

DECEMBER 5, 2016

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Center at 6:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Byrd, Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Scarborough, and Young. The City Manager and the City Attorney were also present. Local 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 Monday, November 28, 2016.

INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Reverend Jerry Harris from the Church of Christ.
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 November 7. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the November 7, 2016 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.
CITIZENS ADDRESS COUNCIL	Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Lawrence Young. Mr. Young stated that he is before Council concerning a list he gave the City of items he has been credited for giving to the Museum and items that he has not been credited for. Mr. Young stated that he has received some of his items but still would like to get four books back from the Museum. Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Charlotte Slice. Ms. Slice stated that she was before Council regarding the Museum. Ms. Slice stated that the problems she has uncovered at the Museum may be an inconvenient truth for some people. Ms. Slice stated that some people may choose to ignore the truth and some people may try to hide the truth and blame it on the messenger. Ms. Slice stated that the problems at the Clinton Museum will not disappear until the issues are dealt with openly and honestly. Ms. Slice stated that she has experienced intimidation concerning the Museum that Council and the public are unaware of. Ms. Slice stated that the IRS tax status was discovered by City staff in January 2016 but no one bothered to inform the Museum Board about the oversight. Ms. Slice urged Council to bring in an outside Law Enforcement agency to investigate the Museum.
LAWRENCE YOUNG MUSEUM	
CHARLOTTE SLICE MUSEUM	
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT	Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the list is a Proclamation proclaiming December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the Proclamation and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.
PROCLAMATION DRUNK&DRUGGED PREVENTION	

AUDIT FY 2015-16

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the Audit for the fiscal year of 2015-16 by McKinley, Cooper, and Company. Mr. Stovall recognized Ms. Sheryl Meadors from McKinley, Cooper, and Company. Ms. Meadors stated that the topics she would cover are the CAFR Award, the Auditor's Opinion, Comparison of this year's Financial Statements to last year's Financial Statements, the City's Net Position and Fund Balances, and the trends in the Fund Balances. Ms. Meadors stated that the City was awarded the CAFR Award for their 2014-15 Financial Statements and the City would apply for the award for the 2015-16 Financial Statements. Ms. Meadors stated that the Financial Statements include budget analysis and statistical information along with Management's letter and the Auditor's Opinion. Ms. Meadors stated that the independent Auditor's Report gives the City a clean opinion.

CAFR AWARD

**AUDITOR'S OPINION
FINANCIAL
STATEMENT**

Ms. Meadors stated that McKinley, Cooper, and Company states that the City's Financial Statements are fairly reported. Ms. Meadors stated that the Summary of Changes in Net Position compares the current year with the previous year. Ms. Meadors stated that the change from 2015 to 2016 is \$1,317,910. Ms. Meadors stated that the total Revenues for 2015 are \$27,040,034 and the total Revenues for 2016 are \$26,505,512. Ms. Meadors stated that the difference is about \$500,000 due to the fact the City did not receive any grants in 2016. Ms. Meadors stated that the total Expenses for 2015 are \$24,340,455 and the total Expenses for 2016 are \$25,187,602. Ms. Meadors stated that is an increase of \$840,000. Ms. Meadors stated that the increase in the total Expenses are due to increases in the departments and increases in the retirement costs. Ms. Meadors stated that the Statement of Net Position shows the City's assets and liabilities. Ms. Meadors stated that the Net Position for the Governmental Activities is \$7,707,180 and the Net Position for Business Activities is \$11,210,600. Ms. Meadors stated that the Net Position for the Governmental Activities are broken down by what is invested in Capital Assets and what is restricted. Ms. Meadors stated that Hospitality and Accommodation taxes are the restricted funds in the Governmental Activities. Ms. Meadors stated that in the Business Activities the restricted funds are the funds for capital projects. Ms. Meadors stated that the largest liability the City carries is the Net Pension Liability. Ms. Meadors stated that the Net Pension Liability in the Governmental Funds is \$4,564,368 and the Net Pension Liability in the Business Funds is \$3,282,707. Ms. Meadors stated that the Net Pension Liability is the unfunded portion of the retirement benefit due to the City's employees. Ms. Meadors stated that the City could not pay down this liability and only has to pay the portion that is required by State law regardless of the liability amount. Ms. Meadors stated that the City continues to go in the right direction with their Fund Balances and Net

Position. Ms. Meadors stated that the change in the City's Net Position in 2007 was \$454,588 and the change in Net Position in 2016 was \$1,317,910. Ms. Meadors stated that the Net Position has increased every year except in year 2014 when the City had to add the Net Pension Liability. Ms. Meadors stated that the Fund Balance for the Governmental Accounts in 2007 was \$99,672 and in 2016 the Fund Balance was \$6,486,475. Ms. Meadors stated that part of the Fund Balance is restricted for Hospitality and Accommodation taxes but the City has \$2,216,000 unrestricted funds in the Fund Balance. Ms. Meadors stated that the City has achieved the CAFR award for 2015, a clean opinion from McKinley, Cooper & Company, no major changes from year 2015 to 2016, and the City has a good budgeting process in place and a good Net Position. Mr. Stovall thanked McKinley, Cooper & Company for their independent audit. Mr. Stovall recognized Renee Morrow, Finance Director, for her work on the audit and budget.

**RESOLUTION
AUDIT FY 2015-16**

Councilmember Cook, Audit Committee Chairman, stated that the Audit Committee met on November 18, 2016 with McKinley, Cooper & Company and City staff regarding the audit. Councilmember Cook stated that the Audit Committee found the audit to be in compliance and is fairly stated. Councilmember Cook stated that the Audit Committee recommends Council accepting the Financial Statements FY 2015-16. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to accept the Financial Statements FY 2015-16. Mayor McLean stated that since the recommendation comes from the Audit Committee and a second is not required. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Mclean stated that in 2007 the City had \$99,000 in reserve and the City currently has \$2,216,000 in unrestricted funds

Mayor McLean stated that is a huge improvement in less than ten years. Mr. Stovall stated that Council should also be recognized for the improvement. Mr. Stovall stated that Council put financial standards into practice that allowed City staff to make the necessary improvements. Councilmember Cook stated that the Audit Committee also met with McKinley, Cooper, and Company before the audit in order to go over several facets of the audit without the presence of City staff.

**SECOND READING
TETHERING
ORDINANCE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the second reading of an Ordinance related to the tethering and treatment of dogs. Mr. Stovall stated that the Ordinance provides guidelines and restrictions on the types of tethers dog owners could use. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed Ordinance does not contain a time restriction. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the second reading of the Ordinance related to tethering and treatment of dogs and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**CONTRACT
BROWNFIELDS SURVEY**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for professional environmental services that will include applying for an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to potentially contaminated sites. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would like to enter into a contract with a company that would assist the City in applying for Federal funding in order to conduct a Brownfields Survey. Mr. Stovall stated that Brownfields are former commercial structures which are no longer in use and the buildings have an environmental impact on a Community. Mr. Stovall stated that the survey would identify the Brownfields sites needing to be cleaned up. Mr. Stovall stated that the Brownfields Survey would enable the City to apply for Federal funding to clean up these sites. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff recommends Council selecting Cardno to perform the survey. Councilmember Young asked if the City had any areas that the funds are intended for. Mr. Stovall stated that the company would look at the mill sites, Industrial Supply buildings, closed or abandoned gas stations and any former dry cleaning sites. Mr. Stovall stated that the company would provide a list of sites and if the City could apply for Federal funding to clean up the sites. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the City would be doing this on an annual basis and Mr. Stovall stated no. Mr. Stovall stated that the City does not have the funds to support the survey and the company would have to apply for funds to even complete the Brownfields Survey. Mayor McLean stated that the company must secure funds to pay themselves and Mr. Stovall agreed. Councilmember Scarborough made a motion to approve the City Manager entering into a contract with Cardno to complete a Brownfields Survey and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**JANUARY
COUNCIL MEETING**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the January Council meeting. Mr. Stovall stated that the next Council meeting is January 2, 2017 which is the day City offices would be closed. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff recommends the Council meeting be moved to Monday January 9, 2017. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to move the January Council meeting to January 9, 2017 and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
BRIEFING**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the Administrative briefing. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has before them a proposed

CALANDAR

calendar for the 2017 Council meetings and budget workshops. Mr. Stovall asked Council to look over the proposed calendar and let City staff know of any changes. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff would bring the calendar before Council in January for approval. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would launch a Customer Satisfaction Survey in the next few weeks and he wanted Council to be aware of the survey. Mr. Stovall stated that the City conducts a Customer Satisfaction Survey every two to three years in order to know how and where to improve and to know what the City is doing well. Mr. Stovall stated that the survey is paid for by PMPA. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff has been working on a plan for the I-26 landscaping. Mr. Stovall stated that the plan before Council would cost \$250,000 but the City did not budget that much for the project. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would seek outside funds to assist with planting the trees. Mr. Stovall stated that the goal of this project is to encourage travelers to stop and visit Clinton.

**CUSTOMER
SATISFACTION
SURVEY**

I-26 LANDSCAPE

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean thanked the City staff who worked on putting up the new Christmas tree and the decorations throughout the City. Mayor McLean thanked City staff for their work on the Christmas parade. Mayor McLean stated that the Employee Christmas Dinner is Thursday November 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that the Firemen's Public Safety Dinner is Monday November 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Mayor McLean wished Council and City staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORT**

Councilmember Cook thanked City staff for their work on the Christmas lights and parade.

Councilmember Young thanked City staff for their work on the Christmas parade and the Christmas tree. Councilmember Young stated that the Christmas tree looked beautiful.

Councilmember Jenkins wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe Christmas. Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for their work on the Christmas parade and decorations. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she has received some complaints about the landscaping downtown. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she informed the citizens that the City has three parking lots for citizens to park.

Councilmember Byrd thanked everyone for their support and words of support because of the loss of her father last week.

Councilmember Kuykendall thanked City staff for their work on the Christmas parade and decorations. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the I-26 plan looked good. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he

would like to see something similar to this plan at the crossroad on Highway 56.

Councilmember Scarborough thanked City staff for the Christmas parade and decorations. Councilmember Scarborough stated that he has received several comments on how good the downtown area looks.

ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR