

JANUARY 4, 2016

The regular Council meeting was held at 6:00 PM at the M.S. Bailey Memorial Center with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Byrd, Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Scarborough, and Young. The City Manager and the City Attorney were present. News media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stephens from WLBG, and Judith Brown from the Laurens Advertiser. Notice was emailed and mailed on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 to all local news media.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Reverend Harold Morgan from the All Saints Episcopal 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 December 7. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the December 7, 2015 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZENS ADDRESS COUNCIL SOFIA GILLIAM Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Sofia Gilliam. Ms. Gilliam stated that she is concerned about the pot holes on Airport Road and West Main Street.
POT HOLES MARTHA DENDY Ms. Gilliam stated that she would also like to know the status of the Martha Dendy Project. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that a press release would be coming out within the next week regarding two public meetings concerning the Martha Dendy Project. Mr. Stovall stated that a meeting would be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Mr. Stovall stated that a few months ago the City hired an architect firm to help plan the next phase of the Martha Dendy Project and part of the project is public input on how the building is to be used. Mr. Stovall stated that within the next thirty to sixty days the public would have two opportunities to give their input on the project.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall. Mr. Stovall stated that he would like to recognize Mr. Marvin Moss, Economic Development Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that Mr. Moss is a new member of the City staff.

RESOLUTION BIRTH DEFECTS BLOOD DONOR Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the Resolutions for January as Birth Defects Prevention Month and January as Blood Donor Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the Resolutions and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

CHRISTMAS AWARDS Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the awards for the 2015 Christmas parade and the 2015 Spirit of Christmas Decorating awards. Mayor McLean and the Councilmembers presented the Christmas Decorating Awards to Ward I – Leigh Ann Smith from 200 Spruce Street; Ward II – Paula Brown from 1253 South Bell Street; Ward III – Clatie Putman from 710 North Broad Street; Ward IV – Elizabeth Bates from 206 South Adair Street; Ward V – Callie Gault family from 101 Horseshoe Lane; Ward VI – Michael Rischbieter from 300 Hickory Street. Mayor McLean stated that the 2015 Christmas Parade winners are as follows: 1st Place – Thornwell Home for Children; 2nd Place – Dance South; 3rd Place – Deanna’s Danes. Mayor McLean stated that the business Christmas Decorating Award winner was the Waffle House.

Mayor McLean thanked the winners for what they did to improve the quality of life in Clinton.

**RESOLUTION
MASC AGENDA**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution endorsing the Municipal Association 2016 agenda. Mr. Stovall stated that each year the Municipal Association identifies key challenges facing Local Governments and requests the Local Governments endorse the Municipal Association efforts to influence Legislation in regards to the key issues. Mr. Stovall stated that the key issues in 2016 is streamline business licensing processes, fund services, embrace the sharing economy, fix roads, and clear blight. Councilmember Young made a motion to approve the Resolution endorsing the Municipal Association's 2016 agenda and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean stated that these issues are pretty near and dear to our heart but if they would fund Local Government out of Columbia like they are supposed to how much more would be put in the City's operating fund and Mr. Stovall stated between \$55,000 and \$65,000. Mr. Stovall stated that since the State Legislation started reducing the Local Government funds the City has lost approximately \$300,000. Mr. Stovall stated that the Local Government Funds go toward basic services such as Police and Fire protection.

**RESOLUTION
SAFETY
POLICY**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution adopting the 2016 City Council Safety Policy statement for the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the City brings this policy to Council for approval on an annual basis to publically acknowledge the City's commitment to safety. Mr. Stovall stated that the City of Clinton is committed to furnishing each of its employees a place of employment that is free from recognized hazards that may be causing or are likely to cause death, serious physical harm, or a health-related illness to its employees. The City of Clinton promotes and is firmly committed to the safety and the good health of all employees and to minimize the risk of injury, death, and exposure to health-related illnesses by taking a proactive role in safety awareness, accident prevention, and preservation of all of the environmental elements through a comprehensive Risk and Safety Management Program. Mr. Stovall stated that each employee will be held accountable for his/her own actions and conduct concerning the occupational safety and health standards, regulations, and policies established and issued by all applicable agencies and the City of Clinton which apply to that individual employee and his/her assigned position. Mr. Stovall stated that the employee knowledge of and compliance with the Risk and Safety Program and policies of the City of Clinton and all regulating agencies is not optional. It is a requirement and condition of employment. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Resolution for the 2016 Safety Policy and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL CALENDARS

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the 2016/2017 annual Council meeting calendar and the 2016/2017 budget calendar. Mr. Stovall presented Council with the Council meeting agenda for approval so the City could provide the calendar to the public. Mr. Stovall stated that the agenda also includes a schedule for a budget calendar. Mr. Stovall stated that Council may have a conflict with some of the budget meetings. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff does need a day toward the end of January for the Department Heads to present their budgets to Council and for City staff to give Council the results of the Citizen's survey.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the Council meeting calendar and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous. Councilmember Cook made a motion to hold a budget meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 3:00 PM and a meeting to discuss the Citizen's Survey on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 3:00 PM and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE
DE-ANNEX
PROPERTY**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a first reading of an Ordinance to reduce the corporate limits of the City of Clinton to de-annex property located on Highway 72. Mr. Stovall stated that the proposed Ordinance would de-annex 16 acres of property. Mr. Stovall stated that the request is being made by Laurens County who is the anticipated owners of the property. Mr. Stovall stated that Laurens County has already passed a first reading of an Ordinance requesting the City de-annex the 16 acres. Mr. Stovall stated that the purpose of the de-annexation is a joint economic development between Laurens County, City of Clinton, CEDC, and LCDC. Mr. Stovall stated that the project is a product development project which would try to lure manufacturing into the region. Mr. Stovall stated that the de-annexation makes the project eligible for economic development funding sources. Mr. Stovall stated that if Laurens County passes their second reading then the City would schedule a public hearing and a second reading of the Ordinance. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to de-annex 16 acres of property on Highway 72 and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

FRONTAGE ROAD

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the City Manager's Administrative Report which is the frontage road, GFOA Budget Award, and the Shadow Wood Drive annexation. Mr. Stovall stated that in early December the City consulted with the City Attorney and the Project Engineers (AECOM) for the frontage road and decided the construction contractor was not giving this project the proper attention in order to complete the project. Mr. Stovall stated that the City notified the construction company that the City would instigate a Performance Bond which prompted the construction company to negotiate a new project completion time line. Mr. Stovall stated that work on the frontage road started on December 16, 2015 and all of the preliminary work has been completed. Mr. Stovall stated that the only work remaining is paving. Mr. Stovall stated that part of the new contract is the construction company has to give the City daily reports on their work. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has been notified of the GFOA Budget Award which is the sixth consecutive year the City has received this award. Mr. Stovall stated that Ms. Morrow, Finance Director, is instrumental in the City earning this award. Mr. Stovall stated that the Planning Commission would meet on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 to discuss the annexation of the property on Shadow Wood Drive.

**GFOA BUDGET
AWARD**

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor McLean stated the City had scheduled two executive items on the agenda. Mayor McLean stated that one item concerned a personnel matter regarding appointments but Council no longer needs to discuss the matter. McLean stated that the second item concerned a contractual matter with Tallwood Homes but the representative from Tallwood Homes was unable to come to the meeting. Mayor McLean stated that Council does not have a need of executive session.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean thanked City staff for the Christmas Parade. Mayor McLean stated that he heard a lot of positive comments about the parade. Mayor McLean thanked the City employees who worked on the Christmas lights. Mayor McLean stated that for the first time in twenty years the lights look good going down Broad Street. Mayor McLean stated that the next Council meeting is Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Mayor McLean welcomed Mr. Marvin Moss as the new Economic Development Director. Mayor McLean stated that he would do great things for us. Mayor McLean welcomed Mr. Jerry Threatt who would be the City's first City Planner. Mayor McLean welcomed both of them aboard.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Councilmember Cook thanked City staff for getting the information out about the new sanitation routes.

Councilmember Young thanked City staff for their hard work during the Christmas holiday. Councilmember Young thanked the citizens who won the Christmas awards for their efforts. Councilmember Young welcomed Marvin Moss to the City staff.

Councilmember Jenkins welcomed Mr. Moss to the City staff. Councilmembers Jenkins wished everyone a happy new year and stated that she looked forward to working with Council in the new year.

Councilmember Byrd thanked City staff and citizens for all of the Christmas decorations. Councilmember Byrd stated that she received many comments about how beautiful the lights looked. Councilmember Byrd welcomed Mr. Moss to the City staff. Councilmember Byrd thanked City staff for getting the information out about the new sanitation routes

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the City had a great Christmas season. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the Christmas spirit was everywhere. Councilmember Kuykendall thanked City staff for their hard work and stated that he looked forward to the new year. Councilmember Kuykendall welcomed Mr. Moss and stated that he was looking forward to working with Mr. Moss.

Councilmember Scarborough stated that he is looking forward to having Mr. Moss on board and that Mr. Moss would be helpful in moving forward with economic development. Councilmember Scarborough thanked the City Manager and the City staff for their work and stated that he was looking forward to 2016.

ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR