

JUNE 4, 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. News media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stephens from WLBG, and Judith Brown from the Laurens Advertiser. Notice was mailed and emailed to all local news media on May 29, 2018.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Reverend Steven Evans from Friendship AME Church.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE Mayor McLean asked Council and the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND AGENDA Mayor McLean stated that there is a request to amend the agenda to include a legal matter relating to tax map numbers 901-12-07-009 and 901-12-07-010 to the executive session. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to amend the agenda and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

MINUTES Mayor McLean asked Council to approve the minutes from April 30 and May 7. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the Special Called Council meeting minutes from April 30, 2018, the Special Called Council meeting minutes from May 7, 2018, the Budget Workshop minutes from May 7, 2018, and the City Council meeting minutes from May 7, 2018 and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZENS ADDRESS COUNCIL Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Allen Lawson. Mr. Lawson stated that he lives at 208 Haynes Road and he is the Executive Director of the South Carolina Empowerment Center. Mr. Lawson stated that the mission for his Center is to address the challenges facing youth living in poverty by providing support, mentorship, and services that encourages youth to realize their full potential. Mr. Lawson stated that in 2011 he started the jog training program by working with street kids. Mr. Lawson stated that DDJ partnered with him and now this program is offered in the DDJ facilities. Mr. Lawson presented Council with a packet detailing the programs the South Carolina Empowerment Center offers. Mr. Lawson stated that currently the Center is located at the Bell Street Middle School building but they must relocate since the building would be repurposed. Mr. Lawson stated that he would like to move his Center to the Martha Dendy Center. Mr. Lawson stated that he wanted a location that kids could walk to.

ALLEN LAWSON EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Mayor McLean asked how many kids the program serves. Mr. Lawson stated that they had about 125 youth in the summer program and the after school program services about 50 kids.

**SANDY CRUICKSHANKS
PINE ST PARK**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Sandy Cruickshanks. Mr. Cruickshanks stated that he lives at 401 Cedar Street and he is before Council concerning the Pine Street Park. Mr. Cruickshanks stated that the City is getting ready to begin a new budget year and he hopes the budget includes taking care of what the City owns. Mr. Cruickshanks stated that Pine Street Park should be number one on the priority list.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT
CHRIS WILKES, PSO**

Mayor Mclean recognized Mr. Bill Cannon, City Manager. Mr. Cannon stated that he wished to recognize Public Safety Officer Chris Wilkes as the 2018 Public Safety Officer of the Year. Mr. Cannon stated that Officer Wilkes was chosen because of his devotion to the Community and Mr. Cannon presented Officer Wilkes with a plaque.

**PROCLAMATIONS
NATIONAL SAFETY
PTSD AWARENESS
CAROLINA DAY
PARK/RECREATION**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Proclamations proclaiming June as National Safety Month, June 27, 2018 as PTSD Awareness Day in Clinton, June 28, 2018 as Carolina Day in Clinton, and July as Park and Recreation Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

RP3 AWARD

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the American Public Power Association RP3 Award for the City of Clinton. Mayor Mclean recognized Mr. Dale Satterfield, Public Works Director. Mr. Satterfield stated that the City has won the RP3 Award for providing reliable and safe power to the public. Mr. Satterfield stated that the RP3 designation which lasts for three years recognizes Public Power Utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four disciplines. Mr. Satterfield stated that the four disciplines are reliability, safety, workforce development, and system maintenance. Mr. Satterfield stated that Clinton is one of the 240 Utilities nationwide that have the RP3 designation. Mr. Satterfield stated that Clinton has received the RP3 designation since 2011. Mr. Satterfield presented Council with the RP3 Award.

MAIN STREET AWARD

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is an award from the Main Street Program of South Carolina. Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Bepie Lagrand from the Main Street Program. Ms. Lagrand recognized Ms. Jenny Boware and stated that Ms. Boware would be taking over the Main Street Program in July 2018. Ms. Lagrand stated that each year the Main Street Program recognizes exceptional programs.

Ms. Lagrand stated that the award honors Clinton's Main Street project. Ms. Lagrand also recognized Adele Alducin, Main Street Director, for her work. Ms. Lagrand presented Council with the Gaines Jonst Preservation Award.

**SECOND READING
ORDINANCE
BLUE LAWS**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance to temporarily suspend the application of Sunday Sales prohibitions within the corporate limits of the City of Clinton. Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to suspend the Blue Laws and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE
VEHICLE**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to purchase one fleet maintenance vehicle from Cooper Motor Company. Mayor McLean stated that the cost of this purchase is \$77,284 and the truck replaces a vehicle bought in 2000. Councilmember Kuykendall asked to be recused from voting since he is employed with Cooper Motor Company. Councilmember Jenkins asked about the old City Manager's car and Mr. Cannon stated that the City still owns the vehicle. Councilmember Jenkins asked if anyone drove the vehicle and Mr. Cannon stated no. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the purchase of a fleet maintenance vehicle from Cooper Motor Company for a cost not to exceed \$77,284 and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous with Councilmember Kuykendall being recused from voting.

**PURCHASE
SIGNS**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the purchase of two signs for the entrance at Exit 54. Mayor McLean stated that the City would purchase the signs from #1 Signs for a total cost of \$57,940. Mayor McLean stated that the signs would be funded from Hospitality Taxes. Motion was made by Councilmember Neal to approve the purchase of two entrance signs for Exit 54 for a total cost of \$57,940 from Hospitality funds and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**MUTAL AGREEMENT
LAURENS ELECTRIC
INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Laurens Electric Cooperative for mutual benefit for the development of the Clinton I-26 Industrial Park at Exit 54. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the Mutual Agreement with Laurens Electric Cooperative and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET FY 2018-19**

Mayor McLean declared Council in a Public Hearing regarding the proposed fiscal year 2018-2019 budget for the City of Clinton. Mayor McLean opened the floor for comments and Council did not receive any comments. Councilmember Cook made a motion to close the Public Hearing and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND READING
ORDINANCE
BUDGET FY 2018-19**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance to appropriate and raise revenue and adopt a budget for the City of Clinton for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**WHITTEN CENTER
PROJECT**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of an agreement with Laurens County Water Sewer Commission (LCWSC) for the Whitten Center Sewer Project. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Jeff Fields, LCWSC Director. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC currently serve Whitten Center with two large sewer lines which are a 12 inch sewer line on the east side and an a 10 inch sewer line on the west side. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC has a 15 inch sewer line that runs under I-26 and 104 manholes. Mr. Fields stated that Whitten Center is served by LCWSC Sandy Creek Lift Station. Mr. Fields stated that originally the Whitten Center sewer lines served about 3000 people and currently LCWSC serves about 300. Mr. Fields stated that since the sewer lines were designed for a large flow the existing flow does not help keep the sewer lines open and are prone to root growth. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC looked at rehabilitating the existing Sewer System but the cost would be \$4,000,000 which is not feasible given the low flow. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC determined that the best solution would be to build an appropriate sized Sewer Collection System. Mr. Fields stated that the budget for this project is \$748,000. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC applied for a grant from SRF which is a State Revolving Fund. Mr. Fields stated that it states in the agreement if there are any costs over the amount of the grant then the City would pay that cost. Mr. Fields stated that the reason for this requirement is because the City would benefit from the new sewer lines when they are turned over to the City. Mr. Fields stated that LCWSC did receive the bids for the project and the low bid was \$352,194 from McClam and Associates. Mr. Fields stated that the existing system and right of way would be maintained on a limited basis to prevent further deterioration. Mr. Fields stated that if development occurs along the existing gravity lines then portions could be rehabilitated and placed into service on a cost effective basis.

Mr. Fields stated that the highlights of the Sewer System Conveyance Agreement are LCWSC would construct the project with a SRF Principal Forgiveness Loan, project costs that exceed the grant funds are the City's responsibility, LCWSC would operate and maintain the Sewer System for one year equal to the warranty period, the power cost for this one year period would be forgiven by the City and the City would take ownership of the infrastructure and easements after the one year period. Motion was made by Councilmember Neal to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LCWSC for the Whitten Center Sewer Project and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to go into executive session to discuss one contractual matter relating to land acquisition and one legal matter relating to property tax map numbers 901-12-07-009 and 901-12-07-010 and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor McLean declared Council back in open session. Mayor McLean stated that one contractual matter and one legal matter were discussed and no action was taken.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORT**

Councilmember Cook thanked everyone involved with the Rhythm of the Rails.

Councilmember Young thanked City staff for their work on the Rhythm on the Rails.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for their work during the storm Friday night. Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for the RP3 Award. Councilmember Jenkins stated that City staff needs to weed eat Oak Street Park. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the grass is being cut but weeds are growing up on the equipment and in the ditches.

Councilmember Neal thanked City staff for their work on the Rhythm on the Rails. Councilmember Neal stated that the grass needs to be cut on 1411 East Bluford Street.

Councilmember Kuykendall thanked City staff for their work on the Rhythm on the Rails. Councilmember Kuykendall thanked Officer Wilkes for his work in the Community. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the grass at Rosemont Cemetery needs cutting.

Councilmember Roth thanked City staff for their work on the Rhythm on the Rails. Councilmember Roth thanked City staff for their work during the storms. Councilmember Roth thanked City staff for the RP3 Award.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean thanked the City staff, volunteers and City Council for their work on the Rhythm on the Rails. Mayor McLean stated that it was a great event and he is looking forward to next year's event. Mayor McLean stated that the next Council meeting is Monday, July 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that Arby's grand opening would be Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 9:45 AM. Mayor McLean stated that the ground breaking ceremony for the second Speculative Building would be Monday, June 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

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