

SEPTEMBER 3, 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, Neal, Kuykendall, Roth, and Walsh. The City Attorney and the City Manager were present. Local news media present were Brian Whitmore from the Clinton Chronicle, Judith Brown from the Laurens Advertiser, Randy Stevens from WIBG, and Monty Dutton from GoClinton.com. Notice was emailed to all local news media on August 31, 2019.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Jim Roberts from Westminster Presbyterian 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 August 5. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the August 5, 2019 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- PROCLAMATIONS** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the Proclamations proclaiming September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; September as Alcohol and Drug Addition Recovery Month; September as Bicycling and Pedestrian Awareness Month; September as Campus Fire Safety Month; September as National Preparedness Month; September as Hispanic and Latino Month; September as P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- PROSTATE CANCER**
ALCOHOL/DRUG
BICYCLING/PEDESTRIAN
CAMPUS FIRE
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS
HISPANIC/LATINO
P.O.W./M.I.A.
- RESOLUTION** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution supporting the 2020 Census Partnership. Mayor McLean stated that by approving this Resolution the City of Clinton would partner with the Census Bureau and support the goals of the 2020 Census. Mayor McLean stated that the City encourages citizens to participate in the 2020 Census. Motion was made by Councilmember Walsh to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- 2020 CENSUS**
- RESOLUTION** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a Resolution supporting bike lanes on SC Highway 56 (South Broad Street). Mayor McLean stated that this Resolution supports cycling safety for Clinton's citizens. Councilmember Jenkins asked if this would be the start of approving bike lanes in other areas of Clinton.
- BIKE LANES**

Councilmember Walsh stated that this Resolution addresses South Broad Street because of the pending paving of that road but this would be a good start. Councilmember Roth stated that the bike lanes on South Broad Street depend on the support of SCDOT. Councilmember Jenkins stated that there are City owned roads in which bike lanes could be used. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Walsh. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
BRIEFING**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the City Manager's administrative briefing. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Cannon, City Manager. Mr. Cannon stated that he would like to update Council on the Police and Fire building. Mr. Cannon stated that City staff along with the engineer and architect for this project met several times. Mr. Cannon stated that the City is currently working on getting the cost for this construction and the size of the buildings. Mr. Cannon stated that the current building was built in the 70's and the building needs to be replaced. Councilmember Roth asked if the City would tear down the existing building. Mr. Cannon stated that the old library site would house the new Fire Building and this building would house the Police Department until the current Police and Fire Building could be torn down and the new Police Building constructed on this site. Councilmember Roth asked if there would be a bridge between the two buildings and Mr. Cannon stated the City would like to have a connection between the two buildings. Mr. Cannon stated that the current building is in need of repair and needs to be upgraded. Councilmember Roth asked if the City held Court in the current building and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Mayor McLean asked when Council would see the drawings and Mr. Cannon stated within the next twenty-five to sixty days. Councilmember Roth asked if the City would still have jails. Mr. Cannon stated that the Police Department would have a booking and a short term holding facility but the City would send prisoners to Laurens County. Councilmember Cook requested the City Manager include the Chief Magistrate Judge in the upcoming meetings so he could give his input on security for the Court. Mr. Cannon stated that the next item he would like to discuss is the Recreation Complex. Mr. Cannon stated that the geotechnical drilling is underway and soil samples are being taken. Mr. Cannon stated that one of the main reasons for this type of drilling is to determine where rock is located on the site. Mr. Cannon stated that the first project is building the roads in the Recreation Complex and also deciding where the underground utilities would be placed. Mr. Cannon stated that he hoped that one contractor could oversee both of these projects.

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BUILDING**

**RECREATION
COMPLEX**

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Mr. Cannon stated that once the City is ready to construct the fields then the City would hire a specialist in this area. Mr. Cannon stated that the City would utilize several contractors to construct different areas of the Recreation Complex. Councilmember Roth asked if the City would hire one general contractor to oversee the project and Mr. Cannon stated no. Mr. Cannon stated that he would oversee the Recreation Complex Project. Councilmember Walsh stated that the first bid would be the roads and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Councilmember Walsh stated that she understood the baseball fields are the first priority and Mayor McLean stated that has not been established. Mayor McLean stated that the City may be able to contract the whole project at one time. Councilmember Walsh asked what part the Recreation Committee plays in the project. Mr. Cannon stated that once the project starts and he has some drawings then he would meet with the Recreation Committee. Mr. Cannon stated that the addition of the amphitheater may be added at a later date. Mayor McLean stated that the geotechnical testing is important because this would save the City money. Councilmember Walsh asked if City staff and Council could have some work sessions on the Recreation Complex Project and Mr. Cannon agreed. Mr. Cannon stated that the next update pertains to the bike lanes. Mr. Cannon stated that the City would keep working with the SCDOT in regards to the bike lanes. Mr. Cannon stated that the SCDOT has informed the City that South Broad Street is not wide enough to handle a bike lane. Mr. Cannon stated that many roads in Clinton are State roads but the City would continue to work toward bike lanes in Clinton. Mayor McLean asked when the stumps would be removed on South Broad Street and Mr. Meadors, Public Works Director, stated the project starts tomorrow. Mayor McLean asked if any progress has been made with putting the utilities on South Broad underground. Mr. Meadors stated that the City is working with Charter and AT&T but the process is slow. Mr. Meadors stated that Charter and AT&T own many of the poles on South Broad Street. Mr. Meadors stated that the City does not know what is buried under the sidewalk and that is also a concern. Councilmember Jenkins stated that she asked last month about the City paving Buice Street and would Mr. Meadors explain that process. Mr. Meadors stated that the City receives most of the paving funds from the Laurens County Transportation Committee. Mr. Meadors stated that the committee earmarks which streets could be paved with these funds. Mr. Meadors stated that the City is waiting to see how much money is awarded for paving and which roads would be paved. Mayor McLean stated that at one time the City did not receive any funds from the Laurens County Transportation Committee but now the City does receive money to pave their roads.

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Councilmember Cook suggested that when the City meets with SCDOT about the road and sidewalk paving maybe the SCDOT could help bring Charter and AT&T into the discussion about the utilities.

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor McLean stated that Council needs to amend the agenda and remove one item from the executive session regarding a legal matter relating to the City Council agenda. Motion was made by Councilmember Walsh to amend the agenda and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**CITIZENS ADDRESS
COUNCIL
SUSAN GALLOWAY
CLINTON COMMUNITY
GARDEN**

Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Susan Galloway. Ms. Galloway stated that she resides at 106 E Maple Street. Ms. Galloway stated that the Clinton Community Garden is holding their fourth annual Gathering in the Garden on September 18, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and she would like to invite Council to the event. Ms. Galloway thanked the Council and citizens for their support of the Clinton Canopy's fund raising event and also the support for the downtown mural. Ms. Galloway invited everyone to go downtown and see the mural.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to go into executive session to discuss one legal matter relating to PMPA and three contractual matters relating to the sale and purchase of real property 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 Council discussed one legal matter and three contractual matters and no action was taken.

**COUNCILMEMBER
REPORT**

Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he has been seeing the Street Sweeper out in the neighborhoods. Councilmember Kuykendall reminded the City to be ready for the fall leaves.

Councilmember Walsh reminded the City Manager that she would like Council to receive information during the month regarding ongoing projects.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean stated that the Presbyterian College event downtown went well. Mayor McLean stated that September 16, 2019 at 10:30 AM Burger King will hold their grand opening.

ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR