.

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Ms. Galloway stated that the Clinton Canopy submitted their recommendations for parks, trees, and greenspace to Council in 2008 and the recommendations were unanimously received. Ms. Galloway stated that the City has done pretty well over the last ten years in regards to implementing Clinton Canopy's recommendations in 2008. Ms. Galloway stated that many improvements have been made to the City's parks through grants. Ms. Galloway stated that the City has also received a \$99,000 grant for Miller's Fork Trail. Ms. Galloway stated that Clinton Canopy has been involved in the Miller's Fork Trail for five years. Ms. Galloway stated that the City does have a bid within budget and she encourages Council to move forward with this project so the City does not lose the grant. Ms. Galloway stated that if the City loses this grant then this action would affect the City receiving future grants. Mr. Cannon stated that the City solicited bids three times for this project. Mr. Cannon stated that the first time the bids were \$300,000 over the project price, the second time the City did not receive any bids, and the third time the bids did not meet the specs for the project and was \$65,000 over the projected cost of the project. Mr. Cannon stated that the City cannot move forward on the project because of the issues with the third bid.

**KENNY MOORE
POLICE
RECOGNITION WEEK**

Mayor McLean recognized Reverend Kenny Moore. Reverend Moore stated that the week of May 13th is National Police Recognition Week and he would like to invite Council to a celebration on May 14, 2019 at 12:00 PM at The Ridge to recognize Laurens County Law Enforcement.

**JERRY CAMPBELL
POLITICAL SIGNS**

Mayor McLean recognized Jerry Campbell. Mr. Campbell stated that he resides at Sunset Boulevard. Mr. Campbell stated that he is before Council because Councilmember Jenkins accused him of stealing her political signs. Mr. Campbell stated that he did not take the signs. Mr. Campbell stated that Councilmember Jenkins spends more funds than any other Councilmember. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she goes to training session throughout the year and she cannot help if other Councilmembers do not.

**PROCLAMATIONS
ALCOHOL AWARENESS
AUTISM AWARENESS
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION
FINANCIAL LITERACY
SAFE DIGGING**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Proclamations proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness Month, April as Autism Awareness Month, April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, April as Financial Literacy Month, and April as Safe Digging Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Roth. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean presented Ms. Farrah Benson with the Autism Awareness Month Proclamation.

**RESOLUTION
LOST
PROPERTY TAX
CREDIT PROGRAM**

Mayor Mclean 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. Mayor Mclean stated that these funds provide equipment and training for the Police and Fire Departments. Councilmember Roth asked if the City renews this annually and Mayor McLean stated yes. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the Resolution providing for the adjustment of the Local Option Sales Tax Property Tax Credit Program and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**PALMETTO PRIDE
CITY ART
COMPETITION**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the presentation of the winners of the Palmetto Pride/City Art competition. Mayor Mclean stated that each year the City of Clinton recognizes students from School District 56 Elementary Schools and displays the student's art work on the side of the Garbage Trucks. Mayor McLean stated that the winners are: Shayne Kiselak from Eastside Elementary; Avery Barnes from Clinton Elementary; and Osvaldo Salazar-Benitez from Joanna Woodson Elementary. Mayor McLean stated that the Art Teachers involved with the contest are Ms. Anne Lane from Clinton Elementary, Brenna Spivey from Eastside Elementary, and Travis Bouknight from Joanna Woodson Elementary.

**PRESENTATION
PHILLIP RUSSELL
MUTUAL AID**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from Fire Chief Phillip Russell concerning Mutual Aid relating to a recent fire incident. Chief Russell stated that on March 17, 2019 he received a call from Union County requesting Mutual Aid due to a large liquid asphalt fire in Union County. Chief Russell stated that Union County requested the City of Clinton to bring an Arial Apparatus to the Fire Station in Union County and act as a backup if this piece of equipment was needed. Chief Russell stated that in turn the City of Clinton asked the City of Laurens to help with any Clinton fire calls during this time. Chief Russell stated that several Fire Departments worked together under the Mutual Aid without any incident. Mayor McLean asked how many buildings in Clinton require a Ladder Truck and Chief Russell stated quite a few. Chief Russell stated that the Fire Department also uses the Ladder Truck in containing a fire because the Firemen utilizes the Ladder Truck to go above the fire and contain it.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT
CHEMICALS
FILTER PLANT**

Mayor Mclean recognized Mr. Cannon. Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the purchase of water treatment chemicals for the Water Treatment Facility. Mr. Cannon stated that the City solicited bids for these chemicals for the next thirty-six months.

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Mr. Cannon stated that the chemicals are purchased from various vendors through the City's procurement process. Mr. Cannon stated that Council has before them the bids and the vendors. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the purchase of chemicals from the approved vendors for the next thirty-six months and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE
SMALL WIRELESS
FACILITIES**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Ordinance to establish the standard for the placement of small wireless facilities in covered areas in the City of Clinton. Mr. Cannon stated that City staff has received information concerning Small Wireless Facilities (SWF) and the City needs to establish rules and requirements for the SWF before they become an issue. Mr. Cannon stated that if the City does not have this Ordinance in place then companies may place the SWF anywhere they wish. Councilmember Roth asked if the City would take an inventory of these devices and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Mr. Cannon stated that City staff is in the process of using GIS to map out fire hydrants, water lines and manholes. Motion was made by Councilmember Walsh to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to establish standards for the placement of Small Wireless Facilities and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
BRIEFING
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY
LIBRARY**

Mr. Cannon recognized Mr. Jeff Wheeler from Wheeler and Wheeler to give an update on the Industrial Supply Building as it relates to an proposed library. Mr. Wheeler stated that plans for the proposed library must meet the needs of the Laurens County Library and the City as well as meet Historic Status requirements. Mr. Wheeler stated that he has met with Clinton and Laurens officials to gather information for the project. Mr. Wheeler stated that the areas of Industrial Supply which affects the project was built in 1875 to 1935. Mr. Wheeler stated that they hope to expand the Historic label to a State and National level. Mr. Wheeler stated that he has entered into a Letter of Intent with the property owners for eight parcels. Mr. Wheeler stated that this would give the library 18,000 square feet as well as retail space. Mr. Wheeler stated that he has also met with adjacent property owners to the Industrial Supply Building to discuss parking options. Mr. Wheeler stated that another step in the process is to have discussions with Laurens County and determine what they want in the library. Mr. Wheeler stated that the Laurens Library staff would like to see significant parking and open spaces on a single floor library. Mr. Wheeler stated that to achieve the open spaces interior walls would have to be removed which pose a problem with a historic renovation.

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Mr. Wheeler stated that after meeting with the State Archives Department about the interior walls a solution has been found in order to meet the Historic Status. Mr. Wheeler stated that Wheeler and Wheeler have a strong team to proceed with this project. Mr. Wheeler stated that the availability of Historic Tax Credit would help offset the cost of this project. Mr. Wheeler stated that once some of the factors in the project have been finalized then Wheeler and Wheeler would come before Council with a formal proposal. Councilmember Cook thanked Mr. Wheeler for the update. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if the CSX rights would interfere with the project. Mr. Wheeler stated that he would hire a law firm to look into the CSX right of way and Wheeler and Wheeler have already had some conversations with CSX about their right of way. Mayor Mclean stated that three of the properties belonged to the City at one time and the City sold them with a Quick Claim. Mayor McLean stated that there may be issues with the title to the properties. Mr. Wheeler stated that his company would research the titles. Councilmember Cook thanked Mr. Wheeler for bringing all of the parties involved to the table for information and discussion about the project.

**BOARDS
COMMISSIONS**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is a discussion concerning the various Boards and Commission for the City of Clinton. Mr. Cannon stated that Council has in front of them the different Boards and Commissions and the current members. Mr. Cannon stated that Council could review this information and make a decision at the next Council meeting. Mayor McLean stated that Council would need to know how long each member has been on the Board or Commission and if their term is up. Mr. Cannon stated that he would get that information to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Neal to enter into executive session to discuss one contractual matter relating to the Clinton-Laurens Fire contract and one contractual matter relating to the Recreation Complex and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mclean stated that the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce would host In the Know Breakfast on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 8:00 AM at the Piedmont Technical College Laurens Center.

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ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR