

August 29, 2011

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Burton called the Public Hearing to order on August 29, 2011 at Clinton City Hall. Councilman Larry Gann, Councilman Robert Herrell, Councilman Charlie Lyons, Councilman Jerry Shattuck, Councilman Jim McBride and Councilman E.T. Stamey were present.

Mayor Burton opened the public hearing on:

- Ordinance # 589 – Adopting the current versions of the various Fire, Building, Housing, Mechanical, etc. standardized Codes

Councilman Charlie Lyons made motion made to adjourn and second by Councilman Larry Gann. Motion carried.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

Mayor Burton called the regular City Council Meeting to order on August 29, 2011 at Clinton City Hall. Councilman Larry Gann, Councilman Robert Herrell, Councilman Charlie Lyons, Councilman Jerry Shattuck and Councilman Jim McBride and Councilman E.T. Stamey were present.

Guest and Staff present:

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| Ron Young | Vickie Violette | Roger Houck |
| Greg Fay | Gail Cook | Lynn Murphy |
| Ernie Bowles | Archie Brummitt | Curtis Perez |
| Donald Gray | Gina Ridenour | Rick Scarbrough |

Councilman Charlie Lyons made the motion to approve the agenda second by Councilman E.T. Stamey. Motion carried.

Prayer led by Reverend Lawrence Hester followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Charlie Lyons made the motion to approve the July 25, 2011 regular meeting minutes Jim McBride seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND CITIZENS

Mayor Burton asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Ron Meredith, 520 Mariner Point Drive, Clinton, addressed council's decision regarding the surety bond for paving on Melton Hill Drive. He stated he disagreed with paying 25% cost of the paving project instead of exercising the bond, especially considering the City's current financial situation and asked why the council would make this decision. City Attorney Phil Crye explained that the project was originally a joint venture and one of the developers are not solvent enough to complete the project so that left one partner, Mr. Bingham, with more obligation than anticipated. The Council felt it was in the best interest of the city to enter into an agreement with Mr. Bingham to finish the project that has been incomplete and unsafe for residents for an extended period of time.

Mr. Gary Cooper, 707 Timbercrest Drive, spoke in favor of extending Herb Ward's appointment on the Clinton Utilities Board.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

Mayor Burton stated that he received an email from Anderson County Mayor Iwanski informing us that we now have two appointments on the Anderson County Library Board and recommends extending Katherine Smith's appointment. Councilman Jerry Shattuck made the motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation seconded by Councilman E.T. Stamey. Motion passed.

Mayor Burton continued with the appointment of Alan Seivers to the Clinton Utilities Board. Councilman Jim McBride made the motion to accept and Councilman Rob Herrell seconded. After more discussion from Councilman Jerry Shattuck and Councilman Charlie Lyons in favor of continuing Mr. Ward's service, motion carried by roll call vote. Councilmen Jerry Shattuck, Charlie Lyons and Larry Gann voting no.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School Board Report -

Dr. Vicki Violette presented the City School report. She reported that enrollment was at 915 students. Thanked the council for the check to the Education Foundation. The computers have been ordered and stated that 65 sixth grade students will be taking the computers home at the end of the year, 12 students do not meet the requirements of attending Clinton Schools 4th, 5th and 6th grade, and 24 transfer students that will not be keeping the computers. Dale Isabell gave the financial report and asked council's approval of budget amendment I. Councilman Jim McBride made the motion to approve amendment I, second by Councilman Jerry Shattuck. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Larry Gann reported the Board met on August 8, 2011 and applicant Studio 4 Design request for setback for proposed Clinton Utilities Board addition located at 1001 N Charles G. Seivers Blvd was approved. Request for side setback from applicant Ron Hall located at 734 Lynn Street was also approved.

Clinton Regional Planning Commission Report -

Councilman Larry Gann reported the Regional Planning Commission met on August 8, 2011. Applicant Studio 4 Design request for site plan approval for proposed Clinton Utilities Board addition located at 1001 N Charles G. Seivers Blvd was approved.

Clinton Utilities Board Report -

Councilman Charlie Lyons reported that Clinton Utilities Board met on August 11, 2011. Pay vouchers were \$9,899,954.00 and after all bills were paid, net was \$362,838.00. Councilman Charlie Lyons reported CUB's indebtedness is \$10,400,000.00 in electric and zero in water and sewer. Councilman Lyons stated that the general fund is \$4,921,167.00. Councilman Lyons commented that CUB received a grant from TVA for smart grid technology. Councilman Lyons asked Greg Fay to speak regarding Clinton Utilities Board's current activity.

Mayor Burton asked Councilman Lyons to request changing the time of the CUB meetings to make it more convenient for the public to attend.

Mayor Burton asked Councilman Shattuck if he would like to comment on the Green McAdoo Appreciation Banquet. Councilman Shattuck commented they had a good turn out and said that they had been in communication with the National Park Service who recommends that the Green McAdoo Cultural Museum be designated as a National Historic Landmark.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Roger Houck reported that all departments and City Hall will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

I. CURRENT PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

1. Charles G. Seivers Boulevard – Traffic Signal Numbering
City Manager Houck reported that the City is working with the Traffic Signal Maintenance Contractor to determine the size, number of signs needed, as well as a cost estimates for the installation of signs and should be able to provide a cost estimate for this project at next month's Council Meeting.
2. LPRF Grant - Football Field Improvements Project
The City had received a Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant for improvements at the Football Field and adjacent areas. Part of this project has been completed, the addition of the parking lot and other site and drainage improvements near the Town Spring. The remaining work is for the completion of a proposed Amphitheater and related improvements. The initial grant was for \$200,000.00, with 50% (\$100,000.00) from LPRF funds, and 50% (\$100,000.00) from Local Funds. The City has spent \$56,514.31 to date on the project, and has been reimbursed \$28,257.15 from LPRF funds. Based on our current financial status, and the lack of appropriated funds to complete the project as originally planned, City Manager Houck recommends that we notify the TDEC that we are closing out the project as completed to date, and turn in the remaining LPRF funds for redistribution. He further stated that the City would not be penalized on any future projects. If the project is not close out the project before November 1st, we are obligated to complete the total project as approved. Councilman Jim McBride made the motion to return the funds and second made by Councilman Charlie Lyons. Motion passed.
3. East Tennessee Development District – Planning Services Contract
Recent changes implemented by Governor Haslam in the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development resulted in the elimination of the office of Local Planning. The Local Planning Office has provided staff assistance, advisory services, and technical assistance to many local governments across the state. In light of this development, the East Tennessee Development District has committed to offering local planning services to local governments in the district, essentially continuing the services that TN-ECD eliminated. City Manager Houck stated that after reviewing several options for planning services, we have determined that the most beneficial option for the City of Clinton is to accept the services being offered by the ETDD. The local planning services would initially be at the same cost as our previous contract with TN-ECD and therefore recommends entering into a contract for Local Planning Advisory Services with the East Tennessee Development District, for the period September 1, 2011 – June

30, 2012, in the amount of \$9,250.00. Councilman Larry Gann made the motion to accept City Manager's recommendation and seconded by Councilman E.T. Stamey. Motion carried.

4. Code Red - Emergency Communications Network

City Manager Houck stated that after experiencing several rounds of severe weather this spring and summer, it had become apparent that there needs to be a more reliable means of notification of such events to our citizens. Several years ago, the city utilized the old "civil defense" siren warning system for such notifications, as well as notification to volunteer firefighters for fire calls. This system has since become obsolete and did not provide coverage to all areas of the city. The City has received a proposal from the "Emergency Communications Network" company for a "Code Red" notification system, which will provide limited emergency communication notices to our citizens via voice, e-mail, and text notifications. The base cost for this service, including severe weather notifications, is \$9,710.00 per year, for a three-year contract. City Manager told the council if they would like to implement this service, he would recommend requesting the E-911 Board to participate in the costs, for a total annual cost of \$4,855.00 each to the City and E-911 District. Mayor Burton asked for all in favor say aye. Council voted in favor with one no vote by Councilman Jerry Shattuck.

II. DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

A. ADMINISTRATION

Finance Report presented by Finance Director Gail Cook.

B. CODES ENFORCEMENT

The Codes Enforcement Department's monthly activity summary for July 2011 was included in council packet for review.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department's monthly activity summary for July 2011 was included in council packet for review.

D. POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department's monthly activity summary for July 2011 was included in your council packet for review.

1. Surplus Vehicles

In accordance with the approval of the vehicle purchases approved last month, the Police Department has recommended that the following vehicles be declared surplus, and placed on the GovDeals website for disposal:

- 1991 Chevrolet Impala: Vin # 1G1BL5375MR146989
- 1995 Ford Crown Vic: Vin # 2FALP71W3SX137870
- 1999 Ford Crown Vic: Vin # 2FAFP71W6XX183858

Councilman Jim McBride made motion to surplus vehicles as recommended and seconded by Jerry Shattuck. Motion carried.

2. The police department has begun a new citizen survey program. From the city's website, citizens may access the police department's website and will be able to do a brief survey and leave comments on the service regarding the police department.
3. The police department will install a medicine depository unit in the lobby of the police department. This is a spinoff from the positive feedback we received from doing the same program recently at Food City. Citizens may drop off old prescription medication at the police department for safe disposal.
4. The police department has kicked off its new approach to reserve and volunteer policing. A new training curriculum has been developed. I will update everyone on its progress as it develops.
5. The police department gained considerable exposure with its recent apprehension of a serial armed robbery suspect. There were 4 other agencies that had cases on the same suspect. However, it was the Clinton Police Department, who took the initiative through the use of the media and investigative ability that made the arrest.
6. At the recent Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police meeting, Chief Scarbrough was nominated to serve as the State Association Chief of Police representative for Tennessee. The TACP has approximately 700 members and Chief Scarbrough will represent the state at the International Chief's of Police Conference level for a three year term.

E. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Capital Outlay Expenditures:

- a. Street Resurfacing Project – Hidden Harbor Subdivision areas
Sealed bids were received on Wednesday, August 17, for the resurfacing of the majority of the streets in the Hidden Harbor Subdivision area. Based on the review of the bids received, City Manager Houck recommends awarding the project to Rogers Group, Inc., the low bidder, at a cost of \$227,250.00. Councilman Jerry Shattuck made the motion to accept the city manager's recommendation and seconded by E.T. Stamey. Motion carried.
- b. Leaf Vacuum Trailer
Sealed bids were received on Monday, August 22, for the purchase of a self-contained Leaf Vacuum Trailer (TARCO brand, Hurricane Model 4025). Based on the review of the bids received, City Manager Houck recommends awarding the bid to Stringfellow Equipment, the low bidder, at a total cost of \$49,883.00. Councilman Charlie Lyons made the motion to accept city manager's recommendation and seconded by Councilman Larry Gann. Motion carried.

F. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Capital Outlay Expenditures:

- a. Basketball and Tennis Court Resurfacing:
Sealed bids were received on Wednesday, August 17, for the resurfacing of the basketball courts and tennis courts at the Jaycee Park and the Lakefront Park.

Based on the review of the bids received, City Manager recommends re-bidding the project due to the high cost of the bids. City staff is looking at different options and will have a recommendation for council in the September meeting.

ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS


Second and final reading of Ordinance # 589 – Adopting the current versions of the various Fire, Building, Housing, Mechanical, etc. standardized Codes. Councilman Jim McBride made motion to accept ordinance #589 and second made by Councilman Larry Gann. Motion carried.

Resolution # 686 – Anderson County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
Lin Chilcoat, Anderson County Emergency Management Agency gave presentation and asks City Council to approve the mitigation plan. After in depth discussion, Councilman Jerry Shattuck made the motion to defer action until next council meeting and seconded by Councilman Gann. Motion carried by roll call vote with Councilman Rob Herrell, Councilman Jim McBride and Mayor Burton voting no.

Councilman Jim McBride made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 7:24 pm.



Mayor Scott Burton



Regina Ridenour, City Recorder