

OCTOBER 5, 2020

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Center with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Neal, Roth and Walsh. The City Manager and the City Attorney were present. Local news media present were Randy Stevens from WLBG, Judith Brown from the Laurens Advertiser and Brian Whitmore from the Clinton Chronicle. Notice was emailed to all local news media on October 2, 2020. The Council meeting was open to Council, City staff and the press. Citizens were able to view the Council meeting through Facebook.

INVOCATION	The invocation was given by Councilmember Roth.
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 Cook to approve the September 8, 2020 Council minutes and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.
PROCLAMATIONS BREAST CANCER ARBOR DAY	Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Proclamations proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness month and the first Friday in November as Arbor Day in the City of Clinton. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
A-TAX COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS	Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the recommendations from the State Accommodations Committee. Mayor McLean stated that Council will vote on each recommendation separately. Mayor McLean stated that the A-Tax Committee awarded all of the funds in the State Accommodations Tax fund. Mayor McLean stated that Kay Addison, A-Tax Committee Chairman, is present to answer any questions. Mayor McLean stated that the first request is \$50,000 from Musgrove Mill for a State Park Exhibit and the A-Tax Committee awarded Musgrove Mill \$40,000. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the recommendation of \$40,000 and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean stated that the second request is \$20,500 from the Main Street Program for the Scots & Brats festival and the A-Tax Committee awarded Main Street \$13,950. Motion was made by Councilmember Walsh to approve the recommendation of \$13,950 and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.
MUSGROVE MILL	
MAIN STREET SCOTS & BRATS	

**MAIN STREET
ALLEY LIGHTS**

Mayor McLean stated that the next request is \$25,000 from Main Street for alley lights and the A-Tax Committee did not award any funds for this project. Councilmember Jenkins asked why the A-Tax Committee made this decision. Ms. Addison stated that the committee asked Adele Alducin, Main Street Director, to prioritize her requests and the decision was made to hold off on this project until next year. Councilmember Roth asked where would the lights be placed and Ms. Addison stated in the downtown alley.

**MAIN STREET
BILLBOARD MARKETING**

Mayor McLean stated that the next request is from Main Street for \$60,450 for billboard marketing and the A-Tax Committee awarded Main Street \$50,000 for this project. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the recommendation of \$50,000 and seconded by Councilmember Walsh. The vote was unanimous.

**MAIN STREET
HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

Mayor McLean stated that the next request is from Main Street for \$25,000 for the Holiday show and the A-Tax Committee awarded \$13,950 for this project. Councilmember Kuykendall asked what would these funds be spent on. Ms. Alducin stated that these funds are for the Holiday Light Show programming for 2021. Motion was made by Councilmember Walsh to approve the recommendation of \$13,950 and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE
COVID-19**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of an Emergency Ordinance to temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of the City of Clinton Council meetings and to authorize the City Manager of the City of Clinton to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of Government services in the light of the COVID-19 outbreak; and matters related thereto. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the Emergency Ordinance and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE
BLUE LAWS**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Ordinance to temporarily suspend the application of Sunday sales prohibitions (Blue Laws) within the corporate limits of the City of Clinton and other matters related thereto. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the first reading of the Blue Laws and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean stated that Council has to approve this Ordinance every six months. Mayor McLean asked City staff to see if that could be changed or is necessary. Mr. Higgs, Assistant City Manager, stated that the Ordinance is a mandated State law but City staff would look into the matter.

- SECOND READING
ORDINANCE
FLOOD PLAN** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance to amend the City of Clinton Code of Ordinances for the section relating to the Flood Plan. Mayor McLean stated that the first reading was approved at the September Council meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the second reading of the Flood Plan Ordinance and seconded by Councilmember Walsh. The vote was unanimous.
- LCWSC REQUEST** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission (LCWSC) regarding service territory. Mayor McLean did not receive a motion to move forward with this request and no action was taken on this matter.
- SURPLUS PROPERTY
AWARD BIDS** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to award the highest bid for City owned surplus property. Mayor McLean stated that the City Manager would give Council his recommendations and Council would vote on each bid separately.
- WEST PITTS ST
901-12-04-014** Mayor McLean stated that the first bid is for property located on West Pitts Street Tax Map Number 901-12-04-014. Mr. Cannon, City Manager, stated that the City received one bid from Jose Suarez for \$1,100. Mr. Cannon stated that the City recommends accepting this bid. Councilmember Jenkins asked what would Mr. Suarez do with the property and Mr. Cannon stated that he did not know. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if the Mr. Suarez would be aware of the zoning laws and Mr. Cannon stated that he was. Mr. Cannon stated that any plans for a building downtown would have to go through the Design and Review Board. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to accept the bid and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.
- WALL STREET
PARCEL C
901-12-04-014** Mayor McLean stated that the next bid is for property located on Wall Street Parcel C Tax Map Number 901-12-04-014. Mr. Cannon stated that the City received one bid from Jose Suarez for \$1,557. Mr. Cannon stated that the City recommends accepting this bid. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to accept the bid and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. Mr. McLean stated that the next bid is for the American Legion Hut Tax Map Number 901-31-01-001.
- AMERICAN LEGION
901-31-01-001** Mr. Cannon stated that the City received one bid for \$1 from Darlene King Summer. Mr. Cannon stated that the City does not recommend accepting this bid. Mr. Cannon stated that it is not in the best interest of citizens to accept this bid. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins not to accept the bid and seconded by Councilmember Walsh. The vote was unanimous.

**HIGHWAY 72
594-00-00-054**

Mayor McLean stated that the next bid is for property located on Hwy 72 near Sterilite Tax Map Number 594-00-00-054. Mr. Cannon stated that the City received three bids. Mr. Cannon stated that the low bid was from Darlene King Summer for \$10,006, the second highest bid was from David McCuen for \$22,750 and the highest bid was from Jonathan Gregory for \$35,555. Mr. Cannon stated that the City recommends accepting the highest bid of \$35,555 from Jonathon Gregory. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to accept the highest bid and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean stated that the next bid is for property located near Davidson Street and Caldwell Street Tax Map Number 901-06-07-044. Mr. Cannon stated that the City received one bid from Jose Suarez for \$510. Mr. Cannon stated that the City recommends Council accepting the bid. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to accept the bid and seconded by Councilmember Walsh. The vote was unanimous.

**DAVIDSON ST
CALDWELL ST
901-06-07-044**

**CITY MANAGER
REPORTS**

**CODE
ENFORCEMENT**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the City Manager's reports. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Cannon. Mr. Cannon stated that the HVAC System is been installed in the Municipal Building and the project would be completed in a couple of weeks. Mr. Cannon stated that progress is being made on the Recreation Complex. Mr. Higgs, Assistant City Manager, stated that he wanted to report on the status of Code Enforcement. Mr. Higgs stated that 38% of the 58 cases have been completed. Mr. Higgs stated that the cases included overgrowth issues, dead trees, excessive rubbish, vehicle violations and repairs and demolition of abandoned houses. Mr. Higgs stated that City staff demolished twenty-two abandoned homes or structures in twenty-eight days. Mayor McLean stated that he want to commend Council for budgeting funds for demolition projects. Mayor McLean stated that five years ago Council only budgeted \$15,000 and now the City budgets \$50,000. Mayor McLean stated that the average cost to tear these structures down is \$2,500 per project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to enter into an executive session to discuss one contractual matter relating to Martha Dendy and one contractual matter relating to the sale and purchase of City owned property and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Cook. 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.

**RECREATION
COMMITTEE
CHANGE ORDER**

Mayor McLean recognized Councilmember Kuykendall. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the Recreation Committee met to discuss a Change Order for the Recreation Complex Project. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the committee recommends Council approving Change Order #1 that includes sediment basins, which are required by DHEC for \$140,507 and the construction of additional fields and the related parking for \$769,274. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the total amount of the Change Order is \$909,781. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that this Change Order is necessary to prevent future problems as the City moves forward with this project. Mr. Cannon stated that the City could not change the DHEC requirement for the sediment basins. Mr. Cannon stated that the baseball fields are included in Phase I of the project but in order to see the cost of the dirt needed for the Phase I project which came in at a lower cost the City did not move forward with the multipurpose fields. Councilmember Roth asked if the City would have other obstacles with DHEC and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to accept the Change Order #1 for \$909,781, which includes \$140,507 for sediment basins and \$769,274 for additional multipurpose fields and parking for a total of \$909,781. The motion comes from a committee and does not need a second. The vote was unanimous.

**COMMUNITY
ASSISTANCE
GRANTS**

Councilmember Cook stated that the Community Assistance Grant Committee met to discuss the 2020 applications. Councilmember Cook stated that the committee also includes Councilmember Jenkins and Councilmember Walsh. Councilmember Cook stated that the committee awarded \$2,000 to United Ministries to be used to assist citizens with their utility bills. Councilmember Cook stated that the committee also awarded the Clinton Canopy \$1,500 to assist with their beautification projects. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to award a Community Assistance Grant to United Ministries for \$2,000 and a Community Assistance Grant to Clinton Canopy for \$1,500. The motion comes from a committee and does not need a second. The vote was unanimous.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORT**

Councilmember Walsh asked when would Council received the agenda for the workshop on October 17, 2020 and Mr. Cannon stated this week.

Councilmember Kuykendall thanked City staff for helping him with some code enforcement issues.

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Councilmember Neal stated that she wanted to thank City staff for taking care of some issues she had in her Ward. Councilmember Neal thanked City staff for their hard work.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Ledda stated that he is coming up on his two year anniversary and he wanted to thank Council for their support of him and his staff. Chief Ledda thanked the City Manager for his support.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean stated that he is looking forward to the completion of the Recreation Complex. Mayor McLean stated that the Recreation Complex would benefit all of the citizens in Clinton.

ADJOURN

With their being no further business before Council motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to adjourn and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR