

AUGUST 7, 2017

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Center at 6:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Kuykendall, Neal, Roth, and Young. The Interim City Manager and the City Attorney were also present. News media present were Wally Gallian from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stephens from WLBG and Judith Brown from the Laurens Advertiser. Notice was mailed and emailed to all local news media on July 31, 2017.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Reverend Jeri Perkins from the First Presbyterian Church.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE Mayor McLean asked Council and the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES Mayor McLean stated that each Councilmember has received the minutes from the July 3, 2017 Council meeting and the July 24, 2017 Special Called Council meeting. Mayor Mclean asked if there are any corrections to these minutes. Mayor Mclean stated that hearing no corrections and with no objections the minutes are approved as printed and distributed to Council.

CITIZENS ADDRESS
COUNCIL
MARTHA CUNNINGHAM
BLUFORD ST Mayor Mclean recognized Martha Cunningham. Ms. Cunningham stated that she lives at 160 Bluford Street and she is before Council concerning abandoned old houses and trees that have fallen. Ms. Cunningham stated that Bluford Street is very narrow and the trash trucks that come to the dead end of the road have torn the road up. Ms. Cunningham stated that she picks up the trash in her neighborhood and would appreciate some help from the City. Ms. Cunningham stated that she would like for the City to repair the road, clean out the ditches, and keep the trees cut. Ms. Cunningham stated that she lives at the dead end of the street and several cars have run off the road because they were not aware the street was a dead end street. Ms. Cunningham stated that she has asked for a barricade to be placed at the end of the street so people would know they are entering a dead end street.

SYLVIA JONES
TREE
LEWIS STREET Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Sylvia Jones. Ms. Jones stated that she lives at 111 Lewis Street and she is before Council concerning a tree in the road. Ms. Jones stated that a tree is hanging over in the road on Lewis Street and the tree looks like it will fall. Ms. Jones stated that she has called and asked for the tree to be taken down. Ms. Jones stated that part of the tree fell in the road today and the City removed the limbs. Ms. Jones stated that part of the road is in the County and part is in the City. Ms. Jones stated that she has called the City, Laurens County, and the State about the tree. Ms. Jones stated that she cannot find anyone who

would take responsibility for the tree. Mayor McLean stated that part of the road is in the City limits and part is not. Mayor McLean asked Mr. Satterfield, Interim City Manager, to look into the matter and he agreed.

**ANNETTE LEE
JOHNNY PEAKE
FOOTBALL**

Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Annette Lee and Mr. Johnny Peake. Ms. Lee stated that they were before Council regarding a tackle football organization. Ms. Lee stated that the organization has raised money for the football league and would like for the City to contribute to the tackle football league. Ms. Lee stated that School District 56 has given them permission to use the field next to MS Bailey for the football games and practices. Ms. Lee stated that 105 children from the ages of six to twelve are participating in the league and thirty-one cheerleaders from the ages of five to twelve are participating.

Ms. Lee stated that some of the children who participate are from low income families and are considered high risk children and children from high income families also participate. Ms. Lee asked Council to provide funds in order for them to purchase a score board. Ms. Lee invited Council to come out to the practices or the games. Mr. Peake stated that they participated in the Lauren's football league last year but wanted to start their own in Clinton. Mr. Peake asked where Council was in hiring a new City Manager and Mayor McLean stated that Council is now in the process of taking applications for the position.

**LAWRENCE YOUNG
MUSEUM**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Lawrence Young. Mr. Young stated that he has now received all of his books from the Museum. Mr. Young stated that he would like to know the status of the Museum because he has been talking about it for a year. Mr. Young stated that the Museum needs to be opened up so people can enjoy the artifacts at the Museum. Mr. Young stated that the Museum is not a money maker but could pay for some of its expenses. Mr. Young stated that the tax money pays to keep up streets and the tax money should be used to keep up the Museum.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT
PROCLAMATIONS
CLINTON GOES BACK
TO SCHOOL
CONNECTING COPS**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Satterfield. Mr. Satterfield stated that Council has before them Proclamations proclaiming August as Clinton Goes Back to School Month and August as Connecting Cops and Communities Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**RUSSELL HUBRIGHT
FORESTRY
COMMISSION**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from Russell Hubright, Forest Management Chief, from the SC Forestry Commission. Mr. Hubright stated that the City has recently earned three awards from the SC Forestry Commission which is the Tree City USA

Award, Tree Line USA Award, and the Tree Campus USA Award. Mr. Hubright stated that Clinton is the only Community in South Carolina to earn the three awards. Mr. Hubright stated that the Tree City USA Award is for a City who is committed to managing their public trees. Mr. Hubright stated that the criteria that must be met to win the award are a formation of a Tree Board, the Forestry spends two dollars per citizen, an adoption of a Public Tree Ordinance, and a celebration of Arbor Day each year. Mr. Hubright stated that the Tree Line USA Award recognizes utility providers that follow practices that protect and promote healthy trees while continuing to deliver safe and reliable power. Mr. Hubright stated that the utility provider must practice quality tree care, sponsorship of public education for tree planting initiatives, and host annual worker training. Mr. Hubright stated that this is the third year Presbyterian College has won the Tree Campus USA Award. Mr. Hubright stated that the Tree Campus USA Award is given to campuses that show outstanding dedication to the campus' environment. Mr. Hubright stated that the criteria for this award are following arboriculture practices, promotion of tree care education, and investment of personnel and financial resources. Mr. Hubright presented Council along with the Clinton Tree Canopy Group and the Presbyterian College President the awards.

**SECOND READING
ORDINANCE
BUSINESS LICENSE**

Mayor McLean stated that Council has been asked to consider the second reading of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 18, Article I of the Code of the City of Clinton. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the second reading of the Ordinance to amend Chapter 18 and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE
ZONE PROPERTY
901-35-010-048
901-35-01-047**

Mayor McLean stated that City staff has requested Council to approve the first reading of an Ordinance for the zoning of approximately 16.367 acres tax map numbers 901-35-010-048 and 901-35-01-047 to I-1 Industrial District. Councilmember Young made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to zone tax map numbers 901-35-010-048 and 901-35-01-047 to I-1 Industrial District and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
BRIEF
DERELICT HOUSING**

Mayor Mclean recognized Mr. Satterfield. Mr. Satterfield stated that the City has completed the project of removing dilapidated houses. Mr. Satterfield stated that the City removed fourteen dwellings at an average cost of \$3,500 per dwelling. Mayor Mclean stated that is significant due to the fact the City usually takes down two houses per year at a cost of about \$15,000 per house.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to go into executive session to discuss one contractual matter relating to the Whitten Center Project, one economic development matter relating to the funding of a potential new speculative building, one legal matter relating to Public Safety, one personnel matter relating to the Department of Public safety, and one personnel matter relating to 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 one contractual matter, one economic development matter, one legal matter, and two personnel matters were discussed and no action was taken.

**SPECULATIVE
BUILDING**

Motion was made by Councilmember Cook for Council to approve a internal transfer of \$439,000 from the current Economic Development fund to the CEDC fund in order to construct a new speculative building and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORT**

Councilmember Cook asked the Interim City Manager to check on how well the County's Animal Control Department is working for the City. Councilmember Cook stated that in the College View area a small red fox has been seen. Councilmember Cook stated that the fox roams in citizen's yards and citizens are concerned about it.

Councilmember Young stated that he would like to thank the Interim City Manager for the reports he has given Council. Councilmember Young stated that he appreciates the work Mr. Satterfield is doing.

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that Mr. Satterfield was doing a wonderful job. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the Flight of the Dove is coming up. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the Mayor has a letter from the Governor recognizing Hospice of Laurens County for their efforts. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the Flight of the Dove brings in many participants from within the State as well as outside the State. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the Flight of the Dove is the biggest fund raising event by Hospice of Laurens County.

Councilmember Roth stated that he appreciated the work Mr. Satterfield has been doing. Councilmember Roth congratulated the City on winning the three awards for tree management.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean stated that Tuesday August 8, 2017 at 5:30 PM the Design and Review Board will hold their August meeting. Mayor McLean stated that Thursday August 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM the City would host a Town Rhythms featuring Blue Monday. Mayor McLean stated that Friday August 18 at 7:00 PM the City would host a Town Rhythms featuring the Carolina Coast Band. Mayor McLean stated that Saturday August 19 at 8:00 AM is the Flight of the Dove. Mayor McLean stated that Thursday August 24 at 6:00 PM the City would host the final Town Rhythms and Presbyterian College on the Square featuring the Swinging Medallions. Mayor McLean stated that the next Council meeting would Monday September 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR