

FEBRUARY 3, 2020

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 Walsh. The City Manager and the City Attorney were also present. News media present were Brian Whitmore from the Clinton Chronicle, Randy Stevens from WLBG, and Monty Dutton from GoClinton.com. Notice was emailed to all local news media on January 31, 2020.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Reverend Kenny Moore from Davidson Street Baptist 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 January 6. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.
- PROCLAMATIONS**
AMERICAN HEART
BLACK HISTORY
CHILDREN DENTAL
HEALTH Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Proclamations proclaiming February as American Heart Association Month, February as Black History Month, and February as Children's Dental health Care Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.
- POLICE DEPARTMENT**
LIEUTENANT HARRIS

KAY BAKER Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the recognition of Police Department personnel. Mayor McLean recognized Police Chief Ledda for the presentation. Chief Ledda stated that Anthony Harris has been promoted to Lieutenant which Anthony Harris deserves and is capable of fulling this position. Chief Ledda presented Anthony Harris with a Lieutenant pin. Chief Ledda stated that the rank of Lieutenant is very important because the Lieutenant is in charge of a situation until the Police Chief arrives on the scene. Police Chief Ledda stated that he wanted to also recognize Kay Baker, Police Dispatcher. Police Chief Ledda stated that Kay is going to retire with twenty-two years of service. Ms. Baker stated that this has been more than just a job because it is something she has loved doing for the last twenty-two years. Ms. Baker stated that she would miss her job and the people she worked with. Mayor McLean congratulated Lieutenant Harris on his promotion and Ms. Baker on her retirement.

**ADELE ALDUCIN
AWARDS**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is recognizing Adele Alducin, Main Street Manager for her awards she recently received at the South Carolina Festival and Events Association meeting. Mayor McLean stated that Ms. Alducin won several awards which include Best Merchandise in an event under 50K: Rhythm on the Rails: train bracelet; Best Print Media in an event under 50K: Scots & Brats 2019 Billboard; Best Event Poster in an event under 50K: Scots & Brats 2019 Event Poster; Best Digital Marketing in an event under 50K: Scots & Brats 2019 Radio Ad.

**PRESENTATION
ANN SZYPULSKI
LIBRARY**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from Ms. Ann Szypulski, Laurens County Library Director. Ms. Szypulski stated that on an average day 130 people visit the Clinton Public Library. Ms. Szypulski stated that the public computers were used 8,000 times and over 40,000 documents were printed, scanned, and copied at the Clinton Public Library. Ms. Szypulski stated that these were work related and financial related documents. Ms. Szypulski stated that the current Clinton Library lacks Community space such as a story time area for children, a meeting room, study and tutor rooms, and a technology center. Ms. Szypulski stated that the Library Board of Trustees have considered several options for a new building and have voted to submit a proposal to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission to build a 12,000 square foot regional library at a cost of 4.3 million dollars. Ms. Szypulski stated that this would be a Laurens County building but the Library Board has two requests for the City. Ms. Szypulski stated that the Library Board requests Clinton provides the location and land for the new library and the City continue to cover the utility costs for the new building. Ms. Szypulski stated that the Library Board would like for the library to be located within the City limits with parking space. Ms. Szypulski stated that this project would be a partnership between Clinton, the Library Board, and Laurens County. Ms. Szypulski stated that she would appreciate a Letter of Support from Council to be included in her proposal for the new library. Councilmember Roth asked if the Library Board would like any input on the selection of the Library site. Ms. Szypulski stated that the Library Board would like some input and also have a professional look at the site to make sure it fits the needs of the new library. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the Library Board has any land they would recommend and Ms. Szypulski stated no. Ms. Szypulski stated that the Library Board wants the City of Clinton to take the lead on the land selection. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to present the Library Board with a Letter of Support for the proposed Clinton Public Library and seconded by Councilmember Walsh. The vote was unanimous.

**CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT
SECOND READING
AMEND
BUSINESS LICENSE**

Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Cannon, City Manager. Mr. Cannon stated that the first item on the agenda is the second reading of an Ordinance amending the Business License Rate Schedule and Class Schedule to reflect the most recent data relating to NAICS Codes. Mr. Cannon stated the City's Business License matches other Municipalities across the State and the City must periodically update the Rate Classes to reflect the most recent Federal statistical data relating to the Rate Codes. Mr. Cannon stated that Council approved the first reading of this Ordinance at the January 6, 2020 meeting. Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance amending the Business License Rate Schedule and Class Schedule and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION
ANNEX PROPERTY
656-00-00-001**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution accepting the Annexation Petition of Corporation to annex contiguous real property into the corporate limits of the City of Clinton; Laurens County Tax Map Number 656-00-00-001. Mr. Cannon stated that this relates to the QuikTrip property. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Resolution accepting the Annexation Petition and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Paulette Maran, QuikTrip Representative. Ms. Maran stated that she has enjoyed working with the City staff regarding this project. Ms. Maran stated that QuikTrip is looking forward to being a part of this Community.

**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE
ANNEX PROPERTY
656-00-00-001**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Clinton for the annexation of contiguous real property located on the North West corner of the Intersection SC 72 and West Corporate Center Drive into the corporate limits of the City of Clinton; Laurens County Tax Map Number 656-00-00-001. Mr. Cannon stated that the Planning Commission met January 27, 2020 concerning the Annexation Petition. Mr. Cannon stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval of the annexation. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to annex property located on the North West corner of the Intersection of SC 72 and West Corporate Center Drive Laurens County Tax Map Number 656-00-00-001 and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION
ANNEX PROPERTY
656-00-00-032**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of an Resolution for the annexation of contiguous City-Owned real property; Laurens County Tax Map Number 656-00-00-032.

Mr. Cannon stated that this strip of property is adjacent to the road leading into the West Corporate Center Drive and this property needs to be annexed into the City. Mr. Cannon stated that the property is approximately sixty feet wide. Councilmember Walsh stated that the City owns the property but never annexed the property and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the Resolution for the annexation of contiguous City-Owned property and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE
ANNEX PROPERTY
656-00-00-032**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Clinton for the annexation of contiguous City-Owned real property deemed for right of way located on the West Corporate Center Drive; Laurens County Tax Map Number 656-00-00-032. Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Clinton to annex City-Owned property Laurens County Tax Map Number 656-00-00-032 and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**SALE PROPERTY
N ADAIR ST
901-09-01-006
901-31-01-033**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to sell property located on North Adair Street Laurens County Tax Map Number 901-09-01-006 and Laurens County Tax Map Number 901-31-01-033 to Rock Solid Construction, LLC for a price of \$45,055 as a result of bids received on January, 8, 2020. Mayor McLean stated that Council has deemed this property as surplus property and was sold by sealed bids. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the sale of property located on N Adair Street for \$45,055 to Rock Solid Construction, LLC and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous. Mayor McLean stated that the information in Council's packet stated the funds would go into the General Fund but the funds need to go back to the Hospitality Funds since these funds were used to make the original purchase. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the property would be used for residential or commercial and Mr. Cannon stated residential. Mayor McLean stated that the buyer is planning to build three homes.

**CONTRACT
ROOF REPAIR
M.S. BAILEY CENTER**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract to repair a section of the roof at the Municipal Center with Nunnery Roofing and Remolding for a cost of \$58,000. Mayor McLean stated that Nunnery Roofing would repair a 6500 square foot section of the Municipal Building's roof.

Mayor McLean stated that the City received seven bids and Nunnery Roofing and Remodeling was the lowest bid. Mr. Cannon stated that the roof would be replaced with a rubberized roof. Councilmember Walsh asked if this repair would take care of the leaks in the Municipal Building and Mr. Cannon stated he hopes it would. Mayor McLean stated that the Municipal Center consists of three building built at different times and this section requires repairs. Councilmember Walsh asked if this section is the graveled roof and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Councilmember Jenkins asked when would the contractor start and Mr. Cannon stated immediately. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Nunnery Roofing and Remodeling to repair a section of the M.S. Municipal Building for a cost not to exceed \$58,000 and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE
RADIO EQUIPMENT
FIRE DEPT**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the purchase of a Radio Communication System for the Fire Department with Local Option Sales Tax Funds (LOST). Mr. Cannon stated that the Fire Department's radio tower was damaged during the recent storm. Mr. Cannon recognized Fire Chief Russell to discuss the purchase. Chief Russell stated that the Fire Department is currently on a VH System and the radio tower allows communication between the Firemen and also other agencies. Chief Russell stated that the State loaned the Fire Department fifteen 800 MHz hand held radios and 911 loaned the Fire Department a consul in order for the Fire Department to communicate. Chief Russell stated that the Fire Department has been operating under the 800 MHz System for two weeks. Chief Russell stated that the VH System has been in place since 1970 and the VH System's strength was further weakened in 2013 through a process called Narrow Banding. Chief Russell stated that the Fire Department researched three options for replacing the radio tower. Chief Russell stated that the first option is to replace the damaged radio tower with an AT&T tower. Chief Russell stated that the lease cost would be between \$12,000 and \$15,000 per year in four to five year increments. Chief Russell stated that the City would also have to pay \$50,000 for the radio tower equipment. Chief Russell stated that the second option was to replace the damaged radio tower with the same type of tower which would cost approximately \$80,000. Chief Russell stated that the new tower would not be placed at the current location because the original foundation may not be able to sustain the new radio tower. Chief Russell stated that the City would also have to pay \$50,000 for equipment for the radio tower.

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Chief Russell stated that the third option is to move to the 800 MHz Radio System. Chief Russell stated that moving to the new system would upgrade the Fire Department's radio communications. Chief Russell stated that the 800 MHz System would enable the Fire Department to communicate with the Police Department as well as other agencies in Laurens County. Chief Russell stated that the Fire Department and City staff recommends the Fire Department upgrade to the 800 MHz Radio System for a cost of \$155,416.02. Chief Russell stated that the Fire Department would use Local Option Sales Tax Funds (LOST) to pay for the purchase in three yearly installments of \$53,866.42. Councilmember Cook asked if the 800 MHz was the best equipment for this upgrade and Chief Russell stated yes. Chief Russell stated that every agency is on the 800 MHz Radio System and in an event of an emergency the Fire Department would be able to communicate with these agencies. Chief Russell stated that the State maintains the radio towers for the 800 MHz Radio System. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if the City was able to recoup any funds from the damaged tower and Chief Russell stated that the City is pursuing the matter. Mayor McLean asked if the City receives funds from the insurance company for the damaged radio tower could the City use the insurance funds to go toward the purchase of the new radios. Mr. Cannon stated that the City would have to use the funds to demolish the current radio tower and the foundation but any funds left over would go toward the purchase of the 800 MHz Radio System. Chief Russell stated that the cost to take the current radio tower down is \$7,500. Councilmember Roth asked if there are any associated costs to the new system and Chief Russell stated yes. Chief Russell stated that all three options have an annual cost but the upgrade to the 800 MHz is less than \$12,000 per year. Councilmember Kuykendall asked how much equipment would the Fire Department purchase. Chief Russell stated that the Fire Department would purchase thirty-two hand held radios and nine portables. Motion was made by Councilmember Roth to approve the purchase of a 800 MHz Radio System for the Fire Department for a total cost of \$155,416.02 with three yearly payments of \$53,866.42 from the Local Option Sales Tax Funds and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**PURCHASE
CHRISTMAS
DECORATIONS**

Mr. Cannon stated that the next item on the agenda is the purchase of Christmas pole décor with the City Hospitality Funds from MOSCA Design for \$25,406.40. Mr. Cannon stated that the purchase would replace old pole décor and expand the pole light décor into the Main Street District. Mr. Cannon stated that City staff received three bids with MOSCA Décor being the lowest bid.

Mr. Cannon stated that Main Street would use Hospitality Funds to purchase the Christmas pole décor. Mr. Cannon stated that the low bid was at a 33% discount. Mayor McLean stated that a couple of years ago City staff tried to repair the Christmas pole decorations which some turned out good and some of the decorations did not. Ms. Alducin stated that the City purchased the downtown Christmas tree from this company. Councilmember Cook asked how many poles would hold the décor and Ms. Alducin stated sixty poles. Ms. Alducin stated that the City currently decorates thirty-two poles. Councilmember Neal made a motion to purchase Christmas pole décor from MOSCA Design for a cost not to exceed \$25,406.40 and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**CSX FACILITY
ENCROACHMENT
AGREEMENT**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX as it relates to the Gary Street sewer repairs. Mayor McLean stated that the sewer line repairs are necessary before the City could pave Gary Street. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to authorize the City Manager to enter into a CSX Facility Encroachment Agreement and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**YMCA MOU
AQUATIC
RECREATION FACILITY**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is to authorize the City Manager to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Clinton YMCA as it relates to the Aquatic Recreation Facility. Mayor McLean stated that the MOU is non-binding and may be terminated by either party with a thirty days' notice. Mayor McLean stated that the MOU allows the City Manager to further discuss with the YMCA and possibly receive bids and drawings on this project. Councilmember Roth asked if City staff had any information to present to Council of what this \$2 million dollar expansion is. Mr. Cannon stated that the project would cost between \$1.5 million and \$2 million based on what the YMCA presented. Mr. Cannon stated that Council would need a meeting with the YMCA and the Aquatic design professionals regarding this project. Mayor McLean stated that the MOU is just a way for the City to continue discussions about the project. Councilmember Roth stated that the City has made a decision to increase the Recreation Budget by \$1 million dollars plus which is a significant increase. Councilmember Roth stated that Council should be involved with that decision and this project has not come before Council. Mayor McLean stated that the City is not agreeing to anything but just discuss the project. Mayor McLean stated that the City Manager could not get any drawings or plans without the MOU.

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Councilmember Roth stated that Council should have some direction on the proposed project in order to decide to move forward with the MOU. Councilmember Roth stated that he supports this project and thinks this would be a great asset to the Community. Councilmember Roth stated that an increase in the Recreation Budget has been made without any input from Council. Mayor McLean stated that the City would not sign an agreement without Council voting on it. Mr. Cannon stated that he has a contract in his office for \$8,000 from an Aquatic Design company and the MOU allows the City Manager to move forward. Mr. Cannon stated that the design company would present the designs for the project to Council and the YMCA. Councilmember Walsh stated that the MOU Agreement went to the YMCA Board before it came before City Council. Mr. Cannon stated that the MOU Agreement shows interest from both parties to continue the discussion on the Aquatic Recreation Facility. Mayor McLean stated that City staff went to the YMCA first because the City is not in the pool business or the recreation business but the YMCA is. Mayor McLean stated that if the YMCA was not interested in the project then there would have been no reason to bring the project before Council. Councilmember Roth stated that the Bond Attorney included this project in the Bond Issuance proposal that came before Council. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the Aquatic Facility intertwined with the Recreation Complex and Mr. Cannon stated no. Councilmember Jenkins asked what funds would the City use to build the Aquatic Facility and Mayor McLean stated that Hospitality taxes would be used for the Aquatic Facility Project. Councilmember Jenkins asked if the City has enough funds for both projects and Mayor McLean stated yes. Mayor McLean stated that the City has the funds to construct the Recreation Complex as well as the Aquatic Facility. Mayor McLean stated that the City could not use the Hospitality Funds to build a Fire Station or a Police Station. Mayor McLean stated that this Community has not had a public recreation facility in fifteen years and it is time that kids have a place to swim in the summer. Councilmember Walsh stated that no one is opposed to the idea but Council needs to be made aware of the process. Mr. Cannon stated that he wanted both the YMCA board and Council to be interested in the project before he entered into a contract with a design company for plans. Councilmember Walsh asked if the YMCA approved the MOU and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Councilmember Neal asked if the YMCA is responsible for the maintenance of the Aquatic Facility and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Councilmember Neal asked if there would be a fee to get into the Aquatic Facility and Mayor McLean stated yes. Councilmember Cook asked if Council could discuss the Aquatic Facility Project before the meeting with the YMCA.

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Mr. Cannon stated that he cannot have the design company produce what Council needs to see in that short of time frame. Councilmember Cook stated that the City would have to spend \$10,000 to see what Council would want and Mr. Cannon stated yes. Mayor McLean stated that Council could move forward with the MOU and then hold a workshop with the YMCA and also the public to determine what type of Aquatic Facility is needed. Councilmember Walsh stated that signing the MOU just says that Council is willing to talk with the YMCA about the project and Mayor McLean stated yes. Councilmember Walsh stated that no plans would be finalized and no funds spent without the consent of Council and Mayor McLean stated yes. Councilmember Roth stated that before City staff approached the YMCA and told them the City wanted to spend \$1 million dollars City staff should have informed Council that you are interested in talking. Mayor McLean stated that is why Council has committees. Councilmember Roth stated that these committees should report to Council and if they are not then Council needs to enforce the matter. Motion was made by Mayor McLean to authorize the City Manager to enter into a MOU Agreement with the YMCA to further the negotiations into the eventual completion of definitive documents pertaining to the construction of a Water Park Facility and this MOU is non-binding and may be terminated by either party by giving a thirty-day Termination Notice and this MOU only allows the City Manager to discuss with the YMCA and builders and seconded by Councilmember Walsh. The vote was unanimous. Councilmember Jenkins stated that City staff would not move forward unless Council approves the project and Mayor McLean stated yes. Mayor McLean stated that Council is approving the City Manager to move forward with the Aquatic Facility Project and come up with plans that the City and the YMCA agree on. Mayor McLean stated that Council is not voting on building a Water Park. Mayor McLean stated that Council is voting on a MOU to talk with the YMCA about the project. Councilmember Jenkins asked if a site has been determined and Mayor McLean stated that the site would belong to the YMCA. Mayor McLean stated that the bath house would be used by YMCA members. Mayor McLean stated that if the Aquatic Facility was placed at the Recreation Complex then the YMCA could not manage the facility.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
BRIEFING
SPECIAL CALLED
MEETING**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the City Manager's Administrative Briefing. Mr. Cannon stated that he would like a Special Called meeting to conduct second reading on the annexation of the QuikTrip property. After some discussion Council determine to hold the Special Called meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:30 AM at the M.S. Municipal Center.

**PRESENTATION
MARTHA DENDY**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from the Friends of Martha Dendy. Mayor McLean recognized Ms. Velma Austin. Ms. Austin stated that several Board Members were present. Ms. Austin stated that she grew up near Martha Dendy and attended Martha Dendy School. Ms. Austin stated that the original Martha Dendy Committee members are Costell Little, Jr, Mrs. Hattie S Suber, Ms. Ethel Simpson Jones and the late Mrs. Ella Savage. Ms. Austin stated that the committee has been hard at work on this project. Ms. Austin stated that the Friends of Martha Dendy Board Members are Mr. Joe Mack Adams, Dr. Danita L. Savage Cousar, Reverend LaShawn Goodwin, Mr. Donzell Mitchell, Reverend Kenneth Murray, Mr. Henry Simmons, Mr. Andy B. Young, and Reverend Carroll Wells, Jr. Ms. Austin stated that the Martha Dendy Center represents a convergence of concerned citizens whose goal is to address the needs of at-risk youth and seniors, aiming in particular to keep youth out of harm's way while simultaneously strengthening local Communities through an integrated range of services, provided in an educational environment, and tailored to Community needs, enhancing the overall quality of life for those individuals who will be served. Ms. Austin stated that the mission and vision is to alleviate the effects of poverty by drawing on the strengths of individuals and Communities, promoting synergy among programs and providers, and creating a culture that supports Community building efforts to empower and enrich the Community and all individuals serving and being served. Ms. Austin stated that the purpose of the Friends of Martha Dendy is to engage neighborhoods to become stakeholders, provide needed resources, Community values, invest in infrastructure, and integrate into Economic Development. Ms. Austin stated that the most pressing needs for the Community are after school programs, child nutrition such as health and wellness, adult education such as GED classes, college and career services, and overcoming barriers. Ms. Austin stated that the plan for that after school program is that it would be staffed with current and retired teachers. Ms. Austin stated that the committee plans to contact the School District for names and volunteers. Ms. Austin stated that the committee would contact Goodwill & SC Works to help cover the costs for the background checks and drug screening. Ms. Austin stated that the committee would also like to have parents involved with the after school programs. Ms. Austin stated that some issues the nutrition and health & wellness programs would address are obesity and fitness, health & wellness, health fairs and gardening. Ms. Austin stated that Laurens County Adult Education has agreed to provide computers at the Martha Dendy Center and the committee would request Wi-Fi from the School District or the City of Clinton.

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Ms. Austin stated that the Martha Dendy Center would provide on-line GED classes. Ms. Austin stated that the on-line classes would help people who work be able to get their GED. Ms. Austin stated that the committee is also working toward providing a teacher at the Martha Dendy Center for the GED classes. Ms. Austin stated that the importance of a GED is it provides more job opportunities, a better chance to further your education, and allows people to be role models for children and other family members. Ms. Austin stated that the Martha Dendy Center would offer career and college services such as help people enter the workforce, provide employability skills, encourage people to advance their education, enter the military, vocational training, career assessments, and career exploration and planning. Ms. Austin stated that the Martha Dendy Center would help youth prepare to enter the job force and also help with college services. Ms. Austin stated that the Martha Dendy Center would also provide parents with needed information about college services. Ms. Austin stated that Vocational Rehabilitation would help citizens with issues such as anxiety, depression, diabetes, substance abuse, and free assessment with a doctor for ongoing ailments such as fatigue, pain or other general issues. Ms. Austin stated that agencies that would provide help at the Martha Dendy Center to help overcome barriers are Alston Wilkes, TANIF/SNAP, SC Thrive Hub, and SC Works. Ms. Austin stated that the committee would like to hold basketball tournaments, arts & cultural events, Community and social activities such as weddings, class reunions, yard sales, and banquets. Ms. Austin stated that the Friends of Martha Dendy would fund the Martha Dendy Center through fundraising, private donations, grants, business, and special projects. Ms. Austin stated that funds would be needed to operate the Martha Dendy Center for items such as administrative supplies, utilities, food & snacks, and miscellaneous expenses. Ms. Austin stated that the Martha Dendy Center operating hours would be Monday through Thursday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Ms. Austin stated that the Friends of Martha Dendy is a group of concerned citizens who wants the opportunity to work in this Community to revitalize this facility and neighborhood, restore a sense of civic pride and Community spirit and remember those who worked tirelessly and on whose shoulders we stand by continuing a legacy of educational opportunities and excellence, and committing our hands and our hearts in service to others. Mayor McLean thanked Ms. Austin for her presentation. Mayor Mclean stated that it takes citizens to make things happen and he is excited to see what would come from this project.

Councilmember Jenkins also thanked the Friends of Martha Dendy for their hard work on this project.

**RECOGNIZE
EMPLOYEES
QUICKTRIP PROJECT**

Mayor McLean stated that he wished to recognize several employees who worked on the QuikTrip Project and was helpful in helping QuikTrip make this project a reality. Mayor McLean recognized Marvin Moss, Economic Development Director, Joey Meadors, Public Works Director and from the Planning and Inspections Department, Tink Barnes and Ashley Rochester.

**CITIZENS ADDRESS
COUNCIL**

**JOE FULLER
SEWER LINE**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is public comment. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Joe Fuller. Mr. Fuller stated that he lives at 452 Edgewood Drive and he is before Council concerning a sewer line. Mr. Fuller stated that on his property are two sewer lines in which one sewer line belongs to the City and the other sewer line belongs to Mr. Fuller's wife. Mr. Fuller stated that the sewer line runs from the main sewer line to his neighbor at 522 Edgewood Drive. Mr. Fuller stated that three new homes are being built across the street from his home and he is concerned about the sewer line which is a 4" line. Mr. Fuller stated that the City does not have an easement to his wife's sewer line. Mr. Fuller asked Council for direction on how to resolve this issue. Mr. Fuller stated that he has spoken with City staff about this issue.

**RECREATION
COMPLEX
COMMITTEE**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is a report from the Recreation Complex Committee. Mayor McLean recognized Councilmember Kuykendall. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that on January 22, 2020 the Recreation Complex Committee met. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the Recreation Complex Committee agreed to accept the lowest and best bid for the Recreation Complex Project Phase I from Threiko, Inc. from Ninety Six, SC for a sum of \$1,644,211.78 and authorize the City Manager to move forward with the Notice to Proceed with the Recreation Complex Project. Mayor McLean stated that since this come from a committee is does not require a second. The vote was unanimous.

**COUNCILMEMBER'S
REPORT**

Councilmember Cook requested City staff keep Council informed during a storm. Councilmember Cook stated that City staff does not have to go into detail but information would be appreciated. Council and City staff discussed several ways to keep Council informed. Mr. Higgs, Assistant City Manager informed Council that City staff was in the process of making a map available to Council and citizens to let them know exactly where the power outages are.

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Mr. Higgs stated that there are several Apps available for Council to have on their phone that would also keep them informed. Fire Chief Phillip Russell stated that he could install an Active 911 App and Council would be alerted to increment weather as well as fire calls. Mayor McLean stated that 900 citizens were without power and through Mutual Aid the City was able to restore the power within one day.

Councilmember Jenkins stated that in the past the Police Department would call Council concerning increment weather or a power outage. Councilmember Jenkins stated she would appreciate the Active 911 App. Mr. Higgs stated that the State has a Code Red App that would also alert you of bad weather. Mr. Higgs stated that the Code Red App calls, emails, and texts the alerts to you. Mr. Higgs stated that he would provide Council with instructions for the Code Red App. Councilmember Jenkins thanked City staff for their work during the recent storm. Councilmember Jenkins stated that a street light is needed at the Martha Dendy Center near the gazebo.

Councilmember Neal thanked the Right of Way Crew and Public Works for their work prior to the storm. Councilmember Neal stated that citizens in her Community call each other to share information and to make sure everyone is OK. Councilmember Neal stated that City staff was prompt in repairing the lines and getting debris up.

Councilmember Kuykendall thanked City staff for their work during the storm. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that many citizens have trees down in their yards as a result of the storm and may not be aware that the City would work with them to remove the trees. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the City needs to get this information out to the public. Councilmember Kuykendall asked if there is a deadline on the downtown renovations and Mr. Cannon stated he did not know. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that the lights at West Maple are not in sync and do not operate in a timely manner. Mr. Cannon stated that this issue is being addressed by SCDOT. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he would like to see the City start an Adopt a Street or Adopt a Neighborhood Program for trash pickup. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that City staff and the citizens should pick up trash and support the quality of life in Clinton.

Councilmember Roth thanked Public Works for their work during the storm. Councilmember Roth stated that the City's emergency Plan worked well during the storm.

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Councilmember Roth recognized the employees' awards and promotion. Councilmember Roth stated the awards are a good demonstration of the quality of employees the City has.

Councilmember Walsh asked if the City has made progress with the Connectivity Study. Mr. Higgs stated that the City Manager has received the proposal and City staff is evaluating the proposal. Mr. Higgs stated that he hoped the Connectivity Study would be included on the March Council meeting. Councilmember Walsh stated that she still has concerns about the Recycling Center. Councilmember Walsh stated that the Program may need an upgrade. Councilmember Walsh asked if City staff would schedule a budget workshop with Council to discuss the major issues for the upcoming budget. Mr. Cannon stated that City staff is working on the proposed budget and when that information is ready then Council could look at the budget. Councilmember Walsh stated that Council could be involved with the budget discussion before the official budget workshop.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McLean stated that in 2009 Council would meet for about fifteen minutes and for the last six months the Council meetings have been about two hours long. Mayor McLean stated that tonight Council has annexed property for a new QuikTrip, voted to go ahead with the grading for the Recreation Complex, modernized the Fire Department's Communication System and agreed to an Encroachment Agreement in order to fix Gary Street, Mayor McLean stated that he is glad to be a part of Council and he appreciates the work everyone puts in for the City.

ADJOURN

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

CITY CLERK

MAYOR