

**AUGUST 1, 2016**

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Municipal Bailey Center at 6:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Byrd, Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Scarborough, and Young. The City Attorney and the City Manager were also present. News media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stephens from WLBG, and Judith Brown from GoClinton.com. Notice was mailed and emailed to all local news media on July 28, 2016.

**INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Charles Brewington from the Open Door Ministries.

**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 June 27. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the June 27, 2016 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**CITIZENS ADDRESS COUNCIL** Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Darlene King-Summer. Ms. King-Summer stated that she is a business owner in Clinton and she is against the Main Street Program. Ms. King-Summer stated that the City should not try to rent property owner's property and should not invest tax dollars on property owner's property. Ms. King-Summer stated that the Main Street Program is taking up limited parking space to plant trees. Ms. King-Summer stated that the City's utility rates are still high and citizens have to have funds to spend money downtown and they use their money to pay their high utility bills. Ms. King-Summer stated that the City should take the tax dollars and cut trees and maintain and cut the grass. Ms. King-Summer stated that City personnel do a good job but more personnel are needed to maintain the City. Ms. King-Summer stated that the City purchased the DE Tribble Building and the building is not being used and is boarded up. Ms. King-Summer stated that she spoke with Ms. Jennifer Baldwin, a business owner, and when she moved her business she looked to relocate downtown but there is not enough parking to sustain her business. Ms. King-Summer stated that the downtown does not have enough parking for citizens. Ms. King-Summer stated that the City is putting a lot of money into the downtown building for rental property. Ms. King-Summer stated that the City should stay in the electric, water and sewer business and stay out of the rental business. Ms. King-Summer stated that the City should not hire personnel to help rent downtown businesses but the extra funds should go toward hiring personnel to maintain the City. Councilmember Scarborough stated that

he thought Ms. King-Summer is misinformed on what the Main Street Program is and hopefully Ms. King-Summer would stay and find out.

**EMILY BAILEY  
MAIN STREET PROGRAM**

Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Emily Bailey. Ms. Bailey stated that she is a property owner in Clinton and she supports the Main Street Program. Ms. Bailey stated that she owns five downtown buildings and the downtown needs to be revitalized. Ms. Bailey stated that the Main Street Program is a nationally recognized program with a great track record. Ms. Bailey stated that the City needs one person to spend all of their time on the downtown and Clinton needs to reinvent itself. Ms. Bailey stated that Clinton has a historic downtown and it needs to be revitalized. Ms. Bailey stated that she understood the City has funds in the budget for the Main Street Program and she would encourage Council to move forward with the program.

**TRECA DESHIELDS  
YOUTH SUMMIT**

Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Treca Deshields. Ms. Deshields stated that she operated The Zone in Clinton and she wanted to invite Council to an upcoming event. Ms. DeShields stated that The Zone would be hosting a Youth Summit and every year The Zone gives away approximately fifty book bags. Ms. DeShields stated that this year the Youth Summit would focus on the Clinton youth, both black and white. Ms. DeShields stated that the Youth Summit would include many speakers that she hopes would empower the youth. Ms. DeShields stated that the event would take place August 12 -14 at several locations which include the Clinton YMCA and the Miracle Church of God.

**CITY MANAGER'S  
REPORT  
PROCLAMATIONS  
BACK TO SCHOOL  
COPS AND  
COMMUNITIES**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is approval of Proclamations proclaiming August as Back to School Month and Connecting Cops and Communities Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**FRANKLIN ANDRE  
EAGLE SCOUT**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the recognition of Franklin Andre, Boy Scout Troup 111, for completing the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout. Mayor McLean presented Mr. Andre with a plaque.

**SECOND READING  
ORDINANCE  
MUSEUM COMMISSION**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance to dissolve the Museum Commission and transfer certain duties to the Office of the City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that this is in response to the Museum Commission's vote to dissolve the Board. Mr. Stovall stated that the Museum Commission voted to recommend to City Council that they be dissolved for two reasons which are to allow the

**CHARLOTTE SLICE**

members the opportunity to serve on other boards and commissions and be a service to the City and to form a stand alone non-profit historic preservation organization that can support historic preservation efforts in our community outside of the government realm. Mayor McLean interrupted Mr. Stovall and stated that he left off two citizens to address Council. I by-passed someone who had signed up to speak and I would like to give them an opportunity to speak. If you don't mind I would like to go back and give them an opportunity to speak. Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Charlotte Slice and Mr. Lawrence Young. Ms. Slice stated that her father instilled in her civic duty and honesty. Ms. Slice stated that she has contributed to the community in many ways that include serving on the Museum Commission. Ms. Slice stated during her time on the Museum Commission she has offered ideas and concerns with other Board Members as well as the Museum Director. Ms. Slice stated that dissolving the Museum Commission would not fix the issues with operations. Ms. Slice stated that a Museum always needs a Board of Directors to ensure a system of checks and balances. Ms. Slice stated that the Museum's operations should be accountable to the public. Ms. Slice stated that a Museum needs a board empowered to protect the public's interest in order to preserve the public's trust. Ms. Slice stated that an effective Board would benefit from more training, interaction with organizations on a State and Regional level and following Robert's Rule of Order. Ms. Slice stated that the public would benefit from the publications of the Board's agenda and minutes. Ms. Slice stated that people should be allowed to be involved in how the taxpayer's dollars are spent at the Museum. Ms. Slice stated that she has asked many questions but have not received any logical answers so she made a Freedom of Information Request to the Museum Director for a comprehensive inventory.

Ms. Slice stated that the Museum Commission has never received a report on any incoming artifacts to the Museum. Ms. Slice stated that ten days after her request she received an incomplete and inaccurate inventory. Ms. Slice stated that a month later the inventory list remains incomplete well beyond the fifteen day deadline required by the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Slice stated that she showed the incomplete list to Mr. Lawrence Young, Museum Commission Board Member. Ms. Slice stated that the Board Chairman was appointed by the Museum Director and the Museum Commission has been led to dissolve without sufficient information. Ms. Slice stated that because of her concerns she voted no to dissolve the Museum Commission. Ms. Slice stated that the public's interest should be protected and the public should be represented by a governing board as outlined in the 2008 Board Manual composed by the first Museum Director. Ms. Slice stated that as a citizen it is her responsibility to protect the public's interest in

**LAWRENCE YOUNG**

the Museum in letting them see the transparency and honesty going forward. Ms. Slice asked Council to postpone indefinitely the motion to dissolve the Museum Commission in order to gather more information. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Lawrence Young. Mr. Young stated that he has served on the Museum Commission for several years but currently is not serving as a Board Member. Mr. Young stated that the inventory list given to Ms. Slice recorded the Museum as receiving numerous books but Mr. Young stated that this is too vague. Mr. Young stated that while he recovered at Presbyterian Home he asked his daughter to find two items in his storage. Mr. Young stated that one was a tour guide book which mentioned Frampton Hall. Mr. Young stated that his daughter could not find the book but when he went to the Museum he saw the tour book. Mr. Young stated that the other item he asked his daughter to find were books on Scots-Irish heritage which had been signed by the author. Mr. Young stated that he is missing two books. Mr. Young stated that he asked the Museum Director about the books and did get them back from her. Mr. Young stated that when he received the books there were two black out parts in the book which had said these books belong to Elaine Thorp, Museum Director. Mr. Young stated that he is also looking for five bookcases. Mr. Young stated that he wrote a list of items he wants to back or be given credit of giving to the Museum. Mr. Young stated that the Museum needs help with the record keeping. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall. Mr. Stovall stated that at the last Council meeting City staff gave Council reasons for why it is important to have grass-roots Historic Preservation Group and listed several historic preservation wins and losses. Mr. Stovall stated that some of these historic preservations were beyond the Museum Commission's authority and that is why they propose the Historic Preservation Group. Mr. Stovall stated that the Ordinance transfers the assets of the Museum Commission to the City. Mr. Stovall stated that the Museum Commission does not have any assets but this section is included in case in the future anyone wants to argue that something belonged to the Museum Commission. Mr. Stovall stated that the Ordinance also restricts the Museum account for two uses which are Museum operations and maintenance and historic preservation projects. Mr. Stovall stated that the Museum checking account has a current balance of \$8,700. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the Museum Commission could form another organization with a board and be a private entity with a 503-C status. Mayor McLean stated not as a Museum. Mr. Stovall stated that the group would not operate as a Museum Commission but as a Historic Preservation Organization. Mr. Stovall stated that they would support the Museum but they would not be a public body and would not use public tax dollars.

Mayor McLean asked how much does the City fund the Museum in a year and Mr. Stovall stated approximately \$60,000. Mayor McLean asked how much are the donations and Mr. Stovall stated \$6,000 to \$10,000 a year.

Mayor McLean stated that the City is the primary benefactor to the Museum. Mr. Stovall stated that the City funds the Museum.

Councilmember Byrd asked how the City would resolve the issues raised tonight. Mr. Stovall stated that Ms. Slice did submit a Freedom of Information Act and the City had fifteen days to respond. Mr. Stovall stated that the Museum Director produced an inventory list. Mr. Stovall stated that Ms. Slice requested a list of citizens who have made donations to the Museum over the past five years and the City gave her the list. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff was not aware Ms. Slice had concerns and questions about the supplied information. Mr. Stovall stated that when the City receives a Freedom of Information Act request the City states that if the recipient does not agree with the information then they should contact the City. Mr. Stovall stated that since Mr. Young thinks the Museum has stolen his property then City staff, Mr. Young, and Public Safety would have a discussion on the matter. Mayor McLean stated might it be good to wait to vote on the second reading till we resolve these issues. Councilmember Jenkins asked what was the count to resolve the Museum Commission. Mr. Stovall stated that it was five to one with one member absent. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to dissolve the Museum Commission and transfer the duties to the Office of the City Manager. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she made the motion because the Museum Commission voted to dissolve and Council should act upon it. Councilmember Byrd stated that she would go along with the motion as long as the issues are addressed. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he would like to resolve the issues before the vote. Mayor McLean stated that Council has a motion but no second. Councilmember Young made a motion to table the Ordinance until the issues concerning stolen property and Freedom of Information Act information are resolved and then the Ordinance is brought back before Council and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Stovall stated that he understands that Council wants City staff to verify the Freedom of Information Act information was correct and investigate the matter of stolen property and Councilmember Young stated yes.

**FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE  
ANTI-TETHERING**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Anti-Tethering Ordinance. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff was asked to investigate Anti-Tethering Regulations as in regards to animal control. Mr. Stovall stated that Anti-Tethering Regulations are Ordinances designed to prohibit or limit the amount of time that a dog may be tied out or tethered outside. Mr. Stovall stated that the Humane Society of

the United States encourages localities to adopt Ordinances that prohibit or limit tethering to improve the health and well-being of dogs. Mr. Stovall stated that the Humane Society reports the following in regards to dog tethering: Dogs are social animals and being constantly tied up outside can lead to loneliness and boredom which can lead to an increase in aggressive behavior; Chained dogs are at risk from extreme weather conditions and often lack basic care such as water, food, and shelter; Chained dogs bark more. The Humane Society reports that the Centers for Disease Control found in a study that chained dogs were 2.8 times more likely to bite and more aggressive towards children. Mr. Stovall stated that the current City code addresses animals and includes no owner or keeper of any dog shall permit such dog to run at large or unrestrained at any time.

All dogs shall be kept under restraint at all times. Mr. Stovall stated that there are five types of Anti-Tethering Regulations. Mr. Stovall stated that the first type is outright ban in that no unattended tethering allowed. Mr. Stovall stated that another Regulation is time restriction and limits which is developing certain times and/or time periods throughout the day that dogs can be tethered. Mr. Stovall stated that the next Regulation is restrictions for extreme weather which applies to hot or cold weather and usually addresses specific temperatures and conditions. Mr. Stovall stated there are Regulations with restrictions on tethering type, length, and manner. Mr. Stovall stated that these Regulations set forth guidelines on the type of material the tether can be made of, the length of the tether in relation to the dog's size and living space, and limits as to what the tether can be attached to. Mr. Stovall stated that the last Regulations are the Standard of Care Regulations. Mr. Stovall stated that these Regulations provide the minimum standards of care for all dogs. Mr. Stovall stated that while this type of code might not keep a dog off a tether it will ensure a humane quality of life for the animal. Mr. Stovall presented Council with a listing of Cities that also had Anti-Tethering Regulations. Mr. Stovall stated that none of the Cities outright ban tethering but the Cities had certain combinations of the Anti-Tethering Regulations. Mr. Stovall stated that most of these Cities had Regulations in regards to the type of tether and the standard of care for dogs. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff put together five options for Council to consider. Mr. Stovall stated that the first option is to take no action and not change the current Ordinance. Mr. Stovall stated that the next option is to prohibit tethering. Mr. Stovall stated that Council may instruct City staff to prepare an Ordinance that prohibits the tethering of animals inside the City limits. Mr. Stovall stated that this option would make violations easy to spot but it is not recommended by City staff due to the fact it severely limits the options of dog owners. Mr. Stovall stated that the third option is to adopt a standard of care requirement. Mr. Stovall

stated that Council may adopt an Ordinance that allows tethering but limits the type, material, and design of the tether and ensures the animal is provided with adequate water, food, and shelter. Mr. Stovall stated that this option is recommended by staff due to the ease of enforcement, the fact that it improves the conditions of the animal, and does not place an undue burden on the pet owner. Mr. Stovall stated that the next option is allow tethering with strict time limits. Mr. Stovall stated that this option includes standards of care and strictly limits that amount of time the animal could be tethered outside. Mr. Stovall stated that the fifth option is to allow tethering with less restrictive time limits. Mr. Stovall stated that this option includes standards of care and loosely limits the amount of time an animal may be tethered outside. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff prepared an Ordinance that includes option three or option five. Mayor Mclean stated that we have been given two Ordinances to choose from. Mayor Mclean stated that the first one has no tethering limits and the dog could spend his entire life chained up. Mayor McLean stated that the second one would be impossible to enforce with a nine hour limit. Councilmember Young asked who would enforce the Ordinance and Mr. Stovall stated that Public Safety would enforce the Ordinance. Mr. Stovall stated that the City does not have an Animal Control Officer. Mayor McLean stated that he would like for the City to look at Greenville and Anderson's Ordinances and add them to these two and let Council decide between the four of them. Mr. Stovall stated that to change the Ordinance before Council regarding the time limits to Greenville's Ordinance would be to change the time limits for tethering the dog to not allowing the animal to be tethered for more than two hours in a ten to twelve hour period.

Mayor McLean stated that Anderson's Ordinance includes no extreme weather. Councilmember Byrd stated that the standard of care option is the best because some pet owners do not have an option of taking the dog off the tether. Councilmember Byrd stated that to require the pet owner to take the pet off the tether would be setting a pet owner up for a liability. Councilmember Byrd stated that she would not vote for an Ordinance requiring the dog to be off the tether. Mayor McLean stated that so a dog could spend its entire life chained up. Councilmember Byrd stated that chaining the dog up does not mean the pet owner does not love his pet. Mayor McLean stated that you do not need a dog. Councilmember Byrd stated that her family member needs a dog and he takes care of the dog. Mayor McLean asked chained up and Councilmember Byrd stated yes. Councilmember Byrd stated that if the dog gets off the chain he may bite someone he does not know. Mayor McLean stated that is exactly what Mr. Stovall said dogs that stay chained up become more aggressive dogs. Mr. Stovall stated that the Humane Society stated that chained dogs become more aggressive. Mayor

McLean stated that he would like to see two more Ordinances to consider besides these two. Mr. Stovall stated the one of the Ordinances before Council is the Greenville's Ordinance with the difference being the time limit. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the Greenville Ordinance and the Anderson Ordinance states the animal must be off the tether every two hours out of a twelve hour period. Mayor McLean stated that one has limits on extreme weather. Councilmember Scarborough asked if the Mayor would like to see the extreme weather option incorporated into the Ordinance and Mayor McLean stated yes. Councilmember Byrd asked about pet owners who work and cannot take the dog off the tether. Councilmember Byrd stated that having a time limit is not practical for many people. Councilmember Young stated that taking the dog off the tether every two hours out of a twelve hour period would be an undue burden on the owner. Councilmember Young stated that while he does not think the animal should be tethered all the time the City should impose a limit on citizens. Councilmember Byrd stated that she would agree with a standard of care option but she would not approve any type of time limit for tethering a dog. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she would make a motion to go with option three, the one recommended by City staff. Mayor McLean stated that we have two proposed Ordinances to choose from and Council has to choose from one of them. Mr. Stovall stated that Greenville's Ordinance requires the pet owner to be within visual site of the tethered animal. Council and Mr. Stovall discussed the difference between the proposed Ordinances and Greenville's Ordinance. Councilmember Cook stated that Council needs to define extreme weather. Councilmember Cook stated that Council keeps referring back to Greenville's Ordinance but Council needs to determine what the City's Ordinance would be. Councilmember Cook stated that the City's Ordinance should be defined in order to help the Public Safety Department to enforce the Ordinance. Mayor McLean stated that extreme heat affects dog breeds differently. Councilmember Cook stated that City staff could discuss extreme heat and the different types of tethers with local veterinarians and then bring the information back to Council. Mr. Stovall asked Council if they wanted to see a time limit in the Ordinance and Council wanted the veterinarian's opinion. Mr. Stovall asked Council if they wanted City staff to bring an Ordinance along with the veterinarian's opinion on extreme heat and the types of tethers back to Council. Mayor Mclean stated that City staff could bring two to three Ordinances and Council could consider them. Councilmember Byrd stated that she did not want any time limits. After some discussion Council decided to table the Ordinance until the next Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION  
REIMBURSEMENT  
UTILITY REVENUE  
BOND**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Reimbursement Resolution in advance of potential Utility Revenue Bond issuance. Mr. Stovall stated that the SCDOT has announced plans to repave a portion of South Broad Street. Mr. Stovall stated that the City's water and sewer lines running under South Broad Street are very old. Mr. Stovall stated that the City could use this opportunity to reduce costs associated with the replacement of water and sewer lines under South Broad Street. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has requested the SCDOT submit their paving plans and the City has also retained an engineer to look at the water lines. Mr. Stovall stated that the rough estimate for the water line replacement is \$1.4 million. Mr. Stovall stated that he expects to repair the sewer line would cost as much or more. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has before them a Reimbursement Resolution that allows the City to reimburse itself from the bonds proceeds for costs incurred while planning for the project. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would track the engineering costs associated with this project and reimburse the funds from the Utility Revenue Bond back to the City. Mr. Stovall stated that after the engineer's cost assessment of the project Council may choose to proceed with the project and issue a Utility Revenue Bond to fund the project. Mr. Stovall stated that the Resolution allows the City to spend funds to determine if Council wishes to pursue this project and when the bond is issued the City would reimburse itself so the City's budget remains whole. Mr. Stovall stated that this does not obligate Council to move forward with the project or bond the Resolution just protects the City's budget if Council does move forward with the project. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the Reimbursement Resolution in advance of potential Utility Revenue Bond issuance and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION  
MAIN STREET  
PROGRAM**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a Resolution endorsing the implementation of the Main Street Program and authorizing the City of Clinton to apply to be a Main Street Community and approving a three-year commitment to support the program contingent upon annual appropriations. Mr. Stovall stated that there are several items for discussion regarding the Main Street Program which include reasons to move forward with the Main Street Program, impact in other communities, impact felt in Clinton due to the lack of a Main Street Program, financial impact to the City budget, current public opinion, and if not the Main Street Program then what is the solution. Mr. Stovall stated that the Main Street Program is a National Program that is used across the Country in Communities the same size as Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the primary object is to use a four point approach to foster economic development and historic preservation. Mr. Stovall stated that one approach is the Main Street Program being a public and

private effort with one common goal. Mr. Stovall stated that the Program also includes promotions such as special events and festivals. Mr. Stovall stated that the Program would include joint advertising. Mr. Stovall stated that the downtown businesses as well as the City would advertise the downtown as a destination. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would support the local businesses in their efforts to promote their business. Mr. Stovall stated that the third point is design in that the Main Street Program would create an attractive environment. Mr. Stovall stated that the fourth point is economic restructuring which would include retaining existing businesses and managing market forces.

Mr. Stovall stated that the Main Street Program is not a program the City would implement and then leave but rather the program has specific goals the City would be required to meet. Mr. Stovall stated that some benefits to the Main Street Program include a multi-day visit from the Resource Team, a Work Plan Development to plan the direction of the program and to develop a three-year plan, a two-day workshop designed for staff, volunteers, local officials, and committee members focusing on a thorough review and understanding of the Main Street Program, technical assistance visits, quarterly meetings to give everyone an opportunity to share information relating to the Program, one-day design training for staff and board members and also design assistance, and a six-month and annual evaluation visits to determine the progress and success of the program. Mr. Stovall stated that the cost to participate in the Main Street Program the first year is \$10,000, the second and third year is \$7,500, and \$5,000 for each year after year three. Mr. Stovall stated that the higher cost for year one is because the Main Street staff would be more involved with the City in helping the City start the program. Mr. Stovall stated that the City budgeted \$54,000 for personnel and that does include salary and benefits. Mr. Stovall stated that the budget includes \$50,000 for operation costs for the first year and costs for year two and three would be determined by budget appropriations. Mr. Stovall stated that \$50,000 was included in the budget for special events. Mr. Stovall stated that the operations and special events funds have existed in the budget for several years and these funds would be shifted over to the Community and Economic Development budget. Mr. Stovall stated that the only new funding to the budget is personnel and that is a requirement of the Main Street Program to have dedicated personnel to work on the program. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has tried many times to revitalize the downtown but these previous efforts did not follow the nationally recognized approach and the program was only partially staffed. Mr. Stovall stated that the impact of the Main Street Program in North Carolina over the past thirty years shows for every \$1 the public sector spent on the Main Street Program a private investor invested \$1.10 in the Community. Mr. Stovall stated that the

Main Street Program has affected Iowa in that since the recession nearly 1,000 jobs statewide each year and increased property tax revenues by ten million annually. Mr. Stovall stated that the City's experiences in economic development have proven that a Main Street Program is needed. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2015 a German based company narrowed their lists of potential sites to Clinton and Auburn. Mr. Stovall stated that City Officials were told that Auburn had a better downtown and was neater. Mr. Stovall stated that the City lost a forty million dollar investment and fifty jobs. Mr. Stovall stated that a Canadian based company picked Memphis over Clinton in 2015 because there was nowhere nice to take clients out to eat. Mr. Stovall stated that Clinton lost a ninety million dollar investment and 150 jobs. Mr. Stovall stated that a regional company determined not to build a restaurant in 2016 because the City did not have a downtown program. Mr. Stovall stated the City lost a one million dollar investment and fifteen jobs. Mr. Stovall stated that the company is locating two facilities in towns in our region with both of these towns having a strong downtown program. Mayor McLean asked where the towns are and do these towns have a Main Street Program. Mr. Stovall stated that they have stronger downtown programs than Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the two towns are Fountain Inn and Newberry. Mayor McLean stated that Auburn, Alabama have 89,000 residents, 27,000 students, 182 restaurants, a Lowes, a Home Depot, 3 Walmart's and a Target. Mayor McLean stated that we are never going to be Auburn, Alabama.

Mayor McLean stated that they have a much nicer downtown and a larger downtown. Mayor McLean stated that when it comes to Memphis they are going to have nicer restaurants. Mayor McLean stated that there are 2300 restaurants in Memphis. Mayor McLean stated that we are not going to be Memphis either. Mayor McLean stated that these cannot be the reasons why these companies did not come to Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that he did not think Clinton could be Auburn or Memphis but the potential companies gave these reasons for not picking Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that having a downtown program may not help the City win any of these projects but these companies are not telling the City our workforce or population does not meet their needs. Mayor McLean stated that he does not think these are the reasons the companies did not come here. Mayor McLean stated that you are comparing a mustard seed to a watermelon when you start comparing us to those Cities. Mr. Stovall stated that he is just letting Council know the reasons the companies told City staff for not locating in Clinton. Mayor McLean stated that he talked with one of them and the president stated that he wanted a nice place to eat. Mayor McLean stated that Clinton does have nice restaurants that do a good job for the City. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the restaurants are good in Clinton but the City does not have

a very nice restaurant. Mayor McLean stated Clinton does not have the economy to support that type of restaurant. Mayor McLean stated that he thinks we are doing things in the right direction like the Lawrence Young building. Mayor McLean stated that we spent \$120,000 and someone else will spend \$800,000 on the building. Mayor McLean stated that until we have industry here or jobs here you cannot artificially stimulate an economy. Mayor McLean stated that he does not think this is the magic silver bullet. Mayor McLean asked how long has Laurens had the Main Street Program and Mr. Stovall stated that he did not know. Mayor Mclean stated that he went through their town today and they have fourteen empty buildings and three restaurants. Mayor McLean stated that we have thirteen empty buildings and eight restaurants. Mayor McLean stated that he does not think this is the magic silver bullet. Councilmember Scarborough stated that no one is saying the Main Street Program is the magic bullet. Mayor McLean stated that this is a lot of money over a three year period. Mayor Mclean stated that over three years this is a \$280,000 cost. Mayor McLean stated that he would like to see what they are doing in Newberry. Mayor Mclean stated that Newberry has a vibrant downtown. Mayor McLean stated that Newberry has a Ninety-Ten Grant which means for every \$10,000 a business owner spends on their building downtown the City of Newberry picks up 90% of the cost. Mayor McLean stated that rather than paying Administrative salaries because the City has added six to seven Administrative positions to the City in the last two years and now you want to add another one. Mayor McLean stated that he would rather see the dollars show up on the buildings. Mr. Stovall stated that the City does not have anyone who could manage the program. Mayor McLean stated that the City has added seven people and the City does not have anyone who could do this job. Councilmember Scarborough stated that he participated in an Economic Development class in Hartsville and the City of Hartsville is a member of this program. Councilmember Scarborough stated that their City Manager encouraged the City to participate in the Main Street Program. Councilmember Scarborough stated that their downtown area is totally revitalized. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the Hartsville City Manager told him that out of the top five things Hartsville did to revitalize their downtown joining the Main Street Program was second on their list.

Councilmember Scarborough stated that the first item on their list was to hire the right person to manage the Main Street Program. Mayor McLean stated that their average income in Hartsville is in the \$40,000 range and the average income in Clinton is \$24,000. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the City could get to \$40,000 by economic development. Councilmember Scarborough stated that economic development is a multi-facet with many pieces to it. Councilmember

Scarborough stated that not only is industry important to economic development but also small businesses. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the Main Street Program is an investment in the City's local businesses. Councilmember Scarborough stated that if the City does not participate in this program then we are sending a negative message to Clinton's local businesses. Councilmember Scarborough stated that 99% of businesses in the United States are considered a small business. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the City needs to have thriving small businesses in Clinton and the Main Street Program is a way to accomplish this. Mayor McLean stated that the Ninety-Ten Grant that Newberry uses allow the businesses to spend the money directly on their businesses. Mayor McLean stated that the money is not going out in salaries or to the Municipal Association but staying in Clinton. Mayor McLean stated that he liked that plan. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff would like to do that type of program but understand Newberry has a department to work on the program. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2015 Council approved a Strategic Plan implementing a Main Street Program and hiring a Downtown Director. Mr. Stovall stated that Council needed to give him direction if the plan has changed because he can only operate within the road map Council has given him. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the Citizen's National Survey shows Council that citizens want an improved downtown. Councilmember Scarborough stated that this view comes from citizens who live in Clinton. Mayor McLean stated that based on figures given to him it would cost \$287,000 over three years. Mayor McLean asked if it was required for three years and Mr. Stovall stated that the Main Street Program is encouraged to use for three years. Mr. Stovall stated that the funds budgeted in operations is to help support local businesses with façade grants and sign grants. Mr. Stovall stated that he would like to see the City help improve the buildings to make them more energy efficient. Councilmember Young stated that when he was a teenager Clinton was a thriving Community. Councilmember Young stated that Clinton had the textile mills and Torrington. Councilmember Young stated that Clinton had four drugstores located downtown along with many retail stores. Councilmember Young stated that the local industry enabled citizens to have money to spend downtown. Councilmember Young stated that currently the medium income in Clinton is \$24,000 to \$28,000. Councilmember Young stated that citizens need money in their pockets in order to spend it. Councilmember Scarborough stated that he grew up in Monks Corner and he could say the same thing about his town. Councilmember Scarborough stated that Monks Corner is now part of the Main Street Program. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the exact same thing happened in Monks Corner's downtown. Mayor McLean stated that he was taking control back of the meeting. Mayor McLean stated that you could not

talk back and forth. Councilmember Scarborough stated that he was just making a comment on what Councilmember Young said. Mayor McLean stated that he wanted to go back to the business. Councilmember Cook stated that downtown and economic development go together.

Councilmember Cook stated that the City has already made strides in economic development in the form of the spec pad and building.

Councilmember Cook stated that the City needs to draw people toward Clinton. Councilmember Cook stated that the City needs to invest in Clinton as a whole and not just the downtown. Councilmember Cook stated that it would take the economic development of industry and improving the downtown to happen at the same time. Councilmember Cook stated that the City should try the Main Street Program. Councilmember Cook stated that Council needs to do what is best for the entire City and move forward but have the ability to stop the program if it does not work. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he does not want to go into the Main Street Program with an attitude to pull out of the program when the first problem comes up. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he sees both sides of the issue but the City has already made some good economic development investments and the City needs to keep going in that direction. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the City needs to go into the Main Street Program with enthusiasm and energy. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he understands the City has tried this in the past and he understands that the City no longer currently has jobs to offer citizens but Council has to start somewhere. Councilmember Jenkins stated that people do not like changes but there comes a time when we have to make the changes. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the Main Street Program is a good place to start to make the changes to Clinton. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the implementation of the Main Street Program and authorize the City Manager to apply to be a Main Street Community and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was five to two with Councilmember Young and Mayor McLean voting no.

**LCWSC  
RATE CHANGE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is information pertaining to the sewer treatment cost adjustment. Mr. Stovall stated that the sewer bill citizens receive are made up of four components which are collection, treatment, inflow and infiltration, and a sewer treatment cost adjustment. Mr. Stovall stated that the purpose of the collection rate is to collect enough revenue to cover the costs of personnel, equipment, operations, and maintenance of the Sanitary Sewer Collection System on an annual basis. Mr. Stovall stated that the collection rate is adjusted as needed by Council. Mr. Stovall stated that the current base fee is \$7.88 with a volumetric rate of \$2.52 per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Stovall stated that the collection rate per gallon is \$.00384

and if a customer uses 6,000 gallons per month then their collection rate would be \$23.06. Mr. Stovall stated that the purpose of the treatment rate is to collect enough revenue to pay for the treatment of sewer that is charged back to the City by LCWSC for sewer treatment for each gallon of sewer treated. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2016 Council reduced the rate for this charge and tied that rate to the rate charged by LCWSC to the City. Mr. Stovall stated that the treatment rate moves up if LCWSC increases their charge to the City in an automatic manner. Mr. Stovall stated that the current rate is \$3.53 per 1,000 gallons and the rate per gallon is \$.00353. Mr. Stovall stated that if a customer uses 6,000 gallons of water then their treatment rate would cost \$21.18 per month. Mr. Stovall stated that the purpose of the inflow and infiltration rate is to collect revenue to provide funds for sewer rehabilitation and repair in the form of larger capital projects. Mr. Stovall stated that these funds are held in a special account and is only used to repair and maintain the Sewer System. Mr. Stovall stated that this rate can only be adjusted by Council and the current rate is \$3.00 per residential customer. Mr. Stovall stated that the rate per gallon is \$.0005 and if a customer uses 6,000 gallons of water then his inflow and infiltration rate would be \$3.00 per month.

Mr. Stovall stated that the sewer treatment cost adjustment is due to high levels of inflow and infiltration in the Sewer System the City created the Sewer Treatment Cost Adjustment factor which is designed to fairly recoup costs charged to the City by LCWSC for the treatment of inflow and infiltration of water into the Sewer System. Mr. Stovall stated that in the past the City did not cover the inflow and infiltration and would have to take revenues from the collection rate to cover these charges. Mr. Stovall stated that as the Sewer System's conditions improve then the rate will automatically adjust downward. Mr. Stovall stated that the rate is adjusted every six months to make up for losses incurred by the Sewer Utility due to inflow and infiltration. Mr. Stovall stated that the current volumetric rate is \$1.32 per 1,000 gallon and the rate per gallon is \$0.00132. Mr. Stovall stated that if a customer uses 6,000 gallons of water their Sewer Treatment Cost Adjustment would be \$7.92 per month. Mr. Stovall stated that LCWSC sent the City a rate increase which is a 4% increase in 2016 with a rate of \$3.67 per gallon; a 3% rate increase in 2017 with a rate of \$3.78 per gallon; a 3% rate increase in 2018 with a rate of \$3.89 per gallon; a rate increase of 3% in 2019 with a rate of \$4.01 per gallon. Mr. Stovall stated that the impact on a customer's utility bill would be \$.84 per month or \$10.08 per year. Mr. Stovall stated that the rate increase for 2016 would show on the August utility bills.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS</b>	Mr. Stovall stated that the ground has been broken for the speculative building. Mr. Stovall stated that the CEDC has approved the sale of the Young Building to a developer. Mr. Stovall stated that the annual independent audit has begun and their report should be ready for Council in December. Mr. Stovall stated that he would like to recognize Ms. Lacresha Dowdy, Clerk of Court, for being named the Vice President of the Municipal Court Clerks Association.
<b>ECONOMID DEV AUDIT PERSONNEL</b>	
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter relating to merging animal control services between the City of Clinton and Laurens County and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.
<b>OPEN SESSION</b>	Mayor McLean declared Council back in open session. Mayor McLean stated that one contractual matter was discussed and no action was taken.
<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>	Councilmember Cook stated that the Audit Committee met with the audit firm and feel comfortable moving forward with the audit as planned by City staff.
<b>MAYOR'S REPORT</b>	<p>Mayor McLean stated Town Rhythms had a great band Thursday night. Mayor McLean stated that he wished the City would move one of the Town Rhythms to October or November and do it on a PC weekend. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the City should delay the Flight of the Dove and host both events on the same weekend. Mayor McLean stated that Tuesday, August 2, 2016 is National Night Out at the Oak Street Park at 5:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 2:00 PM the City would hold an informational meeting with Connecting Cops and Communities at Tallwood Homes. Mayor McLean stated that Thursday, August 4, 2016 Magnolia Bloom would host a ribbon cutting at 3:00 PM at 101 Musgrove Street and host an open house from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.</p> <p>Mayor McLean stated that Tuesday, August 9, 2016 The Ridge in Laurens would hold a grand opening at 10:00 AM. Mayor McLean stated that Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM the City would host a Town Rhythms featuring PC Red and Almost Blue Band. Mayor McLean stated that the next scheduled Council meeting is Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Center. Mayor McLean stated that we have seven people on Council and we are on the same team. Mayor McLean stated that we may not always agree but we are on the same team. Mayor McLean stated that Council has decided to move forward with the Main Street Program and he would whole heartily support the program.</p>

Mayor McLean stated that good discussion makes for a good government. We have had a spirited discussion tonight and he appreciates everyone on Council.

**COUNCILMEMBER'S  
REPORT**

Councilmember Cook stated that he enjoyed the Town Rhythms.

Councilmember Young stated that he enjoyed the Town Rhythms. Councilmember Young stated that many people from out of town came to the event. Councilmember Young thanked City staff for the information regarding the proposed Tether Ordinance.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked the City Manager and City staff for their work on the National Night Out event.

Councilmember Kuykendall asked the City Manager to contact Ms. Janice Hicks regarding bringing a train replica to Clinton. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if City staff could contact the local flower clubs to work on the area at the Shell Station. Councilmember Young stated that the City could contact Clemson Extension's Master Gardener Program to use that area as a project for the class.

Councilmember Scarborough thanked the City Manager and his staff for the information brought before Council tonight.

**ADJOURN**

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

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**MAYOR**