

JANUARY 9, 2017

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Municipal Center with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Byrd, Cook, Jenkins, Scarborough, and Young. The City Manager was also present. Local news media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stephens from WLBG, and Judith Brown from Go Clinton.com. Notice was mailed and emailed to all local news media on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

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| INVOCATION | The invocation was given by Reverend Jim Roberts from Westminster Presbyterian Church. |
| PRESENTATION COLORS | Mayor McLean asked everyone to stand for the Presentation of Colors. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Patrick Nelson, who designed the City flag. Mr. Nelson stated that after a year of research and work it is his honor to present the City flag. |
| 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 5 and 29. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the December 5, 2016 minutes and the December 29, 2016 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous. |
| RECOGNITION ELAINE'S JITTERS | Councilmember Scarborough recognized Mr. Mrs. Barrington, owners of Elaine's on the Square/Jitters in honor of 20 years of business in the City of Clinton. Councilmember Scarborough stated that Elaine's on the Square represents what small businesses mean to Clinton. Councilmember Scarborough stated that Elaine's on the Square started as a small gift shop but has also evolved into a restaurant called Jitters. Councilmember Scarborough stated that Jitters is more than just a restaurant but a gathering place. Councilmember Scarborough presented Mr. Mrs. Barrington with a plaque. |
| RESOLUTION BIRTH DEFECT PREVENTION BLOOD DONOR | Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the Resolutions as January as Birth Defects Prevention Month and January as Blood Donor Blood Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the Resolutions and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous. |
| CHRISTMAS PARADE AWARDS | Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the presentation of the Christmas Parade awards. Mr. Stovall stated that the first place winner is Thornwell Home, second place winner is the Red Hat Divas, and |

the third place winner is Whitten Center. Mayor McLean presented the winners with a plaque.

**CHRISTMAS
DECORATING
AWARDS**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is presentation of the Christmas Decorating awards. Mr. Stovall stated that the winners are as follows: Ward 1 is Timothy Merchant Jr; Ward 2 is Bobby Bingham; Ward 3 are George Franks; Ward 4 is Kenny Moore; Ward 5 is Jimmy Heaton; Ward 6 is Daniel Hill. Each Councilmember presented their Ward winner with a plaque. Mayor McLean stated that the Business winner is Emily Bailey. Ms. Bailey stated that the City of Clinton looked pretty this Christmas season.

**RESOLUTION
SAFETY POLICY**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution adopting the 2017 City Council Safety Policy Statement for the City of Clinton.

Mr. Stovall stated that Council has the policy before them and City staff recommends approval of the Resolution. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the Resolution adopting the 2017 Safety Policy and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION
MASC AGENDA**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a Resolution endorsing the Municipal Association of SC 2017 agenda. Mr. Stovall stated that the MASC agenda is to encourage business growth and development by standardizing Business License Tax collections across the State. The agenda would provide quality services by increasing the funding for the Local Government Fund to the level required by State law, increase options for the municipalities to raise revenue to support specific capital projects and allow cities to annex certain enclaves by ordinance. Mr. Stovall stated that the MASC agenda would try to increase Law Enforcement training by supporting reliable funding for the Criminal Justice Academy to allow for more training opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers and also increase funding for body worn cameras. Mr. Stovall stated that the agenda would include road repairs by supporting reliable funding sources for roads and increase municipal representation on County Transportation Committees. Mr. Stovall stated that the MASC agenda includes reducing blight by establishing options for Cities and Towns to recover public funds that are spent to demolish or clean blighted property. Councilmember Byrd mad a motion to approve the Resolution endorsing the MASC agenda and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**MEETING
CALENDAR**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the annual meeting calendar for Council. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has

before them the dates for each monthly Council meeting as well as meetings to discuss the proposed budget. Mr. Stovall stated that the only change to the Council meeting dates is in September. Mr. Stovall stated that the calendar moves the September Council meeting to September 11, 2017 due to the Labor Day Holiday. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the annual calendar and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE
TANTALUS METERS**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is authorizing the City Manager to purchase Tantalus residential and commercial electric meters. Mr. Stovall stated the 2011 Utility Revenue Bond was issued to fund several utility projects with one of the projects being to replace the residential and commercial meters with Tantalus meters. Mr. Stovall stated that this purchase is sole source from Shealy. Mr. Stovall stated that Shealy is the City's vendor for electric meters and Shealy has the contract to sell Tantalus meters in this region. Mr. Stovall stated that the funds would come from the 2011 Bond and the City's operating fund would not be affected. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff recommends purchasing 840 residential meters and 208 commercial meters for cost of \$237,056 executed in multiple orders. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the purchase of Tantalus meters from Shealy at a cost not to exceed \$237,056 in multiple orders and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION
HAZARD**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution to adopt the Laurens County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Stovall stated that FEMA requires Local Governments to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Stovall stated that historically Clinton has worked with Laurens County and the City of Laurens to adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Stovall stated that Laurens County and the City of Laurens have already adopted this plan. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the Resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**REIMBURSEMENT
RESOLUTION
I-26 INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a Reimbursement Resolution for expansion of sewer and water services to the I-26 Industrial Park. Mr. Stovall that the I-26 Industrial Park has two potential infrastructure projects which are the expansion of sewer service and the expansion of water service. Mr. Stovall stated that the total cost of the Sewer Expansion Project is \$1,110,825. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has secured \$547,300 from grants and partners and would need \$563,525 to finish the project and the total cost of the Water Expansion Project is \$530,480. Mr. Stovall stated that the total cost of both projects

is \$1,094,005. Mr. Stovall stated that the best way to fund the projects is to issue a Combined Revenue Bond sometime in the future. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff does not recommend issuing the bond because the engineering analysis needs to be done to finalize the cost of the projects. Mr. Stovall stated that the Reimbursement Resolution would allow the City to recoup the engineering costs from the future bond if Council decides to proceed with the projects. Mr. Stovall stated that the Reimbursement Resolution does not commit Council to issuing a bond but just gives the City legal authorization to pay the City back for initial costs. Councilmember Scarborough made a motion to approve the Reimbursement Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT
COMMUNITY
ASSISTANCE
GRANT**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the City Manager's Administrative report. Mr. Stovall stated that the Community Assistance Grant Program was implemented in 2016. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2016 the City budgeted \$10,000 and gave out the following grants: the Science Olympiad Team - \$5,000; Clinton Canopy - \$1,000; Clinton Community Garden - \$1,000; Unity Flight Track Club - \$1,000; Laurens County Humane Society - \$1,000; Bell Federation Center for the Blind - \$1,000. Mr. Stovall stated that the recipients of the grant were required to make a report on how the funds were spent and Council has that report in front of them. Mr. Stovall stated that the 2017 budget includes \$10,000 in Community Assistance Grant funds. Mr. Stovall stated that the City will advertise within the next thirty days and award the grants by May.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean stated that the Design and Review Board will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers. Mayor McLean stated that the NAACP Banquet would be held Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Mount Carmel A.M.E. Church in Gray Court. Mayor McLean stated that Tuesday, January 17, 2017 the Laurens County Development Corporation would host their 2017 annual meeting at the Musgrove Mill Golf Club from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that on February 1, 2017 the Municipal Association would host their Legislation Action Day in Columbia.

**COUNCILMEMBER'S
REPORT**

Councilmember Scarborough stated that Clinton look good during the Christmas holiday especially the new Christmas tree.

Councilmember Byrd stated that she wanted to encourage everyone to participate in the Community Cares Program. Councilmember Byrd stated that this program helps citizens pay their utility bills.

Councilmember Byrd stated that the intersection of North Broad and Hwy 308 is still a problem. Mr. Stovall stated that is a State road and the City have already alerted the SCDOT about the issue.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that she and Councilmember Byrd and Mayor McLean have graduated from the Municipal Association Elected Officials Advanced classes.

Councilmember Young stated that the City looked good during the Christmas holiday and he received several comments on how well the decorations looked.

Councilmember Cook stated that the City's Christmas decorations looked good. Councilmember Cook asked the City Manager to give Council an update on the Martha Dendy Project at the February Council meeting.

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