

MARCH 4, 2019

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. The City Manager and the City Attorney were present. Local news media present were Judith Brown from the Laurens Advertiser, Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, and Randy Stephens from WLBG. Notice was emailed to all local news media on February 28, 2019.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Mark Entrekin from Clinton First Pentecostal Holiness 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 February 4. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the February 4, 2019 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.
- CITIZENS ADDRESS COUNCIL**
JASON TAVENNER
DISABILITIES
SPECIAL NEEDS
BOARD Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Jason Tavenner. Mr. Tavenner stated that he is the Director for the Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board. Mr. Tavenner stated that Council is approving a Proclamation for March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month. Mr. Tavenner thanked the City for hiring a person with a disability which has worked out well for the City and the Disabilities and Special Needs Board. Mr. Tavenner stated that people with special needs and disabilities can contribute to society through work and with involvement in the Community. Mr. Tavenner stated that the Disabilities and Special Needs Board supports 560 families in Laurens County and employs 300 people.
- EMILY BAILEY**
VANCE PARK Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Emily Bailey. Ms. Bailey stated that she is before Council concerning the Vance Park and the proposed pavilion project at the Vance Park site. Ms. Bailey requested the City move the pavilion to another site downtown. Ms. Bailey stated that in 2006 she gave a gift to the City of Clinton to purchase the block for the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center which included the park. Ms. Bailey stated that the gift was with the understanding that no additional development would take place on the site. Ms. Bailey stated that the purchase was to ensure the continued revitalization of the downtown and to improve the cultural, aesthetics, and economic viability of the City. Ms. Bailey stated that the vision for the Vance Park portion of the site has always been as open greenspace. Ms. Bailey stated that Vance Park would be utilized for events and passive recreation. Ms. Bailey stated that people working downtown could enjoy the area and weekend festivals could be held.

Ms. Bailey stated that the loss of the greenspace associated with Vance Park and the construction of a permanent structure on the site would not honor the original intent of the gift and the vision that was crafted for the site. Ms. Bailey stated that she is not in opposition of a downtown pavilion. Ms. Bailey stated that the Copeland Building site makes sense because the building is in disrepair and once it is demolished the site would be appropriate for a new structure. Ms. Bailey stated that she appreciates the long relationship she and her family have had with the City and she looks forward to future endeavors. Ms. Bailey stated that she also has a letter from her nephew, Fleming Patterson, regarding this matter. Ms. Bailey requested that this letter be given to Council.

PROCLAMATIONS Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of
COLORECTAL CANCER Proclamations proclaiming March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness
REGISTERED DIETITIAN Month, March as American Red Cross Month, March as Developmental
AMERICAN RED CROSS Disabilities Awareness Month, March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness
DEVELOPMENTAL Month, March 14, 2019 as Registered Dietitian Day, and April as Fair
DISABILITIES Housing Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve
BLEEDING DISORDERS the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was
FAIR HOUSING unanimous. Councilmember Kuykendall presented the Developmental
Disabilities Awareness Proclamation to Mr. Jason Tavenner and Mayor
McLean presented the Bleeding Disorders Awareness Proclamation to
April Baird.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Bill Cannon, City Manager. Mr. Cannon
SECOND READING stated that the first item on his agenda is the second reading of an
ORDINANCE Ordinance amending the Cross-Connection Ordinance for the addition of
CROSS CONNECTIONS penalties for failure to have backflow devices tested. Mr. Cannon stated
that the back flow device protects and maintains the Water Supply
System. Mr. Cannon stated that the amended Ordinance adds a penalty
of \$100 for not testing the back flow device. Mr. Cannon stated that the
first reading was approved at the February Council meeting. Motion was
made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the second reading of an
Ordinance which adds a penalty fee to the Cross Connection Ordinance
and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

SECOND READING Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the second
ORDINANCE reading of an Ordinance for the annexation of contiguous City owned
ANNEX PROPERTY property into the City of Clinton. Mr. Cannon stated that this property
636-00-00-052 pertains to the Recreation Complex and first reading was approved at the
614-00-00-001 February Council meeting.

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Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the second reading of an Ordinance annexing contiguous City owned property tax map number 636-00-00-052 and a portion of tax map number 614-00-00-001 into the City of Clinton and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

LIBRARY LEASE

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the library lease for a one year extension till August 31, 2020. Mr. Cannon stated that the City rents space from Timepiece Properties Venture to house the library. Mr. Cannon stated that the length of the lease is September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 for \$1,850 per month. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the library lease from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 for \$1,850 per month and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean asked the City Manager to address some misinformation regarding the library. Mr. Cannon stated that the press has stated the City has selected a site for the new library which is not accurate. Mr. Cannon stated that Council has only approved a site development design for a potential library in the Industrial Supply warehouse. Mr. Cannon stated that Laurens County discussed a Capital Improvement Tax to provide funding for a library at their last meeting. Mr. Cannon stated that the City does not have the funds to build a library. Mr. Cannon stated that the City would have a design if the County's Capital Improvement Tax is approved. Councilmember Roth asked if the library design would be based on the passage of the Capital Improvement Tax and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Mr. Cannon stated that it would cost approximately five million to build a library. Councilmember Roth asked if the County tax does not pass would City Council still see a library design and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Mayor Mclean stated that Laurens County does have a library design which could be used if the Capital Improvement Tax is approved. Councilmember Roth asked if there would be two competing designs. Mr. Cannon stated that the both designs would be options Council could consider. Mr. Cannon stated that the County would be able to use the City's design as an option. Mayor McLean stated that citizens should be involved with the design and planning of a library. Councilmember Roth stated that he thought the City's library design would be only for the current location but this design could be used at another site and Mr. Cannon stated yes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
BRIEFING**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the City Manager's administrative briefing. Mr. Canon stated that the budget workshop schedule was included in Council's packet.

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Mr. Cannon asked Council to determine the first budget workshop. After some discussion Council decided to hold the first budget workshop on Thursday, March 21 at 5:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion was made by Councilmember Neal to go into executive session to discuss one contractual matter relating to the acquisition of Real Properties regarding the Recreation Complex, one contractual matter regarding the acquisition of Real Properties regarding the Utility Billing Department, and one contractual matter relating to the acquisition of Real Properties regarding Project Hope 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 three contractual matters were discussed and no action was taken.

**PURCHASE PROPERTY
YOUNG DENDY
636-00-00-015** Councilmember Roth made a motion to approve the purchase of real properties from Young Dendy which is adjacent to the Recreation Complex tax map number 636-00-00-015 for \$25,000 and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
AUDIT SERVICES** Mayor McLean recognized Councilmember Cook, Audit Committee Chairman. Councilmember Cook stated that the Audit Committee met in February to consider bids from firms interested in supplying auditing services to the City of Clinton. Councilmember Cook stated that the Audit Committee solicited bids from eight firms and received five bids. Councilmember Cook stated that the Audit Committee recommends the City award the bid to McKinley Cooper and Company FY 2019 through FY 2022. Mayor McLean stated that since this comes as a recommendation from the Audit Committee a second is not required. The vote was unanimous.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORT** Councilmember Kuykendall stated that there seems to be more litter on the streets. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if the Litter Laws could be enforced.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that there is a lot of trash on private property. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the City has an Ordinance regarding citizens keeping their own property clean. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the City needs to pull that Ordinance and start enforcing it.

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Councilmember Jenkins stated that there is a drainage problem on the corner of South Livingston Street and West Centennial Street. Councilmember Jenkins asked City staff to look at the problem.

Councilmember Cook asked if the sign near the Chronicle had been put up and he was informed that it was. Councilmember Cook stated that he has also been receiving complaints about how the new garbage truck was throwing the trash cans around. Mr. Cannon stated that it would take time for City personnel to get use to the new garbage truck. Mayor McLean stated that another issue is the City does not have a standard trash can. Mayor McLean stated that the trash cans are different sizes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean thanked the citizens who showed up to pick up trash on Highway 308. Mayor McLean stated that Ms. Alvenese Barksdale passed away recently. Mayor McLean stated that Ms. Barksdale was one of the oldest citizens in Clinton. Mayor McLean stated that her funeral is Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

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