

MARCH 6 2017

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Center at 6:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Byrd, Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Scarborough, and Young. The City Attorney and the City Manager were present. News media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stephens from WLBG and Judith Brown from GoClinton.com. Notice was mailed and emailed to all local news media on February 27, 2017.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Reverend Fant from the Miracle Church of God in Christ.

**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 February 6 and the workshop minutes from February 6 and 20. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the February 6, 2017 minutes and the February 6, 2017 and the February 20, 2017 minutes from the Budget Workshop and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**CITIZENS ADDRESS
COUNCIL** Mayor Mclean recognized Ms. Charlotte Strickland. Ms. Strickland stated that she is a board member of the Laurens County Transportation Commission and she is before Council concerning the paving funds TCT has allocated to Clinton. Ms. Strickland stated that the Commission takes a full day and ride the roads in Laurens County and ranks the roads for repair by taking into account the condition of the road, the traffic on the road and how many residents live on the road. Ms. Strickland stated that the Commission recommends Clinton pave these roads first with the \$50,000 given to the City by TCT. Ms. Strickland stated that TCT ranked Woodrow Street first in paving because the street is in the worst condition, twenty-four residents live on Woodrow Street and it has a lot of traffic. Ms. Strickland stated that the funds TCT allocated to the City would not pave the whole street but the paving could be done in sections. Ms. Strickland stated that Forest Street was ranked second with nine residents and Mary Street was ranked third with only three residents. Ms. Strickland stated that Buice Circle is not eligible for TCT funds because the Commission did not look at Buice Circle but they looked at Buice Street. Ms. Strickland stated that since TCT did not look at Buice Circle on their ride then TCT funds cannot be used to pave this street. Ms. Strickland stated that the City does not have to pave the streets TCT recommends. Councilmember Byrd stated that Woodrow Street was not on the list given to Council. Mr. Stovall, City Manager, stated that Woodrow Street was listed on the presentation given to

Council last month but the report given to Council did not include Woodrow Street. Councilmember Byrd asked if the other streets on the list have conditions other than paving that would affect the City paving the street. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would not be able to make every repair such as sinking sewer lines before the City paves a road. Mr. Stovall stated that the City could spend City funds to pave Buice Circle since the City could not spend funds from the TCT to pave this street. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the City has only \$90,000 to pave these streets and the funds would barely cover two streets and Mr. Stovall agreed. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff recommends Council ranking these streets in order of repair and the City would start with the first street on the list and use the funds to pave the road and then go to the next street on the list.

Mayor McLean stated that Mary Street does not have eight residents but only two and Baldwin Circle Extension has only two houses.

**JASON TAVENNER
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES**

Mayor McLean recognized Jason Tavenner, Special Needs and Disability Board Director. Mr. Tavenner recognized Mr. Stoddard, Board of Directors Chairman. Mr. Tavenner thanked Council for the Resolution for Developmental Disabilities and the relationship his organization has with the City. Mr. Tavenner stated that he hoped the Resolution would raise awareness for developmental disabilities. Mr. Tavenner stated that his organization serves 560 people in Laurens County. Mr. Tavenner stated that he hoped the Resolution would open up work opportunities for the disabled and that people with disabilities can and would contribute to our Community. Mr. Stoddard stated that Mr. Tavenner and the Special Needs and Disability Board has helped disabled people in our Community by helping them be productive citizens.

**BETSY MCKINNEY
MUSEUM**

Mayor McLean recognized Betsy McKinney. Ms. McKinney stated that she was before Council regarding the Museum. Ms. McKinney stated that she wanted to remind everyone of how important the Museum is to the Community. Ms. McKinney stated that the Museum gives students an opportunity to understand the local history. Ms. McKinney stated that she would encourage the City to do what is necessary to open the Museum.

**LAWENCE YOUNG
MUSEUM**

Mayor McLean recognized Lawrence Young. Mr. Young stated that he is before Council regarding the Museum. Mr. Lawrence stated that he still does not have the books he loaned the Museum. Mr. Young stated that it has been six months and that is too long of a time to wait.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall. Mr. Stovall stated that the first

COLORECTAL CANCER
WOMEN'S HISTORY
SUNSHINE WEEK
AMERICAN RED CROSS
DISABILITIES
FAIR HOUSING

item on the agenda is the Resolutions for March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, March as Women's History Month, March 12th as Registered Dietitian's Day, March 12-18 as Sunshine Week, March as American Red Cross Month, March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and April as Fair Housing Month. Mayor McLean presented Mr. Tavenner and Mr. Stoddard with the Resolution for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the Resolutions and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

PALMETTO PRIDE
LITTER AWARD

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the 2017 Palmetto Pride Litter Trashes Everyone Art Contest winners. Mr. Stovall stated that the winners are Emily Power, a 4th grade student at Joanna Woodson Elementary School and Emma Upton, a 5th grade student at Clinton Elementary School. Mayor McLean thanked Ms. Ann Layne and Travis Bouknight for implementing the contest. Mayor McLean stated that litter is a needless and senseless problem not only in Laurens County but in the State. Mayor Mclean stated that it is great to see our youth becoming involved and recognizing this problem. Mayor McLean recognized the two students and presented them with a plaque.

RESOLUTION
GRANT
CLINTON MILL

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution endorsing the expenditure of funds for a Community Development Block Grant for the 2017 Clinton Mill Water Line Project. Mr. Stovall stated that this project would allow the City to replace the water lines and upgrade fire protection services in the Clinton Mill area. Mr. Stovall stated that the estimated cost of the project is \$600,000 with a 10% match from the City.

Mr. Stovall stated that the City anticipates the match to be at a cost no greater than \$100,000. Mr. Stovall stated that with the approval of the Resolution the City would apply for the grant funds to complete this project. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

PURCHASE
ROW EQUIPMENT

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is authorizing the purchase of one Right of Way Tractor and one Rotary Mower. Mr. Stovall stated that the City solicited bids. Mr. Stovall stated that STEC was the lowest bid for the Right of Way Tractor for \$55,795 and Blanchard Equipment was the lowest bid for the Rotary Mower for \$10,486. Mr. Stovall stated that this equipment would be used to maintain the City's right of ways. Mr. Stovall stated that the City plans to lease purchase this equipment with the City making a down payment of \$19,982 and lease purchasing the balance. Councilmember Young made a motion to

approve the purchase of a Right of Way Tractor for a cost not to exceed \$55,795 from STEC and a Rotary Cutter for a cost not to exceed \$10,486 from Blanchard Equipment and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

ROAD PAVING

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the road paving priorities for the fiscal year 2017. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2015 the City commissioned AECOM to conduct an engineering analysis of City roads. Mr. Stovall stated that according to the study there are five streets ranked poor to very poor conditions. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff also included how many residents were affected by the roads and the traffic on the roads. Mr. Stovall stated that the list submitted to the Laurens County Transportation Commission included Mary Street, Forest Street, Baldwin Extension, and Buice Circle. Mr. Stovall stated that the City did receive funds from TCT but the Commission also included Woodrow Street on the list. Mr. Stovall stated that along with the \$50,000 from TCT the City's paving budget is \$90,000. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff needs guidance from Council on which of the five streets and in which order the City should pave. Mayor McLean stated that the TCT list is different from the list from AECOM. Mr. Stovall stated that AECOM are engineers that specialize in road paving and the report is their paving recommendations. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she considered Forest Street to be first on the list and then Mary Street. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the City's Sanitation Trucks cannot go down these two streets. Councilmember Scarborough stated that he needs clarification on the TCT's street rankings. Ms. Strickland stated that the streets were ranked one to three with one being the worst street. After some discussion, Council asked the City Manager to set up a tour of the five roads with an engineer to discuss the condition of the roads and to also include Woodrow Street on their list and to hold a special called meeting to discuss the paving.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
BRIEFING**

D E TRIBBLE BLD

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the administrative briefing. Mr. Stovall recognized Mr. Jerre Threatt, Community Development Director. Mr. Stovall stated that Mr. Threatt has secured grant funds to stabilize the D.E. Tribble Building which the City owns. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the grant would take care of the whole building and Mr. Stovall stated the funds would stabilize the building. Mayor McLean asked if it would take care of the roof issues and Mr. Stovall stated that it would stabilize the building and take care of most of the roof issues.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to go into executive session to discuss one personnel issue pertaining to the Office of the City Manager and a contractual issue pertaining to the property on East Main Street and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION

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

**RESIGNATION
CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Stovall stated that since 2008 he has had the privilege of serving this Community first as an Assistant City Manager and then as the City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that during this time Council has allowed the City Management Team to accomplish projects such as improving Public Safety equipment, training and Officer retention. Mr. Stovall stated that Clinton was one of the first Communities to adopt the body cameras for the Public Safety Officers and Public Safety was restructured so that it would work for our Community. Mr. Stovall stated that the City's ISO rating has been reduced to a two. Mr. Stovall stated that the Public Safety Department participates in outreach programs and communicates with our citizens in ways that are the envy of other Communities. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has built an Industrial Park with a spec building and the City has restored funding for sidewalk and road repairs. Mr. Stovall stated that the downtown area has been enhanced by three phases of Streetscape and the City has submitted a successful application to the Main Street Program. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has created a successful Economic Development Program and created an Economic Development Plan. Mr. Stovall stated that the water lines in Clinton Mill, Lydia Mill, Edgewood Drive and Gastley Drive have been repaired. Mr. Stovall stated that the City is one of the highest rank RP3 Utilities in the Southeast. Mr. Stovall stated that the City remodeled an old bank building into a modern City Hall. Mr. Stovall stated that the City replaced the old computer technology and implemented smart meter technology. Mr. Stovall stated that the City tries to engage the public through social media, newsletters and surveys. Mr. Stovall stated that through Council's guidance the City has implemented Contingency and Reserve Funds to help the City weather future financial storms. Mr. Stovall stated that the City is in better financial shape today than we have been in the last twenty years. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has laid the groundwork for a new recreational complex and the first phase of the Greenway Plan would be constructed through a State grant. Mr. Stovall stated that the City still continues to look for ways to stabilize revenues and the utility rates. Mr. Stovall stated that he wants Council, City employees and the citizens to have the best possible future. Mr. Stovall stated that he has

been privileged to work with a strong and talented staff at every level of this organization. Mr. Stovall stated that it is because of the City personnel's dedication, ingenuity, skill and their passion for this City that has allowed the City to accomplish many of the projects he has just mentioned. Mr. Stovall stated that he encourages Council to work with the City staff especially the current members of the Management Team as the City moves through this transition. Mr. Stovall stated that he appreciates the Mayor, City Council, City personnel and the citizens for entrusting him with the daily management of Clinton and of the opportunities they offered him during his time in service. Mr. Stovall stated that he extends his best wishes for the continued success of this Community. Mr. Stovall stated that his contract with the City requires a 90 day notice but he would request Council waive that portion of his contract and allow his last day to be Friday, May 5, 2017.

Mr. Stovall stated that he would play whatever role Council requires during this transition and he wanted to thank Council for their support. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to accept Mr. Stovall's resignation for Friday, May 5, 2017 and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

SEARCH FIRM

Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to authorize the City Manager to present the names of several search firms to help Council find a new City Manager and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORT**

Councilmember Cook thanked Mr. Stovall for his work as the City Manager.

Councilmember Young thanked Mr. Stovall for his work as the City Manager.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that she has enjoyed working with Mr. Stovall. Councilmember Jenkins stated that Mr. Stovall has done a lot for the City and we appreciate his efforts.

Councilmember Byrd thanked Mr. Stovall for his work as the City Manager and stated that she would miss him.

Councilmember Kuykendall thanked Mr. Stovall for his work as the City Manager.

Councilmember Scarborough stated that Mr. Stovall has done a great job for Clinton and that he would miss him.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT Mr. Allen Wham, City Attorney, thanked Mr. Stovall for his work. Mr. Wham stated that it was a pleasure to get to know Mr. Stovall and to work with him. Mr. Wham stated that Mr. Stovall was a tremendous leader.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor McLean thanked the City Manager for his work. Mayor McLean stated that the City Manager got a lot of things done that may not have been done without the help of the City Manager. Mayor McLean stated that Mr. Stovall help bring in the Homes for Hope and the recreation complex. Mayor McLean stated that Mr. Stovall worked to get the spec building even though he pounded on the City Manager for five years to get it done. Mayor McLean stated that when Mr. Stovall took the City Manager job he told him that he did not want to see him here in ten years. I wanted him to do a great job because if he did a great job then someone else would want to hire him. Mayor McLean stated that Mr. Stovall has moved up to better himself and his family.

ADJOURN With there no further business before Council Mayor McLean adjourned the meeting.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR