

JULY 9, 2018

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Center at 6:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Neal, Roth, and Young. Local news media present were Vic McDonald from the Clinton Chronicle, Judith Brown from the Laurens Advertiser, and Randy Stephens from WLBG. Notice was mailed and emailed to all local news media on June 25, 2018.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Reverend LaShown Goodwin from Hebron Baptist 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 June 4. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the June 4, 2018 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZENS ADDRESS COUNCIL Mayor McLean recognized Reverend Anita Williams. Reverend Williams stated that one of her concerns is the road conditions on Gary Street. Reverend Williams stated that the condition of Gary Street has been going on for several years. Reverend Williams stated that another street in bad condition is Pitts Street and Elizabeth Street. Reverend Williams stated that instead of paving the intersection the street has just been patched. Reverend Williams stated that there is not a fence around the park on Centennial Street to prevent children from running onto the railroad tracks.

**ANITA WILLIAMS
ROAD CONDITIONS
CENTENNIAL PARK**

**RICKY MARTIN
MARTHA DENDY** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Ricky Martin. Mr. Martin stated that he was before Council concerning Martha Dendy. Mr. Martin stated that he sees the City has covered the pool at the Martha Dendy building. Mr. Martin stated that the City found funds to cover up the pool but could not find funds to upgrade the Martha Dendy building. Mr. Martin stated that there has been vandalism at the building and nothing has been done about it. Mr. Martin stated that the Martha Dendy building could be used to give children in that area of Clinton some place to go and have a positive influence on them. Mr. Martin stated that something needs to be done for the children in that Community. Mr. Martin stated that if the City did not want the building then give it to him since he has a non-profit ranking and he could raise money to repair the building.

Mr. Martin stated that he would like to see some type of progress on the Martha Dendy building. Mr. Martin stated that Council was elected and should work for the citizens. Mr. Martin asked Council to do more than just tear down but make an effort to build something at the Martha Dendy building. Mr. Bill Cannon, City Manager, stated that the City has made some progress on the Martha Dendy Project in that one meeting has already been held and a second one with be coming up shortly. Mr. Cannon stated that he understood Mr. Martin's frustration concerning this project. Mr. Cannon stated that after the second meeting then the City would ask the citizens in that area to give feedback on the project. Mr. Cannon stated that it would take some time but he is hopeful the City would move in the right direction in regards to the Martha Dendy building. Mr. Martin stated that the City has already paid engineers to draw pretty pictures of the Martha Dendy Center. Mr. Martin asked if he could be involved with the Committee and Mr. Cannon stated that he would be invited to the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

BRIEF

RIA GRANT

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Cannon stated that he received a letter from the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) the I-26 Industrial Park Sewer System improvements grant has been met and the project is closed. Mr. Cannon stated that Council has before them information concerning the Code Enforcement update. Mr. Cannon stated that the City has removed 53 vehicles and has demolished ten buildings at no cost to the City since January 2018. Mr. Cannon stated that he has approved continuing to rent the excavator until October at a cost of \$5,700 in order to demolish the remaining structures. Mr. Cannon stated that the citizens would pay half of the demolition cost on their utility bill and the City would not place a lien on the property. Mr. Cannon stated that the cost to demolish the buildings is \$2,500 and the citizen would pay \$1,200 within a year.

PROCLAMATIONS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

HEBRON BAPTIST

RITA STANLEY

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of Proclamations proclaiming Tuesday, August 7, 2018 as National Night Out in the City of Clinton, Sunday, July 8, 2018 as Hebron Baptist Church Day, and appreciation of Rita Stanley for ten years of service to Bailey Manor and the City of Clinton. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean presented Reverend LaShown Goodwin from Hebron Baptist Church with the Proclamation. Mayor McLean presented Ms. Rita Stanley with the Proclamation.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Bill Cannon. Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is Council authorizing the transfer of \$312,199.03 from the City Economic Development Fund to the CEDC's Restricted Speculative Building Account. Mr. Cannon stated that the City has a contractor in place and hopefully the City would see construction on the speculative building shortly. Mayor Mclean stated that these are restricted funds that have to be used for economic development. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to authorize the transfer of \$312,199.03 to the CEDC's Restricted Speculative Building Account and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**CEDC TRANSFER
SPEC BUILDING**

**PURCHASE
EXIT 54 SIGNS**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the authorizing of the purchase of two signs from #1 Sign Design at Exit 54 for a new price of \$68,194. Mr. Cannon stated that the signs were part of the original landscape project at Exit 54 and the cost at that time was \$110,000. Mr. Cannon stated that after some adjustments to the signs the cost to the City was \$57,940. Mr. Cannon stated that the contractor now states the cost would be \$68,194 because of the tariffs on steel has driven the cost of the signs up. Mr. Cannon stated that he recommends Council dismiss the purchase and resubmit the sign bid. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he has a concern that the contract states all of the art work is the property of #1 Sign Design. Councilmember Roth asked why this would be in the contract since the City is paying for the art work. Mr. Wham, City Attorney, stated that it has to do with advertising rights. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that this issue should be addressed in the new contract. Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to dismiss the purchase of the Exit 54 signs and authorize the City Manager to re-bid the project and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE
CAB/CHASSIS**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the purchase of one International 7400 Cab and Chassis from Carolina International Trucks for a cost of \$76,587.43. Mr. Cannon stated that by making this purchase the City could salvage some of the parts from the old vehicle and save some money. Mr. Cannon stated that this purchase would extend the life of the truck by fifteen years. Mayor McLean asked why the purchase is sole source. Mr. Cannon stated that the parts on the old truck would match up to the new Cab and Chassis. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to authorize the City Manager to purchase one International 7400 Cab and Chassis from Carolina International Trucks for a cost not to exceed \$76,587.43 and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to enter into executive session to discuss a real estate matter regarding potential acquisition of land and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION Mayor McLean declared Council back in open session. Mayor Mclean stated that in executive session a real estate matter was discussed relating to potential land acquisition and no action was taken.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT Councilmember Kuykendall stated that it would be good to have the streets paved. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if there is a time table for South Broad to be paved. Mr. Cannon stated that he would look into the matter. Mayor Mclean stated that the construction crews have not been working on South Broad this week. Mayor Mclean stated that Gary Street is one of the streets scheduled to be paved. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the landscaping at Exit 54 does not look complete. Mr. Cannon stated that he would look into the matter.

Councilmember Neal thanked the City Manager and Mayor for participating in Hebron Baptist Church's celebration. Councilmember Neal stated that she wanted to point out that Hebron Baptist Church needs a sign showing where the Church is located.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that she also mentioned the need for the Hebron Church sign several months ago. Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for the demolition being done around the City. Councilmember Jenkins stated that several citizens have asked her to put some abandoned houses on the demolition list. Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for removing an old camper from her neighborhood. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the grass is growing up around two old abandoned houses on West Centennial Street. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the grass in the ditches is in need of cutting on West Centennial Street, South Bell Street, and North Bell Street. Councilmember Jenkins stated that on the corner of South Livingston Street and West Centennial Street there is a hole and water is standing in the hole. Councilmember Jenkins asked the City to look into that problem. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she wanted to take the City Manager to some of these areas to see the issues. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the movie night was well planned but the attendance was low.

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Councilmember Jenkins stated that the City may want to be more aggressive in advertising the event so more citizens would be aware of the event and attend. Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for covering up the Martha Dendy Pool. Councilmember Jenkins stated that many citizens in the Community do not know the Martha Dendy Pool did not belong to the City. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the pool was covered because of safety issues.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean thanked City staff for the demolition of the abandoned buildings. Mayor McLean stated that City staff has done a great job with this project. Mayor McLean stated that the Martha Dendy Pool was full of water and the pool area was accessible to people. Mayor McLean stated that the City could place banners across the road in order to advertise the Movie Night. Mayor McLean stated that he was told South Broad would be paved by the end of July and the construction crews are not finished.

ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR