

DECEMBER 2, 2019

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, Jenkins, Neal, Roth and Walsh. The City Manager and the City Attorney were present. News media present were Judith Brown from the Laurens Advertiser, Monty Dutton from GoClinton.com, Randy Stevens from WLBG, and Brian Whitmore from the Clinton Chronicle. Notice was emailed to all local news media on November 27, 2019.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Carroll Wells from Friendship AME Church.
- PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE** Mayor McLean asked Council and the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- NICK NICHOLS** Mayor McLean stated that Nick Nichols, Laurens County Coroner, passed away today. Mayor McLean stated that he has been a County Coroner for thirty seven years. Mayor McLean stated that Myra Nichols, his wife, served as the City of Clinton Mayor from 1994-2003. Mayor McLean asked for everyone to keep his family in their prayers.
- MINUTES** Mayor McLean asked Council to approve the minutes from November 4 and 20. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the City Council meeting minutes from November 4, 2019 and the Special Called meeting minutes from November 20, 2019 and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- PROCLAMATIONS
DRUNK & DRUGGED
DRIVING PREVENTION** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Proclamation proclaiming November as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Proclamation and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT
ADELE ALDUCIN
VIBRANCY GRANT** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the City Manager's Reports. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Bill Cannon, City Manager. Mr. Cannon stated that the City would like to recognize Ms. Adele Alducin, Main Street Director, for winning the Ten at the Top Vibrancy Grant. Mr. Cannon stated that Ms. Alducin won \$1,000 for the Main Street Program. Mayor McLean presented Ms. Alducin with a plaque.

**LAURENS COUNTY
TIPPING FEE
AGREEMENT**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is an Intergovernmental Agreement with Laurens County concerning Solid Waste Disposal Tipping Fees. Mr. Cannon stated that the Laurens County Transfer Station closed and the City was disposing of the solid waste in Greenville County for a Tipping Fee of \$17 per ton. Mr. Cannon stated that Laurens County did reimburse the City for the Tipping Fee. Mr. Cannon stated that the time and use of equipment to haul the solid waste to Greenville County became too expensive and the City started using the Transfer Station in Cross Anchor. Mr. Cannon stated that Cross Anchor charges \$25 per ton. Mr. Cannon stated that Laurens County would still continue to reimburse the City their \$17 Tipping Fee but the City would have to pay the \$8 difference to Cross Anchor. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she received complaints about citizen's garbage not being picked up during the holiday. Mr. Meadors, Public Works Director, stated that the Sanitation Department ran two extra routes on Tuesday and Wednesday last week and the Sanitation Department would resume their regular routes this week. Councilmember Walsh stated that the City would pay the \$8 difference and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Mr. Cannon stated that this is a temporary solution until Laurens County could build a new Transfer Station. Mayor McLean stated that it was taking City personnel approximately three to four hours to deliver the solid waste. Mayor McLean stated that these trips to Greenville County were also putting unnecessary miles on the Garbage Trucks. Motion was made by Councilmember Roth to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Laurens County concerning the Solid Waste Disposal Tipping Fees and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous. Councilmember Cook asked when would the new Transfer Station be completed and Mr. Cannon stated that he hoped within six months.

**BROWNFIELD GRANT
LYDIA MILL**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda concerns the use of the Brownfield Grant to conduct Phase I & Phase II Environmental Study on the former Lydia Mill property. Mr. Cannon stated that the City is allowed to use the funds from the Brownfield Grant for projects outside the City. Mr. Cannon stated that the Lydia Mill property is adjacent to the City limits and is in need of a Phase I and Phase II Environmental Study. Mr. Cannon stated that the Environmental Study would have to be done if the property is to be developed. Mr. Cannon stated that the current property taxes have not been paid and the current owner would sign the property over to the Forfeited Land Commission and they would work with a developer to obtain tax credits to develop the property.

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Mr. Cruickshanks, Laurens County Attorney, stated that the Forfeited Land Commission is part of Laurens County and deals with selling forfeited land. Mr. Cruickshanks stated that this project would be an opportunity for the City and Laurens County to partner on a project. Mayor McLean stated that this property would qualify for tax credits that a developer could use. Councilmember Cook asked if the landowner could come back and try to purchase the property after the study and Mr. Cruickshanks stated no. Mr. Cruickshanks stated that once the property goes to the Forfeited Land Commission then the current owner could not get the property back. Councilmember Jenkins asked how much would the project cost and Mr. Cannon stated that the Brownfield Grant is a Federal Grant. Councilmember Walsh asked if the City Manager could expand on how the Brownfield Grant is used. Mr. Cannon stated that this grant is used for abandoned property. Mr. Cannon stated that a Phase I Environmental Study tells the City what needs to be tested on the property and a Phase II tests the property. Councilmember Walsh asked how much was the Brownfield Grant and Mr. Cannon stated \$300,000. Councilmember Kuykendall asked how much would the Environmental studies cost and Mr. Cannon stated that Phase I would cost about \$2,500 and the cost of Phase II depends on the findings in Phase I. Councilmember Jenkins asked how often could the City apply for this grant and Mr. Moss, Economic Development Director, stated every three years. Motion was made by Councilmember Roth to approve the use of the Brownfield Grant to conduct a Phase I and Phase II Environmental Study on the Lydia Mill property and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE
SALE PROPERTY
901-31-01-001**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Ordinance for the disposition of City owned real property containing approximately three (3) acres located on the Northwest corner of the intersection of N. Adair Street and Veterans Lane within the Corporate limits of the City of Clinton being a portion of Tax Map Number 901-31-01-001. Mayor McLean stated that this property is located across the street from Clinton Middle School which the School District has used as a parking lot for many years. Mayor McLean stated that the property does not include the park. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the sale of property located on North Adair Street and Veterans Lane to the School District Laurens County Tax Map number 901-31-01-001 for a purchase price of \$40,000 and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
BRIEFING
CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the administrative briefing from the City Manager. Mr. Cannon stated that he would like to present to Council several projects that have been completed this year. Mr. Cannon recognized Ms. Alducin to go over the upcoming events. Ms. Alducin stated that Thursday, December 5th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM the City would host a Mingle Jingle and approximately ten vendors would be set up in the old PC Bookstore as well as downtown stores would be open. Ms. Alducin stated that the Tree Lightening Ceremony would start at 6:00 PM and the carriage rides would be from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Ms. Alducin stated that Jitters Café would host Santa Claus from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Ms. Alducin stated that the City would host the Mingle Jingle, carriage rides and Santa on Friday, December 6th. Ms. Alducin stated that the Clinton Christmas Parade would be Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 AM and the theme for the parade is a Country Christmas. Ms. Alducin stated that the Grand Marshall is the Clinton High School FFA. Mr. Cannon recognized Mr. Meadors. Mr. Meadors stated that he would like to give Council a briefing on the projects Public Works has completed this year. Mr. Meadors stated that the Clinton Mill Phase I and II were completed. Mr. Meadors stated that this include Beauregard Street, Davis Street, Stewart Street, Forrest Street, N Sloan Street, and Jefferson Street. Mr. Meadors stated that the City installed water mains and hydrants and meters to 114 customers which improved the water quality and fire service. Mr. Meadors stated that CDBG funds in the amount of \$646,775.45 were used to complete this project. Mr. Meadors stated that the City made the repairs to the Florida Street drain for a cost of \$42,710. Mr. Meadors stated that the City replaced the main on Shell Creek utilizing RIA emergency funds. Mr. Meadors stated that the City installed valves on each side of Shell Creek so that citizens would not be without water in case of future problems. Mr. Meadors stated that this project cost \$75,000. Mr. Meadors stated that the City made repairs to the Sewer System on Fifth Avenue and South Adair Street. Mr. Meadors stated that pipe bursting was done to a section of the Sewer Line in order to have enough flow for the new dorms at Presbyterian College and also to repair a sink hole on Fifth Avenue. Mr. Meadors stated that that this project cost \$56,474.71. Mr. Meadors stated that the City made repairs to the Sewer System on Gary Street and Thornwell Street. Mr. Meadors stated that the cost of this project was \$88,400. Mr. Meadors stated that the City utilized the LCTC funds along with City funds and paved the second block of Copeland Street and the section of Gary Street from South Broad to West Centennial. Mr. Meadors stated that the City plans to complete the Gary Street paving but the City would need to replace a section of the Sewer Line at Gary Street and West Centennial.

**PUBLIC WORKS
PROJECTS**

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**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Meadors stated that Arbor Day was completed at the Martha Dendy Park. Mr. Meadors stated that the City planted 67 trees and shrubs with the assistance from the AG Science Class at Clinton High School, members of the Community, and the Clinton Canopy. Mr. Meadors stated that a Bio Swale was installed at the Martha Dendy Park as well as a Gazebo. Mr. Meadors stated that the City moved the Utility Billing Department to the Founders Building and the City compiled a Water/Sewer Spec Book for contractors. Mr. Cannon recognized Mr. Moss. Mr. Moss stated that the Speculative Building is completed. Mr. Moss stated that in 2018 the City submitted the building on eight projects and had three site visits. Mr. Moss stated that in 2019 the City submitted the building on seventeen projects and received nine site visits. Mr. Moss stated that the Technology Way Extension was completed. Mr. Moss stated that this project cost about \$800,000 and grant funds was used to complete the project. Mr. Moss stated that the SC I-26 Water Line upgrade was completed. Mr. Moss stated that the Water Line was upgraded from an 8" to a 12" line so the City would be able to serve Clinton I-26. Mr. Moss stated that this project was also completed with grant funds. Mr. Moss stated that the City completed the landscaping and signage at Exit 54. Mr. Moss stated that the City plans to plant twelve Crepe Myrtle trees. Mr. Moss stated that the City completed a Quality of Life video which was paid by grant funds. Mr. Moss stated that the City has accomplished several projects with the Brownfield Grant which is a Phase I on the Martha Dendy property, D.E. Tribble property, C&T Manufacture property, and Piedmont Pad property. Mr. Moss stated that a Phase I & Phase II was completed on the Bailey Service Station which is near the Industrial Supply Building. Mr. Moss stated that an asbestos study was completed on the boiler in the M.S. Bailey Center and no asbestos was found. Mr. Moss stated that the City is working with a developer on the D.E. Tribble building. Mr. Moss stated that the developer wishes to turn this building into apartments for the graduate students at Presbyterian College. Mr. Moss stated that a retail store would be moving into the old Freds Building. Mr. Moss stated that the City is working with two housing builders who wish to develop land and build about seventy-five houses. Mr. Cannon stated that the future Splash Pad is available for the public to view. Mr. Cannon stated that the City would partner with the YMCA on this project. Mr. Cannon stated that this project would cost approximately two million and would qualify for Hospitality and Accommodation funds. Mayor McLean stated that this is a recreation facility for citizens. Mr. Cannon stated that the City is now taking sealed bids for the Recreation Complex. Councilmember Walsh asked if the plans the contractors are bidding on are available line and Mr. Cannon stated yes.

**CITIZENS ADDRESS
COUNCIL
COSTELL LITTLE
MARTHA DENDY** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Costell Little. Mr. Little stated that he was before Council regarding Martha Dendy. Mr. Little stated that he represents the Martha Dendy Committee and they are working hard on the Martha Dendy Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion was made by Councilmember Neal to go into executive session to discuss one legal matter relating to PMPA 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 one legal matter was discussed and no action was taken.

**COUNCILMEMBER'S
REPORT** Councilmember Walsh stated that she would like the City to see if the sidewalks could be extended from South Broad to the YMCA because if the Splash Pad Project is approved then there would be a lot of foot traffic to the YMCA. Mr. Cannon stated that he would look into the matter. Councilmember Walsh wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked all City personnel for their hard work.

Councilmember Roth wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the Calvert Avenue road that circles the Calvert Avenue Park is in need of repair.

Councilmember Neal wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked City personnel for their hard work. Councilmember Neal thanked the Right of Way Department for their work in her Ward.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked Mr. Meadors and Mr. Moss for their presentations. Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for their hard work. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the large trucks are still coming down Gary Street on their way to Sterilite. Councilmember Jenkins stated that Gary Street is narrow and the trucks take up the entire road. Police Chief Ledda stated that he had spoken with Sterilite about the issue and he would continue to address it with Sterilite.

Councilmember Cook stated that he appreciates all of the projects completed in 2019. Councilmember Cook thanked City personnel for their hard work.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean stated that the Tree Lightening Ceremony is Thursday, December 5th and the Clinton Christmas Parade is at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 7th and the Whitten Center Parade is at 1:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that Presbyterian Home would have a drop in on Thursday, December 14th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that on Monday, December 16th the City would host their annual Red Devils Ribeyes at 12:00 PM at the Clinton Community Center. Mayor McLean stated that the next scheduled Council meeting is Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Mayor McLean wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR