

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Center with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Byrd, Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Scarborough, and Young. The City Attorney and the City Manager were present. Local news media present were Randy Stephens from WLBG and Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle. Notice was mailed and emailed to all local news media on Monday, January 30, 2017.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Reverend Mac Jones from Clinton First Pentecostal Holiness 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 January 9. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the January 9, 2017 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT
RESOLUTIONS
HEART ASSOCIATION
BLACK HISTORY
DENTAL HEALTH
CITIES** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of Resolutions for February as American Heart Association Month, February as Black History Month, February as Children's Dental Health Month, and February as Cities Mean Business Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the Resolutions and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**PRESENTATION
LAURENS COUNTY
BRANDING STUDY** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from Laurens County Representative, Andy Howard. Mr. Howard stated that he is before Council regarding Laurens County Branding Initiative. Mr. Howard stated that Laurens County hired a consultant to work on a Branding Study for the whole County. Mr. Howard stated that Laurens County wishes to combine all of the Communities in Laurens County under one brand. Mr. Howard stated that Laurens County needed the names of people willing to serve on a Committee which would address the Branding Study. Mr. Howard stated that Laurens County would like to have three to four representatives from Clinton. Mr. Howard stated that he would like to have the names by March. Councilmember Jenkins asked how often would the Committee meet and Mr. Howard stated that at the beginning of the project the Committee would meet at least once a month. Mr. Howard stated that the Committee would do a lot of the leg work before the consultant comes in order to keep the cost down for the study.

**PURCHASE
WATER CHEMICALS**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the purchase of water treatment chemicals for the next twelve months. Mr. Stovall stated that the purchase of the chemicals is required for the treatment of the drinking water. Mr. Stovall stated that the City solicited bids in accordance with procurement regulations and the bids were opened on January 25, 2017. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has before them the bids for each chemical. Councilmember Cook asked why Council has to approve these bids every year when should it be done through the budget process. Mr. Stovall stated that part of the Procurement Policy states anything over \$40,000 must come before Council, which these chemical bids do. Mr. Stovall stated that Council may wish to change this procedure. Councilmember Cook stated that Council may wish to change the process as they go through the budget process. Councilmember Young asked if the cost includes shipping and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember Byrd made a motion to approve the winning bids for water treatment chemicals and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**MUTUAL AID
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement for Mutual Aid between the City of Clinton and the Laurens County Sherriff Office. Mr. Stovall stated that the parties involved are the Laurens County Sherriff Office, the City of Clinton Department of Public Safety, and the City of Laurens Police Department. Mr. Stovall stated that the Mutual Aid Agreement addresses the request for assistance and the process for requesting the assistance. Mr. Stovall stated that this agreement helps the three agencies to work together in order to provide a safe environment for citizens. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is to change the May City Council meeting due to the Main Street Conference. Mr. Stovall stated that the City's agreement with the Main Street Program requires the City to attend this conference and City staff as well as some Councilmembers would like to attend. Councilmember Kuykendall made a motion to change the May 1, 2017 Council meeting to May 8, 2017 and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE
FIRE TRUCK**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to purchase a fire truck. Mr. Stovall stated that three things determine how many engines a City needs to operate a Fire Department. Mr. Stovall stated that the first requirement is call volume in that the City must have enough fire trucks on hand to go to every call received. Mr. Stovall stated that the second requirement is pumping capacity. Mr.

Stovall stated that the ISO rating determines the type of pumping capacity the fire trucks should have based on the types of structures located in their area. Mr. Stovall stated that the City's fire trucks total pumping capacity must exceed 3550 gallons of water. Mr. Stovall stated that each of the City's fire trucks can pump 1250 gallons of water which means the City needs to have at least two primary fire engines and one reserve fire engine. Mr. Stovall stated that the third requirement is for every primary Fire Engine the City has a reserve Fire Engine. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has five Fire Engines with four of them in fire service. Mr. Stovall stated that the City's current fleet consists of two primary Fire Engines which are the 1205-2015 Pierce Engine and the 1201- 2004 KME International Engine. Mr. Stovall stated that the City does have issues with Engine 1201. Mr. Stovall stated that the repair cost for this engine has been \$24,000 and the 1201 Engine has been out of service for 54 days during the year. Mr. Stovall stated that the City's secondary Fire Engines are the 1202- 1989 GMC Top Kick and the Fire Engine 1203- 1996 KME International. Mr. Stovall stated that Fire Engine 1202 is non-operational and would cost \$55,000 to put it into service. Mr. Stovall stated that the City uses Fire Engine 1204 – 1985 EONE as a training tool for Clinton High School's Fire Fighter Training Program. Mr. Stovall stated that several years ago the City created a Capital Plan on when to buy fire trucks because they are expensive. Mr. Stovall stated that the City wanted to purchase a used Fire Engine to put in the rotation which would enable the City to start a Capital Plan of buying a fire truck every five years. Mr. Stovall stated that this plan enables the City to put aside funds so the City could purchase the truck outright or lease purchase the fire truck with the funds.

Mr. Stovall stated that this purchase would move Fire Engine 1201 from the primary fleet to the secondary fleet. Mr. Stovall stated that the new truck would be placed in the primary fleet. Mr. Stovall stated that the fire trucks have a ten year service life in the primary fleet and a ten year service life in the secondary fleet. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed purchase is a used 2008 Sutpher Custom Pumper for a cost of \$299,000. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff, a certified fire truck mechanic, and a Sutphen mechanic have reviewed the truck. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would pay for the truck from the Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Stovall stated that this fire truck is a Rescue Pumper and has additional storage for rescue equipment. Mr. Stovall stated that the initial cost of this truck was \$600,000. Mr. Stovall stated that this truck would not only be used for structure fires but also fire calls on the interstate. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if City staff had enough time to examine the fire truck. Scott Shiflet, Fire Division Commander, stated that the City staff had enough time to examine the truck and to look over all the records. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if this would be a second ownership of

the fire truck and Mr. Shiflet stated yes. Mayor McLean asked if the engine was Detroit or Cummins and Mr. Shiflet stated Detroit. Mayor McLean asked if the fire truck had phone capability and Mr. Shiflet stated no but the City does not utilize the phone capacity on the trucks. Mr. Shiflet stated that City has their own phone system they use during a fire call. Mayor McLean asked if the truck comes equipped with the ladder and hoses. Mr. Shiflet stated that the truck has the ladder and hose. Mayor McLean asked if the truck came with engine tools and Mr. Shiflet stated no. Mr. Shiflet stated that it is standard for a truck not to come with that type of equipment. Mayor McLean stated that the truck has 13,000 miles and the City paid \$370,000 for a new truck in 2015. We are paying close to the \$370,000 for a nine year old truck. Mr. Shiflet stated that the 2015 fire truck currently cost \$412,000 brand new. Mr. Shiflet stated that the fire truck purchased in 2015 is a regular Pumper and this fire truck is a Rescue Pumper. Mr. Stovall stated that the City received a discounted price on the 2015 fire truck because the truck was already in production and the existing owner decided against the purchase. Councilmember Young stated that this truck would be used as a rescue truck and does the City already have the rescue equipment and Mr. Shiflet stated yes. Mr. Shiflet stated that the Fire Department's rescue equipment is currently house on the First Responder Truck. Mayor McLean asked if the First Responder Truck would still be used and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Councilmember Young asked the number of personnel it takes to man the truck and Mr. Shiflet stated one Fire Engineer. Councilmember Young asked where would the truck be housed and Mr. Shiflet stated the Main Fire Station. Mr. Shiflet stated that the truck is a Rescue Pumper and would be closer to the interstate at the Main Fire Station. Councilmember Young asked how many full time Firefighters are at the Main Fire Station. Mr. Shiflet stated that two full time Firefighters are at the Main Fire Station and one full time Firefighter is at the Sub Station. Councilmember Young stated that City is buying a fire truck with six seats and the City would only use two of the seats. Councilmember Cook stated that the current rotation allows the City to purchase a new fire truck in 2023 with reserved cash. Mr. Stovall stated that the City should be in a position to be able to buy the next fire truck with reserved cash. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the City has the funds to purchase this fire truck and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Mr. Stovall stated that the Fire Department needs a cab that allows the Firemen to rest during a fire call and also give the Command Center a place to discuss the situation away from citizens.

Councilmember Kuykendall asked if the City may be able to negotiate a lower price and Mr. Stovall stated that the City would try. Councilmember Byrd stated that the City is first in line for the fire truck and Mr. Stovall stated yes but there is a waiting list for this truck.

Councilmember Kuykendall asked Jimmie Graddick, Volunteer Fireman and mechanic, if he saw any weaknesses in the truck. Mr. Graddick stated that the truck was clean and he did not see any problems with the truck. Mayor McLean asked how many miles does the fire truck have that the City is taking out of service. Mr. Stovall stated that the fire truck is a 1989 model. Mr. Shiflet stated that most of the time fire trucks are rated by hours of use and the proposed fire truck has only 260 hours of use. Councilmember Young stated that the cost to make the 1989 Top Kick operational is \$55,000. Councilmember Young asked if the City would replace the tank with a stainless steel tank. Mr. Shiflet stated that stainless steel tanks are no longer used but the tank would be replaced with a poly tank. Councilmember Young asked if the repair cost includes work on the engine. Mr. Shiflet stated that the repair cost would include a new tank and all of the plumbing needed to operate the new tank as well as engine repair. Councilmember Young asked if the pump on the 1989 Top Kick was operational and Mr. Shiflet stated that the pump is pitted. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the 1989 Top Kick is already at the end of its service years. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if City staff have discussed a lower price to offer and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Mayor McLean stated that if other full offers are on the table then the City would not be able to negotiate a lower price. Mr. Stovall stated that other agencies are willing to pay the asking price of \$299,000. Mr. Stovall stated that if the New York Fire Department could not work out a deal with the City regarding the price of the fire truck then they would move on to the next offer. Councilmember Young stated that the City has two primary fire engines with one at the Main Fire Station and one at the Sub Station. Mr. Stovall stated that the 2015 Pierce and the 2004 KME International are the two primary engines. Mr. Stovall stated that if the City purchases the Rescue Pumper then Engine 2004 KME International goes to secondary status. Councilmember Young stated that the chart in front of him does not match the Fire Engines. Mr. Stovall stated that Council and staff should use the make and model when discussing the fire trucks. Councilmember Cook asked which primary Fire Engine is located at the Sub Station and Mr. Stovall stated the 2004 KME International. Councilmember Young asked to table the purchase until Council could get further clarity about the fire trucks and Council would not agree. Councilmember Cook asked which fire truck would go out of service if the City purchases the Rescue Pumper. Mr. Stovall stated that the 2004 KME International would go to secondary status and the 1989 GMC Top Kick would come out of the rotation and be sold at public auction. Councilmember Cook stated that if the City makes this purchase then the two primary Fire Engines would be at the Main Fire Station and Mr. Stovall stated no. Mr. Stovall stated that one primary Fire Engine would be located at the Main Fire Station and one at the Sub Station. Mr. Stovall

stated that the Rescue Pumper would be housed at the Main Fire Station and Engine 1205 would be located at the Sub Station. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if there would be any additional training cost to operate the fire truck and Mr. Stovall stated no. Mayor McLean stated that we have looked at this several years ago and this has been in the plan that we were going to do this. Mayor Mclean stated that the money is there and the Department of Public Safety would be charged for the equipment.

Mr. Stovall stated that when a department makes a purchase the department is required to budget funds to pay back the Depreciation Fund for future purchases. Mayor McLean asked if this was something discussed three years ago and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Mayor McLean asked if we need this more than a new roof and upgrades to the building. Mr. Stovall stated that it depends on your perspective in that a new roof is needed but if your house is on fire and the fire truck is broken down then the City could not make the fire call in time. Councilmember Young stated that the City has three Fire Engines. Mr. Stovall stated that he would reference the report Council received concerning the fire call on Cleveland Street. Mr. Stovall stated that the City had to use the training fire truck because the 2004 KME International broke down. Councilmember Kuykendall thanked the City staff for going to New York to inspect the fire truck. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the purchase of a 2008 Sutphen Rescue Pumper for a cost not to exceed \$299,000 and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was six to one with Councilmember Young voting no.

PAVING

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is discussion of paving priorities for 2017. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2015 the City contracted with AECOM to complete a Paving Study. Mr. Stovall stated that AECOM evaluated City roads from an engineering aspect. Mr. Stovall stated that the Paving Study rated the condition of City roads from very poor to very good. Mr. Stovall stated that five streets rated very poor. Mr. Stovall stated that the City budgeted \$40,000 for repaving and the City received \$50,000 from the Laurens County Transportation Committee for a total of \$90,000 to spend on repaving. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has before them the streets which were rated poor to very poor and the cost of repaving the streets. Mr. Stovall stated that the roads ranked poor to very poor are Mary Street, Forest Street, Baldwin Extension, Copeland Street, and Buice Circle. Mr. Stovall stated that the modified score on the report is the combination of the engineer's score and City staff's assessment of how the condition of the road impacts the citizens. Mr. Stovall stated that Mary Street and Forest Street had the worst scores. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff took Copeland Street off

the list because the City received a grant to replace the sewer line on that street and will have to repave the road after the work is done. Mr. Stovall stated that the cost of repaving Copeland Street would be included in the grant. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff needs guidance on how to spend the funds on repaving the roads. Mayor McLean asked Council to go look at the streets before a decision is made. After some discussion Council determined that each Councilmember would inspect the streets and rank the streets. Mr. Stovall stated that after Council decides on which roads to repave then City staff would get an estimate for that road.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the Administrative Report. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item concerns the Copeland Street Water and Sewer Project. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would hold a public information meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017 about the project with the residents of Copeland Street. Mr. Stovall stated that Mr. Satterfield, Public Works Director, would visit each resident in order for them to be aware of the project and know what to expect. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would be replacing the water and sewer lines as well as repaving the road. Mayor McLean asked if the City had a plan to enable the residents get to their homes and Mr. Stovall stated City staff will go over the plan at the public meeting.

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**TETHERING
ORDINANCE**

Mr. Stovall stated that replacing the water line would not take much time and the City is contracting out the sewer line replacement. Mr. Stovall stated that the Tethering Ordinance went into effect last week. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff is working on brochures to hand out to citizens. Mr. Stovall stated that Public Safety is enforcing the Ordinance.

**MARTHA DENDY
PROJECT**

Mr. Stovall stated that he was asked to give an update on the Martha Dendy Project. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff has spoken with the architect and has been given some conceptual designs for a facility at the Martha Dendy property. Mr. Stovall stated that the project is moving forward at a steady pace. Mr. Stovall stated that Council discussed at the budget workshop the need to address the sewer laterals attached to the

SEWER LATERALS

customer's home. Mr. Stovall stated that several property owner's sewer lines have deteriorated in that these lines contribute to the Sewer I & I issue the City has been dealing with. Mr. Stovall stated that it is not the City's responsibility to replace a citizen's sewer lateral. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff would like to bring to Council a plan concerning the sewer laterals and how to address the issue. Mr. Stovall stated that the citizen would be given time to address the sewer lateral problem and then be penalized if they do not comply. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would also encourage the citizen to purchase an insurance plan after the sewer lateral is fixed so that in case of future problems the insurance plan would pay for the repairs. Mayor McLean stated that this is something

that really needs to be done. The City loses two to three million dollars every year on inflow water. Mayor McLean stated that the City has to get that fixed. Mayor Mclean stated that if we get that fixed then the City could reduce the electric rates. Councilmember Byrd asked how is the City identifying the Sewer I&I issues. Mr. Stovall stated that the first clue is the Sewer Pump Station and how much water it is pumping. Mr. Stovall stated that the City could also blow smoke into a citizen's sewer line and if smoke comes out of the ground then the line has a break.

**COUNCILMEMBER'S
REPORT**

Councilmember Cook thanked City staff for their presentations during the budget workshop.

Councilmember Young thanked City staff for their presentations during the budget workshop. Councilmember Young stated that he appreciated the effort and work that went into the budget workshop.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for their budget workshop presentations. Councilmember Jenkins stated that Angela Suber came to the Council meeting late and she has noise issues. Councilmember Jenkins asked the Public Safety Director and the City Manager to talk with her about those problems. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she believes in honesty and fairness but I feel like our Council has gotten to the point where there are a lot of underhanded things that are being done. Councilmember Jenkins stated that they know who they are and I am not going to single one person out. Councilmember Jenkins stated that we all are serving the Community to better all of the entire Community. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the City Council position is not a position for one's own personal gain or recognition. Councilmember Jenkins stated that some things are being done underhandedly and I just want to mention it.

Councilmember Byrd thanked City staff for their workshop presentations.

Councilmember Kuykendall thanked City staff for their presentations during the budget workshop.

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he appreciated City staff's vision for the future. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he receives comments about the rehabilitation of the downtown building.

Councilmember Scarborough thanked City staff for their presentations during the budget workshop.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean congratulated Councilmembers Byrd and Jenkins for completing the Municipal Associations Elected Officials course. Mayor

McLean stated that the next budget workshop is Monday, February 20, 2017. Mayor McLean stated that the March Council meeting would be Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR