

OCTOBER 5, 2015

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center at 6:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Byrd, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Scarborough, and Young. The news media present were Larry Franklin from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stephens from WLBG, and Judith Brown from Go Clinton .com. Notice was emailed and mailed to the local news media on Monday, September 28, 2015.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Bishop Deryk Morgan from the Elizabeth Street Church of God.
- 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 September 8. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.
- CITY MANGER'S
REPORT
PROCLAMATIONS
PUBLIC POWER WEEK
FIRE PREVENTION
BREAST CANCER
CRIME PREVENTION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
DYSLEXIA AWARENESS
ARBOR DAY** Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Stovall, City Manager. Mr. Stovall stated that he wanted to recognize City staff that came in over the weekend and cleaned up the community after the storm. Mr. Stovall recognized Ms. Hannah Garber a Presbyterian College student who would be an intern for the City Administration staff. Mr. Stovall stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of Proclamations proclaiming October 4-10 as Public Power Week in Clinton, October 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week in Clinton, October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October as Crime Prevention Month, October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October as Dyslexia Awareness Month, and the first Thursday in November as Arbor Day in Clinton. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- FIRST READING
ORDINANCE
BLUE LAWS** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Ordinance to temporarily suspend the application of Sunday sales prohibitions within the corporate limits of the City of Clinton. Mr. Stovall stated that the State gives Council the authority to suspend the Blue Laws every six months. Mr. Stovall stated that the surrounding communities suspend the Blue Laws and suspending the Blue Laws allows the businesses in Clinton to compete with businesses in the surrounding communities. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to temporary suspend the Blue Laws and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- SECOND READING
ORDINANCE
ADMISTRATIVE FEE** Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance reducing the Administrative Fee associated with delinquent accounts that qualify for disconnection from twenty-five dollars per occurrence to zero dollars per occurrence. Mr. Stovall stated that last month Council approved the first reading of an Ordinance to reduce the Administrative Fee for delinquent accounts from \$25 to zero dollars. Mr. Stovall stated that this reduction would impact the budget by \$50,000. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the second reading of an Ordinance to reduce the Administrative Fee from \$25 to zero dollars for delinquent accounts and seconded by Councilmember Byrd. The vote was unanimous.

RATE STUDY

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with PMPA and GDS for Rate Study services. Mr. Stovall stated that PMPA contracts with GDS Associates who have offices in Florida and Georgia. Mr. Stovall stated that GDS is a large firm who are experienced in conducting utility rate studies. Mr. Stovall stated that the scope of services the City would require GDS to perform are examining the allocation of common costs for electric, water, sewer, and sanitation utilities including allocation for Utility Billing, Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources and other costs by the Department of Public Works with other City departments. Mr. Stovall stated that GDS would conduct a financial review to determine the respective total revenue requirements for the electric, water, sewer, and sanitation utilities and develop recommendations for rate structures to meet the allocated costs, including a conceptual review of innovative and non-traditional rate structure such as time of use rates and special small business rates. Mr. Stovall stated that the time frame for the project is three to six months depending on the detail needed in the rate design. Mr. Stovall stated that GDS services would be provided under the existing contract with PMPA and the cost would be paid by PMPA in the form of a 0% interest loan. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would be responsible for paying the costs back to PMPA over the course of five years. Mr. Stovall stated that the cost of the rate study would be approximately \$60,000. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that GDS is already under contract with PMPA and that is a concern. Councilmember Kuykendall asked Mr. Stovall if he felt GDS could give an independent Rate Study. Mr. Stovall stated that by GDS understanding of how PMPA operates would help them in the City's Rate Study. Mr. Stovall stated that GDS is a large firm and the personnel working on the Rate Study are not directly involved with the PMPA Board of Directors. Mayor McLean asked if the City sees a payback or a return by doing this. Mr. Stovall stated that the Rate Study is the only way to look at all of the costs and determine how the costs should be allocated. Mr. Stovall stated that the City does not have personnel that could create a Rate Study. Mr. Stovall stated that the return on the investment of the Rate Study is it gives Council all of the needed data in order to make solid decisions on how rates should be restructured moving forward. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the Rate Study is part of the City's long term strategy for all of the City's utilities to be self-sufficient. Councilmember Young asked if there are other firms that could perform the same service that are not under a master contract with PMPA. Mr. Stovall stated that the City could solicit bids and secure a firm which would take some time. Mayor McLean stated we would have to pay for the services when render instead over a five-year period. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the City would hold the cost to \$60,000 and Mr. Stovall stated that the City would not go over the \$60,000 without Council's consent. Mayor McLean stated that basically they would come in and look at all the electric rates, the sanitation rates, and the water rates and try to balance the costs out so that each department pays for itself. Mayor McLean stated that we are no longer trying to rob Paul to pay Peter which makes our electric rates so high. Mr. Stovall stated that GDS would look at how much of the Utility Billing should be allocated toward the cost of the Electric System. Mayor McLean asked if GDS would make recommendations on how to operate the department. Mayor McLean stated for example would GDS advise the City on how many times should the City pick up debris in order to reduce the cost of running that department. Mr. Stovall stated that GDS would make recommendations based on what other communities but Council would make the decision concerning the utilities rates.

Mr. Stovall stated that the primary focus of GDS would be the rate structure. Councilmember Young asked if the City Manager would give GDS parameters to work within. Councilmember Young stated that he was concerned about the cost because the cost GDS would charge depends on how detailed the study would be. Mr. Stovall stated that he has requested a full cost of allocation study and different concept rate designs which is included in the \$60,000. Mr. Stovall stated that the cost would increase if Council makes additional requests. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if GDS could present to Council other rate studies they have performed and Mr. Stovall stated that GDS would not give out confidential information regarding other rate studies. Councilmember Cook asked if GDS would make any recommendations in regards to the City's contract with PMPA. Mr. Stovall stated that a rate firm would not give that type of advice so Council would have to seek legal advice about the PMPA contract. Councilmember Cook stated that part of the study would be the financial impact of the PMPA contract. Mr. Stovall stated GDS would look at the cost of the PMPA contract but GDS would not make recommendations to Council on how to adjust the contract because that process would require an attorney. Councilmember Cook stated that Council has to structure rates that are influenced by the PMPA contract. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with GDS to execute a rate study and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was five to two with Councilmembers Kuykendall and Young voting no.

**SOLOR POWER
POLICY**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is a policy to create a Solar Power Buy Back Program. Mr. Stovall stated that a customer owned generation is an energy generating device that is owned and operated by the customer primarily to power their home or business. Mr. Stovall stated that the customer may use solar panels, wind, hydro, or biofuel to power their home or business. Mr. Stovall stated that the customer purchases a generation system and installs it. Mr. Stovall stated that the customer then uses the power generated from the system to meet all or part of their energy needs and they use power from the City of Clinton to meet those needs not met by their personal system. Mr. Stovall stated that the customer enters into an agreement with the City by which the City provides power when needed and purchases the surplus power back from the customer when the customer produces enough power to exceed the energy they need to power their home or business. Mr. Stovall stated that if the customer produces enough energy to operate their home and also has surplus then the surplus goes back to the City's grid and the surplus is what is purchased from the customer. Mr. Stovall stated that the policy enables the City to manage the surplus and how to purchase the surplus from the customer. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has an All Requirements contract with PMPA and that prohibits the City from purchasing power from anyone except PMPA. Mr. Stovall stated that PMPA has agreed to purchase surplus power from a customer owned generation system and provide credit to the City for that energy. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would pass the credit from PMPA on to the customer. Mr. Stovall stated that a customer owned system would back feed power back on to the City lines which could cause problems to City personnel during a power outage.

Mr. Stovall stated that the City would require the customer to register by entering into a tri-party net metering agreement, each customer must agree to an interconnection agreement and that all systems must be installed in such a manner as to meet or exceed safety codes and standards, and each system must be inspected by qualified City personnel to ensure that it poses no hazard to the City's Electrical System or employees. Mr. Stovall stated that any program that reduces energy sales will result in fewer Kwh to spread fixed costs over. Mr. Stovall stated that if a customer generates surplus energy PMPA buys back the surplus as follows \$.04244 per Kwh during peak hours and \$.02755 per Kwh during non-peak hours. Mr. Stovall stated that the rate at which the City sells power to customers is designed to recoup a portion of the fixed costs and to support the transmission and distribution from PMPA to the City. Mr. Stovall stated that PMPA sets the buy back rate at the amount that purchasing the distributed generation saves the utility, since all of those other costs still exist. Mr. Stovall stated that a special meter on the customer's home records the amount of energy that flows from the home back to the City's power grid and the reading is then submitted to PMPA. Mr. Stovall stated that PMPA would provide a credit to the City and the City would pass the entire credit on to the customer as a credit on their utility bill. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the City thought that many citizens would be interested in this type of energy. Mr. Stovall stated that other cities that offer this program do not receive much interest but it is important for the City to make this type of program available. Mayor McLean stated this is only buying back the excess they do not use themselves and Mr. Stovall agreed. Mayor McLean stated that there is not anywhere in town a customer could put solar panels to power a home so the buy back would be basically nothing. Mr. Stovall stated that it would take a lot of solar panels to operate a home. Mayor McLean stated that the real savings is getting off the grid not selling the power back. Motion was made by Councilmember Scarborough to approve the Solar Power Buy Back Program and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**FRONTAGE ROAD
AGREEMENTS**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is four items authorizing the City Manager to execute the following agreements, contracts, and documents associated with the frontage road. Mr. Stovall stated that the four documents are a Termination of Right to Repurchase, Deed of Dedication for the sewer lines, Walking trail Easement Agreement, and a First Amendment to Real Estate Purchase Agreement. Mr. Stovall stated that in 2008 the City sold approximately 199 acres of land fronting I-26 to Central Realty Corporation for \$298,975. Mr. Stovall stated that the road nears completion and the City and Central Realty are prepared to mutually agree that Central Realty has met its site improvement obligations and execute documents related to those obligations.

**TERMINATION
RIGHT TO REPURCHASE**

Mr. Stovall stated that the first document is the Termination of Right to Repurchase. Mr. Stovall stated that this document terminates the City's right to repurchase the property. Mr. Stovall stated that the original purchase agreement entitled the City to buy the property back for the sale price if the purchaser failed to make the required improvements on the site. Mr. Stovall stated that since the improvements have been made Central Realty is requesting that this right be terminated so they could move forward with marketing the property. Mr. Stovall stated that the second document is the Deed of Dedication for sewer lines. Mr. Stovall stated that Central Realty has installed a main Sewer Collection System to serve the majority of the frontage road and the system would be absorbed into our current Sewer Collection System.

**DEED OF DEDICATION
SEWER LINES**

**WALKING TRAIL
EASEMENT**

Mr. Stovall stated that the system has been reviewed by the Director of Public Works and the system meets our standards for construction and design. Mr. Stovall stated that the third document is the Walking Trail Easement. Mr. Stovall stated that Central Realty has an interest in the City's Greenway Plan and this document grants the City the right to construct a trail or greenway along the sewer easement for the public enjoyment. Mr. Stovall stated that currently the City does not have any funding for the walking trails but the City is pursuing grants. Mr. Stovall stated that the last document is an Amendment of Purchase Agreement.

**AMENDMENT
PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Stovall stated that the document amends and adjusts the original purchase agreement by making the following changes which are removes grading investment requirement and right to repurchase by the City, removes references to water lines being constructed by the City, allows the purchaser to transfer sewer lines to the City, and establishes that sewer lines were constructed for the benefit of the property owner and the City and states that the purchaser and the seller agree to work together as needed on future infrastructure obligations. Mr. Wham, City Attorney, stated that he has reviewed the documents and they are consistent with the original document. Councilmember Byrd made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the documents relating to the frontage road and seconded by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATION
BRIEFING**

Mr. Stovall stated that the next item on the agenda is the administrative briefing. Mr. Stovall stated that the first briefing is in regards to the Utility Strategic Plan. Mr. Stovall stated that one short term action is to improve communications with the public. Mr. Stovall stated that the City now has an electric specific website called poweringclinton.com. Mr. Stovall stated that another short term action was to publicly post rates clearly on the website and in the lobby of our facility. Mr. Stovall stated that in October citizens would receive a rate information sheet along with their utility bill and the rates are posted on the website. Mr. Stovall stated that customers would receive this rate information on an annual basis. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff is working to develop collateral regarding rates and policies for customers. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff met with two assistance agencies and Gleams is using the Municipal Building from 2-4 on Wednesdays. Mr. Stovall stated that the response for the in house assistance has been slow and the City would advertise this program in the paper. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff recommended reducing penalties and fees as a short term action. Mr. Stovall stated that the City eliminated all late penalties and disconnect fees charged to the July bill. Mr. Stovall stated that the City reduced the late penalty charged in August to 5% from 10% and only charged customers the 10% late fee if the customer did not contact the City to discuss payment options. Mr. Stovall stated that Council approved eliminating the \$25 Administrative Fee associated with service disconnection. Mr. Stovall stated that the City also instituted a hiring freeze which would temporarily freeze all positions that are not associated with front line service delivery in mission critical areas such as police, fire, water, sewer, and electric. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff would reevaluate frozen positions every three months. Mr. Stovall stated that the City temporarily would freeze all capital expenditures unless those expenditures are budgeted from an existing restricted account. Mr. Stovall stated that the City staff reduced the PPCA charge to 0 in September and in October. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff is working with Abbeville Public Utilities to implement a Common Sense Energy Review Program for residential customers to assist in identifying ways in which residential customers can use energy more efficiently.

**ELECTRIC RATE
RESPONSE PLAN**

Mr. Stovall stated that Council has already authorized some internal assistance options such as allowing extensions with no penalty up to six months and allowing multiple payment agreements per year as long as the customer is not currently in a payment agreement. Mr. Stovall stated that the agreements may be at three, six, and nine months intervals. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff has opened up the Budget Billing program to allow signups anytime beginning October 1, 2015. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has established a Rate Stabilization Fund to be used to offset the PPCA charge. Mr. Stovall stated that the initial funding is \$207,000 and these funds can only be used for reducing energy costs for citizens and for no other purpose. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has approved the Cost of Service Study and the DSM Program. Mr. Stovall stated that the DSM Program would reduce a customer rate by 2.3% in year one effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff is still working on the Pole Attachment Fee and Council has approved a policy regarding energy generation by a customer. Mr. Stovall stated that a long term action is to request a PMPA rate structure adjustment. Mr. Stovall stated that the City would be meeting with PMPA to discuss a rate structure adjustment that would be fair to Clinton and to other PMPA participants. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff would also be looking at revenue growth, limit budget growth, separate City and Utility, and separate billing over the next eighteen months. Councilmember Kuykendall asked about the progress with the Common Sense Energy Program. Mr. Stovall stated that currently the City would need to make some small capital purchases before starting the program. Mayor McLean stated that the City partners with Clinton Newberry Natural Gas and they sell appliances to their customers. Mayor McLean asked if the City could get in the business of providing LED light bulbs to our customers. Mayor McLean stated that he had over fifty bulbs in his house and just two of the LED light bulbs saves him \$300 for the life of the bulbs. Mayor McLean stated that if he took fifty light bulbs in his house and replace them with LED light bulbs then he would save \$7,000 over the life of the LED bulbs. Mayor McLean stated that the City could set up a program for people who could not afford to buy these bulbs and bill them over a twelve month period similar to what Clinton Newberry Natural Gas does with their appliances. Mayor McLean stated that \$7,000 in one house is dramatic. Mayor McLean stated that if we do this throughout the whole town just think of the effect it would have on our citizens. Councilmember Scarborough stated that the program would help lower the City's peak usage. Mayor McLean stated that it is a program the City should pursue and Mr. Stovall agreed. Mayor McLean stated that the City has houses that heat with electric space heaters in every single room in their house. Mayor McLean stated that they run these space heaters seven days a week twenty-four hours per day. Mayor McLean stated that the customer runs up \$800 to \$1200 in utility bills which is not beneficial to them or the City because they are not going to pay the City. Mayor McLean stated that the City should be able to identify those homes and go in and put gas heaters in. Mayor Mclean stated that if the homes are rental property the City should get in touch with the landlord tell them to put this in or the renters will not be able to pay their rent or their utility bill. Mayor McLean stated that the LED light bulbs and the gas heaters would go along with the Common Sense Energy Program and Mr. Stovall agreed. Mayor McLean stated that these two things are not huge but they would have a profound effect on our citizens. Mr. Stovall stated that the more the City reduces consumption the more the fixed costs are spread over the customers. Mr. Stovall stated that using electric space heaters is the worst type of energy use.

Mr. Stovall stated that the International Enforcement Code which the City uses requires a heat source but not a certain type of heat. Mr. Stovall stated that the International Code does not define heat as a fixed HVAC system. Mr. Stovall stated that Council has the authority to raise the requirements in which the City would enforce for a heat source especially rental property. Mr. Stovall stated that Council could approve an Ordinance that gives the Inspection Department the authority to require property to have a working HVAC system. Mayor McLean asked if we could do this just on rental property and Mr. Stovall stated that the Ordinance would affect every property. Mayor McLean stated that the City could not single out rental property. Mr. Stovall stated that he does not mean to outlaw a space heater. Mayor McLean stated that cannot be the only source of heat and Mr. Stovall agreed. Mayor McLean stated that citizens would have the same problem in the cold months as they have in the warm months. Councilmember Jenkins asked what type of heading would the Ordinance have. Mr. Stovall stated that Council would amend the City's Property Maintenance and Standards of the International Code to interpret the source of heat as a housed based system and not a portable system. Councilmember Scarborough asked if this could be one of the topics for the Rate Reduction Task Force. Mayor McLean asked if Council could hold a workshop about this matter. Councilmember Scarborough stated that Council could either hold a workshop on the topic or give this issue to the Rate Reduction Task Force to discuss since City staff would form the committee within the next month. Mayor McLean stated that the workshop could also include the Municipal judges. Mr. Stovall stated that Council would like to put together a workshop regarding the code enforcements options and involve the Municipal judges in the creation of a Livability Court which would be a special court that address code enforcement matters. Mr. Stovall stated that there are several options for the Livability Court including a judge presiding over Court or giving Council the authority to preside over the Livability Court. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff would need time to put together the workshop and City staff is starting the process for the new budget. After some discussion Council determined to put this issue on the agenda for the Rate Reduction Task Force.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Mr. Stovall stated that the Frontage Road is near completion and the concrete has been poured. Mr. Stovall stated that paving would start up next week as long as the weather holds up. Mr. Stovall stated that the Friendship Drive water line is completed. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff has received the draft Paving Plan and it is being reviewed by staff. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has not yet received any feedback from SC DHEC about the Consent Order. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if City staff has a date on the completion of the Frontage Road. Mayor McLean stated that the last road opening date was March. Councilmember Kuykendall asked what additional paving is needed and Mr. Stovall stated the intersection of Highway 56 and the Frontage Road. Mayor McLean asked if that is all that is to be done and Mr. Stovall stated yes. Mayor McLean asked who was doing the work and Mr. Stovall stated that Therilko has the paving contract. Mayor McLean asked when would they do the work and Mr. Stovall stated that the rain has put them behind. Mr. Stovall stated that the engineers working on the Frontage Road has given the City a December 8, 2015 date to open the Frontage Road.

STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE

Mr. Stovall stated that the next project is the Strategic Planning Initiative. Mr. Stovall stated that this plan was included in the 2015-16 operating budget because the current Strategic Plan is complete and it is time to work on a new Strategic Plan. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff felt that a Strategic Plan should be completed in a four year block to coincide with elections. Mr. Stovall stated that one step in beginning the Strategic Plan is to provide Council with baseline citizen data. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has contracted with the National Citizen Survey to survey citizens in November. Mr. Stovall stated that the survey would provide baseline scientific data on public perception of a variety of City services and then Council could target the services they want to address over the next three years. Mr. Stovall stated that Council can use the data in budget and service planning. Mr. Stovall stated that the survey data could be completed and reviewed by December and Council can use this data for budget planning in the spring. Councilmember Cook asked if the survey would be by mail and Mr. Stovall stated by mail and telephone.

MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Stovall stated that the City received an annexation request for a proposed forty plus unit multifamily development located off Jacobs Highway and behind the existing residential units fronting Springdale Drive. Mr. Stovall stated that everything in the application is in order so the request would go before the Planning Commission meeting in November. Mr. Stovall stated that the meeting data would be made available on the City's website. Mr. Stovall stated that the Planning Commission would hold a Public Hearing and when the matter comes before Council a Public Hearing would be held in conjunction to the Council meeting. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the multifamily development could be seen from the Jacobs Highway and Mr. Stovall stated that he thinks the development would be seen from Springdale Drive.

RULES & PROCEDURES SECOND READING AMEND SECTION 2-4 BOND DESTRUCTION

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is recommendations from the Rules and Procedures Committee. Mayor McLean stated that the Rules and Procedures Committee request second reading on an Ordinance pertaining to section 2-4 of the City Code regarding the destruction of bonds. Mayor McLean stated that the original code required that all bonds be cremated. Mayor McLean stated that the new code allows destruction by appropriate means and not to specific destruction by cremation. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the second reading of the Ordinance to amend section 2-4 of the City Code pertaining to the destruction of bonds. The motion did not need a second since the request is made by a Committee. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean stated that the Rules and

SECOND READING REPEAL SECTION 2-221/ 2-230 APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Procedures Committee request second reading of an Ordinance to repeal section 2-221 through 2-230 of the City Code which pertains to the Appearance Commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the second reading of the Ordinance repealing sections 2-221 through 2-230 of the City Code pertaining to the Appearance Commission. The motion did not need a second since the request is made by a committee. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean stated that the

FIRST READING AMEND SECTION 2-36/2-220 COUNCIL

Rules and Procedures Committee request a first reading of an Ordinance to amend section 2-36 through 2-220 of the City Code pertaining to City Council meetings, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Proclamations, officers and employees, manager officers and employees and the City Clerk. Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to approve the first reading of an Ordinance that amends section 2-36 through 2-220 of the City Code pertaining to the City Council, managers, employees, and the City Clerk.

The motion did not need a second since the request comes from the a committee. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion was made by Councilmember Byrd to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter relating to appointments to Boards and Commissions, one economic development matter relating to Project Lobster, and one economic development matter relating to Project Interstate Chicken and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION Mayor Mclean declared Council back in open session. Mayor McLean stated that one personnel matter and two economic development matters were discussed and no action was taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Mclean stated that Thursday, October 8 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM the City of Clinton would host Firepower 2015 at the American Legion Hut. Mayor Mclean stated Thursday, October 15, 2015 the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce would host Business After Hours at the Presbyterian Communities from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that Presbyterian Communities is celebrating forty years in business. Mayor McLean stated Friday, October 23, 2015 Clinton High would have their homecoming parade at 4:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that the parade would start on the corner of East Maple and Adair Street. Mayor Mclean stated that Saturday, October 31, 2015 the City of Clinton would host the Trick or Treat Spooktacular from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the downtown area. Mayor Mclean stated that the next City Council meeting is Monday, November 2, 2015 at 6:00 PM. Mayor McLean stated that he wanted to say how extremely thankful he is the City and its citizens came out of this past weekend with only minor damage. Mayor McLean stated that the employees did a great job at clearing storm drains, removing down trees and restoring power. Mayor McLean stated that our Management Team showed great foresight in removing the pumps and motor from the Enoree River Pump Station which saved us considerable money and down time. Mayor McLean stated that he is also appreciative of Senator Tim Scott and Congressman Jeff Duncan and State Representative Mark Willis because they all personally called and offered assistance to see what they could do for us. Mayor McLean stated that he has been told that this rain has caused more damage to Charleston than Hurricane Hugo. Mayor McLean stated that we are very fortunate because the damage in the Midlands is great so we are very fortunate to be in Clinton right now.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT Councilmember Scarborough thanked City staff for their hard work during the severe rain storm. Councilmember Scarborough started that City personnel did a tremendous job in keeping the power on and removing down trees.

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that a tree fell across his driveway and he was amazed at how fast City personnel responded to remove the tree and get the power back on. Councilmember Kuykendall thanked City personnel for their work during the rain storm. Mayor McLean stated that he wanted to add one thing which was he saw the new JCB Front End Loader in Mr. Kuykendall's yard. Mayor McLean stated that this shows how equipment is needed to run the City. Mayor McLean stated that the City's equipment was put to use and did come in handy.

Councilmember Byrd thanked City staff for their work during the rain storm.

Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for their work during the rain storm. Councilmember Jenkins asked Mr. Stovall to give an account of the events that took place during the rain storm. Mr. Stovall stated that trees were down on Stonewall Street, Calvert Avenue, Jones Street and Buice Street. Mr. Stovall stated that at the height of the storm the City had 200 customers without power which the City restored their power within six hours. Mr. Stovall stated that several Public Safety Officers helped remove debris from the storm drains to help with the water flow as well as continue with their duties. Mr. Stovall stated that these Officers did this until the Street and Sanitation Department could mobilize their crews. Mr. Stovall stated that there was a voluntary evacuation from Lydia Mill. Mr. Stovall stated that City staff removed the pumps and motor from the Enoree River Station. Mr. Stovall stated that crews would be working to clear the streets of debris and there may be some taste issue with the water until the Enoree River Station is brought back on line. Mr. Stovall stated that he is proud of the Management Team. Mr. Stovall stated that not only did the team tackle the emergency but also did damage assessment. Mr. Stovall stated that the City has also would make resources such as Public Safety and Utilities available to the Midlands. Councilmember Jenkins stated that the City is scheduled to clean the fire hydrants by draining them. Councilmember Jenkins asked since it is so wet would the City hold off and Mr. Stovall stated that the City would resume the fire hydrant maintenance at the end of the week. Councilmember Jenkins stated that in some areas when the fire hydrants are opened the water would run back into a citizen's yard. Councilmember Jenkins asked for City staff to put the hose on the fire hydrants so the water would run into the road and not the yard and Mr. Stovall agreed.

Councilmember Young thanked City staff for the extensive emergency planning they have put together that prepared City personnel for the storm. Councilmember Young thanked City staff for their work during the storm.

Councilmember Cook thanked City personnel for their work during the rain storm. Councilmember Cook thanked Mr. Stovall for keeping Council informed on what was going on during the rain storm.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business before Council motion was made by Councilmember Young to adjourn the meeting and second by Councilmember Scarborough. The vote was unanimous.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR