

NOVEMBER 5, 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, Neal, Kuykendall, Roth, and Young. The City Manager and the City Attorney were also present. Local news media present were Randy Stephens from WLBG, Judith Brown from the Laurens Advertiser, and Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle. Notice was emailed to all local news media on Tuesday, October 30, 2018.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Reverend Deryk Morgan from the Elizabeth Street Church of God

PLEDGE OF 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 October 1. Motion was made by Councilmember Young to approve the October 1, 2018 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

CITIZEN ADDRESS COUNCIL Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Vernon Heston. Mr. Heston stated that he lived at 705 Elizabeth Street and he is before Council concerning voter registration cards. Mr. Heston stated that he tried several places like City Hall and the Police Department to pick up a voters registration card. Mr. Heston asked the Mr. Wham, City Attorney if he knew where he could go and Mr. Wham stated that Laurens County handles voting and voter's registration cards for Clinton and Laurens. Mayor McLean stated that he could also go on line and register. Mr. Heston stated that many people did not have access to a computer or knew how to use one. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he could use the computers at the local library.

VERNON HESTON VOTER'S REGISTRATION CARDS

EMILY BAILEY MICROPHONE PODIUM Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Emily Bailey. Ms. Bailey stated that she wished the City would place a microphone at the podium. Ms. Bailey stated that it is hard for the audience to hear the speaker when they have their back to everyone.

SUSAN GALLOWAY ARBOR DAY Mayor Mclean recognized Ms. Galloway from the Clinton Canopy. Ms. Galloway stated that she was before Council to invite them to the Arbor Day celebration at the Pine Haven Park at 2:00 PM on Friday, November 9, 2018. Ms. Galloway stated that Clinton Canopy received a grant to update the Pine Haven Park and she invited Council to go and see all the changes to the park. Mayor McLean thanked the Clinton Canopy for all their work in Clinton.

NEW EMPLOYEES	The new employees were introduced as follows: Hastings Stewart, Firemen; Sonny Ledda, Police Chief; Max Hughes, Assistant Filter Plant Director.
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT PROCLAMATIONS ALZHEIMERS AWARENESS DIABETES AWARENESS HOSPICE LUNG CANCER PANCREATIC CANCER	Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Cannon, City Manager. Mr. Cannon stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of Proclamations proclaiming November as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, November as Diabetes Awareness Month, November as Hospice of Laurens County Month, November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month, November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and November 25, 2018 as Small Business Saturday. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee regarding the disbursement of the State Hospitality Taxes. Mr. Cannon recognized Ms. Kay Addison, Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Chairman. Ms. Addison stated that the committee met in October to disburse State funds which are to be used for tourism. Ms. Addison stated that the members of the Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee present for the meeting were Janice Long, Amit Paul, Dianne Wyatt, and Heather Tiller. Ms. Addison stated that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee recommends awarding \$11,000 to the Main Street Program for the Scots & Brats and \$10,000 to Hospice of Laurens County for the Flight of the Dove. Ms. Addison stated that the funds for the Welcome Center Project could still be used by the City but the City would have to apply for the grant again from the State. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.
PRESENTATION RICK GREEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN	Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation by Rick Green from Upper Savannah Council of Governments. Mr. Green stated that he is before Council concerning the 2019 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Green stated that he has worked with the Planning Commission over the last several months to upgrade the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Green stated that State law requires the City to upgrade the Comprehensive Plan every five years and a complete overhaul every ten years. Mr. Green stated that the plan before Council is a five year upgrade.

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Mr. Green stated that Council has before them the first reading tonight and if approved then a Public Hearing would be required in December as well as a second reading. Councilmember Roth stated that the Comprehensive Plan was impressive and had a lot of important information. Councilmember Roth stated that he would like to see the City look at this plan earlier than every five years.

**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Ordinance adopting the 2019 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Cannon stated that the Planning Commission has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and recommends approval by Council. Mr. Cannon stated that the Planning Commission feels the Comprehensive Plan is concise and meets all of the requirements of the City of Clinton and the State of South Carolina. Mr. Cannon stated that the City placed the Comprehensive Plan on the City's website for review as well as advertised the Public Hearing. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to adopt the 2019 Comprehensive Plan and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND READING
ORDINANCE
BLUE LAWS**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance to temporarily suspend the application of Sunday sales prohibitions (Blue Laws) within the corporate limits of the City of Clinton. Mr. Cannon stated that this Ordinance allows businesses to open and operate prior to 1 PM in the City of Clinton. Mr. Cannon stated that the City approves the Ordinance every six months and the City approved the first reading at the October 1, 2018 Council meeting. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance to approve the Blue Laws and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE
SIGNS
EXIT 54/ I-26**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the purchase of two signs from Hilton Display for Exit 54 on I-26 for a cost of \$58,136.31. Mr. Cannon stated that the signs would be 5' high x 40' long x 2' wide. Mr. Cannon stated that Council was presented with a proposal in June to construct two signs. Mr. Cannon stated that after Council approved the purchase the vendor informed the City the cost would be higher because of the change in the price of the aluminum in the signs. Mr. Cannon stated that the City engaged Hillmann & Elmore to develop a new sign construction plan and the City submitted bids for the new signs.

Mr. Cannon stated that the City received four bids ranging in price from \$58,136.31 to \$125,400. Mr. Cannon stated that the signs would be funded from Hospitality Funds and the target date is January 2019. Councilmember Young asked if lighting is included in the plans and Mr. Cannon stated he was not sure. Councilmember Young stated that the City would have to use flood lights to highlight the signs. Mr. Cannon stated that the City would make sure the signs were lighted. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the purchase of two signs for Exit 54 on I-26 for a total cost of \$58,136.31 and seconded by Councilmember Young. The vote was unanimous.

**WATER LINE BID
COMMERCE PARK**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of Holzheimer Construction's bid of \$293,735 to install a 12" water line from Exit 54 to the entrance of Clinton 26 Commerce Park. Mr. Cannon stated that in order to adequately serve Clinton 26 Commerce Park the City would need a 12" water line. Mr. Cannon stated that the City currently has a 12" water line inside the Commerce Park but the service along SC 72 from the BP Station to Exit 54 to the Park entrance has an 8" water line. Mr. Cannon stated that the 12" water line would serve the future needs of the Commerce Park. Mr. Cannon stated that the project would be funded with carry over funds from the Clinton 26 Sewer Project and the target date is February 2019. Councilmember Roth made a motion to approve the construction bid for a 12" water line from Exit 54 to the Clinton 26 Commerce Park for a cost not to exceed \$293,735 and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE
GARBAGE TRUCK**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the purchase of the New Age Automated Side Loader from Amick Equipment for a cost of \$264,438.92. Mr. Cannon stated that the City solicited bids for a garbage truck and received six bids. Mr. Cannon stated that the Sanitation Department employees had an opportunity to demo the New Age Truck and the Collectstar Truck. Mr. Cannon stated that the demonstration allowed the employees to operate the equipment as if they were utilizing it on their daily routes. Mr. Cannon stated that City staff discussed each truck and the consensus of the group was the New Age Truck would better suit the City's needs than the Collectstar. Mr. Cannon stated that the New Age Truck has variable speed controls when operating the mechanism that picks up and dumps the carts. Mr. Cannon stated that the New Age Truck is also equipped with a Cam Bus System located in the cab which allows the driver to see if all of the systems are operating properly. Mr. Cannon stated that the Cam Bus System allows the driver to override particular issues long enough to return the truck to the shop for repairs.

Mr. Cannon stated that the City budgeted a \$30,000 down payment in the 2018-19 budget with the balance being financed through a five-year Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if personnel would be trained to operate the garbage truck. Mr. Cannon stated the employee would use a joy stick to operate the truck and would be easy to learn. Mayor McLean stated that the City would have to address the matter of residents having their cars off the street so the truck could maneuver down the streets. Motion was made by Councilmember Roth to approve the purchase of a New Age Automated Side Loader from Amick Equipment for a cost not to exceed \$264,438.92 and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion was made by Councilmember Young to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual matter relating to the sale and purchase of land and one contractual matter relating to PMPA 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 two contractual matters were discussed and no action was taken.

PMPA Motion was made by Councilmember Young to authorize the Mayor to sign a non-binding letter of intent with PMPA and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE LAND
RECREATION COMPLEX** Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to purchase 105 acres tax map number 636-00-00-052 from Howard Watkins for a price of \$490,000 to be used for the Recreation Complex and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE LAND
RECREATION COMPLEX** Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to purchase 69 acres tax map number 614-00-00-001 from Monte Dutton for a price of \$4,200 per acre with total cost being determined following a survey to be used for the Recreation Complex and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**COMMUNITY GRANT
ASSISTANCE
GRANTS** Mayor McLean recognized Councilmember Cook. Councilmember Cook stated that the Community Grant Assistance Committee met and disbursed \$4,000 to Community projects. Councilmember Cook stated that the awards are as follows: Clinton Canopy- \$1,000; Clinton Community Garden - \$1,500; Clinton Little Red Devils - \$1,500.

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Mayor McLean stated that since this comes before Council from a committee as a motion it does not require a second. The vote was unanimous to approve the disbursement.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORT**

Councilmember Roth stated that he appreciated the 2019 Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Roth stated the Plan included a lot of valuable information.

Councilmember Neal stated that the sign at the intersection of Highway 308 near the Clinton Chronicle is torn down and needs to be replaced.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean stated that the purchase of land for the Recreation Complex has been in the works a long time and he is glad it has finally happened. Mayor McLean stated that on Thursday, November 29, 2018 the City would host the Tree Lightening, carriage rides, and Santa at the downtown depot from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 10:00 AM is the Clinton Christmas Parade. Mayor McLean stated that the next Council meeting is Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR