

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

A Special Called 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 Interim City Manager and the City Attorney were present. Notice to all local news media was emailed on Friday, February 12, 2021. Local news media present was Vic McDonald from the Clinton Chronicle. The meeting was closed to the public. The meeting could be viewed on the City's Facebook.

INVOCATION The invocation was given by Councilmember Neal.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE Mayor McLean asked Council and the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION
WOOD & PARTNERS Mayor McLean stated that the first item on the agenda is a presentation regarding a Project Manager. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Mark Baker and Ms. Kyle Theodore from Wood & Partners. Mr. Baker stated that Wood & Partners are a Land Planning and Landscape Architecture Firm. Mr. Baker stated that he would discuss the current City's Recreation Project as well as show Council other projects Wood & Partners have worked on. Mr. Baker stated that Wood & Partners have been in business for over thirty years and have a large staff to support the City's Recreation Project. Mr. Baker stated that the company's mission is to create great spaces for people to live, work and play. Ms. Theodore stated that Wood & Partners specializes in offering park and recreation planning and design services. Ms. Theodore stated that Wood & Partners have been involved with projects ranging from \$250,000 to \$20,000,000. Ms. Theodore stated that Wood & Partners have worked with Beaufort SC, Greater Augusta, GA, Hilton Head, SC and the Heritage Park in Simpsonville, SC. Mr. Baker presented several projects that Wood & Partners have helped complete. Mr. Baker stated that some of the keys to Clinton's Recreation Project are the Recreation Complex should reflect the unique attributes of Clinton, the project should have high quality solutions but be within the project's budget and the project needs to be quick and responsive. Ms. Theodore stated that Wood & Partners sees three phases to the Recreation complex, which are completion of Phase I, a Master Plan update along with capital improvement costs and assisting with design of the remaining phases. Ms. Theodore stated that they would discuss with Council and City staff the goals and priorities of the Recreation Project. Mr. Baker stated that Wood & Partners would review the baseball fields in Phase I to determine the type of soil and determine the type of infield for the baseball fields and the layout of the backstop and the bleachers.

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Ms. Theodore stated that there are many pieces to this project and should work together as one cohesive package. Mr. Baker stated that the City needs a plan to make sure all of the elements in the Recreation Complex work together. Mr. Baker presented Council with many of Wood & Partners projects that ranged from water parks to recreation parks. Mr. Baker stated that baseball is not in season all year long so the Recreation Complex should offer other activities to attract people. Mr. Baker stated that Wood & Partners has fun with their projects. Mr. Baker stated that Landscape Planning is democratic because everyone could enjoy the facilities. Councilmember Kuykendall asked Mr. Baker what he liked about the City's Recreation Complex. Mr. Baker stated that he liked the size of the complex and the property is large enough to accommodate many activities. Mr. Baker stated that he would like to make some changes to the current Master Plan. Mayor McLean asked if the City still had time to make the changes and Mr. Baker stated yes. Mayor McLean stated that Wood & Partners seems to make good use of the space. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that Heritage Park has successfully been able to operate a train. Councilmember Kuykendall stated that he would like to see a train at the Recreation Complex. Councilmember Walsh congratulated Wood & Partners on their projects. Councilmember Walsh stated that the City might not be able to afford a running train but maybe incorporate the train in the playground equipment. Councilmember Walsh stated that under normal circumstances, Wood & Partners would have been involved with the Recreation Complex Project from the start and Mr. Baker stated yes. Councilmember Walsh asked the difference between working with the engineering firm and Wood & Partners. Mr. Baker stated that Wood & Partners would collaborate with the different consultants such as the engineers associated with the project. Mr. Baker stated that Wood & Partners would assist the current Civil Engineer in Phase I and be involved in the hardscape and landscape in completing Phase I and work with the engineer during Phase II. Mr. Baker stated that it is not uncommon for Wood & Partners to hire contractors to complete a project. Mayor McLean stated that if the City goes with Wood & Partners what is their recommendation for the next step. Mr. Baker stated that the first step would be to update the Master Plan and the budget and work on the construction costs. Mr. Baker stated that they would work with the Civil Engineer. Mr. Baker stated that a Project Manager would look at the overall cost and make sure the project stays on schedule. Mr. Baker stated that the Project Manager is the go between the City and the contractor. Mr. Baker stated that in some cases the General Contractor acts as the Project Manager. Councilmember Neal asked how would Wood & Partners make the entrance from the highway look inviting.

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Mr. Baker stated that they would look at landscape, signage and lighting for the entrance. Councilmember Neal asked if the complex would be handicap accessible and Mr. Baker stated yes. Councilmember Cook stated that it is apparent that Wood & Partners have the knowledge and experience in these types of projects. Councilmember Cook asked Mr. Baker to address the economic impact this type of project will have on the Community. Mr. Baker stated that the Recreation Complex would bring people to Clinton to shop, dine and stay in hotels. Mr. Baker stated that all of these activities brings money into Clinton. Mr. Baker stated that the value of real estate surrounding the facility increases. Mr. Baker stated that Wood & Partners would be able to provide an Economic Impact Study. Ms. Theodore stated that the economic impact allows the City to help fund the Recreation Complex. Mayor McLean stated that several years ago Wood & Partners gave estimates on how much funds it would take to maintain the park and how much money the park would bring in. Mayor McLean asked if the Council could get those figures again and Mr. Baker stated yes. Councilmember Neal asked if Wood & Partners offer Project Manager services and Mr. Baker stated no. Mr. Baker stated that Wood & Partners would work with the Project Manager on the project.

**RESOLUTION
PMPA BOARD**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a Resolution appointing the Public Works Director as an alternate to the PMPA Board. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION
SEVERANCE
AGREEMENT**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is authorizing a Severance Agreement between the City of Clinton and the City Manager, and other items related thereto. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION
INTERIM
CITY MANAGER**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution authorizing the appointment of an Interim City Manager, and other matters related thereto. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Walsh. The vote was unanimous.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to enter into an executive session to discuss one contractual matter regarding a Project Manager, one contractual matter regarding the Office of the City Manager, and one contractual matter regarding Whitten Center 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 three contractual matters were discussed and no action was taken.
- ADJOURN** With there 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