

November 19, 2012

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

Mayor Scott Burton called the regular City Council Meeting to order on November 19, 2012 at Clinton City Hall at 5:30 pm. Councilman Larry Gann, Councilman Robert Herrell, Councilman Jim McBride, Councilman Jerry Shattuck, Councilman E.T. Stamey were present and Councilman Charlie Lyons was absent.

Guest and Staff present:

Vicki Violette	Gail Cook	Gina Ridenour
Dale Isabell	Roger Houck	Rick Scarbrough
Ron Young	Lynn Murphy	Bill Riggs
Michael Foster		

Councilman Jerry Shattuck made a motion to amend the agenda moving the two items presented by Tim Thompson to be heard after the “approval of minutes”, seconded by Councilman Rob Herrell. Motion carried.

Prayer was led by Councilman Larry Gann followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Larry Gann request the minutes be amended under Zoning Report, to state that request for a wall sign variance from applicant Anchor Sign was denied, not “approved”. Councilman Jerry Shattuck made the motion to approve as corrected the October 22, 2012 minutes, seconded by Councilman Jim McBride. Motion carried.

Mayor Burton asked Tim Thompson to speak. Mr. Thompson referred it to City Manager Roger Houck who explained the negotiations with representatives from the Roane State Community College on the location of an “Industrial Training Center” at the Old National Guard Armory building and that City Staff had worked out an agreement and provided a copy of the Final Draft of the proposed Lease Agreement in Council’s packet for review. City Manager Houck requested the acceptance of the proposal and approval of the Lease Agreement with RSCC for an initial five-year term. Councilman Jim McBride made a motion to approve the lease agreement and a second was made by Councilman Rob Herrell. Motion carried.

City Manager Houck continued with the proposal by Techmer PM, Eagle Bend Industrial Park to purchase for \$3,000 per acre the remaining 9.813 acre parcel of the former TVA Nursery tract, which adjoins the rear of their property adjacent to the Clinch River. He explained that a significant portion of this tract is in a flood zone therefore development is restricted. Upon approval, Techmer request that the City “quit claim” the Quality Circle R.O.W. to them in order to limit access to the property. Techmer would give easements as appropriate for any utility or other access across the property. City staff has reviewed this request and recommended approval of the sale as presented. Councilman Jim McBride made the motion to approve purchase and second by Councilman Jerry Shattuck. Motion carried. Mayor Burton thanked Mr. Thompson for his service and participation.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND CITIZENS

Mayor Burton asked for any comments/concerns from the citizens.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Burton commented on the Andersonville Volunteer Fire Department becoming a membership service due to the number of calls he had received from citizens. He stated that the City of Clinton is not interested at all in providing a subscription based service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School Board Report

Dr. Vicki Violette reported that school report cards have come out and the City Schools were 1 of only 2 schools out of 136 school systems that scored straight A's. She stated that a list of continuing capital outlay projects was placed in the Council packet for review. The City of Clinton School Board met on October 11 and voted to complete several of those capital projects at an estimated cost \$866,676. At this time TVA will provide an incentive of \$18,400 for the energy savings lighting project bringing the cost to \$848,276. The City School Board request the City of Clinton help fund these projects with any financial support they can and as the funding body, secure a loan not to exceed \$850,000 to complete the needed projects. The School board will assume obligation to repay this loan and would like input on the terms of the loan. After a lengthy discussion Councilman Rob Herrell made a motion to reserve an amount of \$20,000 per year in the City budget for future school capital projects or debt repayment for capital projects and give the City Schools a total of \$200,000 (of which \$80,000 has already been committed) for the current projects, leaving a projects balance of \$648,276. Councilman Jim McBride seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Dale Isabell presented the School Finance Report. He request Council's approval of Budget Amendment IV. Motion was made to approve Amendment IV by Councilman Jim McBride and second by Councilman Jerry Shattuck. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Councilman Larry Gann reported the Board met on November 12, 2012 applicant Kent Johnsey requesting rear set back variance to 11ft and front set back variance to 4ft for a residential addition located 319 W Broad Street. The lot is already a lot of record with exceptions, commission approved the request.

Clinton Regional Planning Commission Report

Councilman Larry Gann reported the Board met on November 12, 2012 applicant Jim Ogle request for site plan review to reconstruct an apartment building on Douglas Lane which was a re-approval of a site plan review that had expired, board approved request.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Roger Houck reported that the City Offices and Departments will be closed Thursday November 22nd and Friday November 23rd in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The City of Clinton's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by the Timely Topics Club, will be held on Saturday, December 1st at 5:00pm at the Hoskins-Lane Market Place Park followed by the annual Christmas Parade at 6:00pm. The parade will follow the normal parade route - starting on Market Street at the railroad crossing and ending on South Main Street at South Hicks Street.

He announced that the Annual Christmas Luncheon for city employees and members of the various Boards and Commissions that serve the city will be held Friday, December 14th, from 12:00pm – 1:00pm at the Community Center followed by the City Council Meeting at 1:30pm at City Hall.

City Manager Houck introduced Michael Foster from Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) of Anderson County who request the Beer Board to adopt a Resolution requiring "minimum mandatory training requirements" for City of Clinton Beer Permit holders. He stated that while the Beer Board has regulatory and enforcement authority regarding the Beer Ordinance; any changes to the Ordinance must be adopted by City Council. City staff asked MTAS to review the proposal received from ASAP and they have responded with several concerns regarding the requested changes as proposed. If approved by Council, City Manager Houck would recommend MTAS draft the ordinance amendment based on ASAP's proposal and in compliance with current state law. Mayor Burton explained to Mr. Foster he would like to take this issue to MTAS for further review before we make any decision.

City Manager Houck referred to Gail Cook for the financial report. She discussed the proposed Insurance Policy Renewal and recommended that the City stay with United Healthcare at no premium increase, but raising the deductible to \$1,500 and increasing self insured from \$250 to \$1,250 for a total estimated premium cost of \$891,961. Councilman Jim McBride made the motion to accept proposal from United Healthcare and second by Councilman Jerry Shattuck. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mayor Burton discussed Code Violation List and asked about progress made on these violators. Councilman Jim McBride commented that he had several items on the list that he would like to send to chancery court. Councilman Rob Herrell made motion to send item number 3, 434 Jarnigan Street to chancery court, seconded by Councilman Jim McBride. Motion carried.

Councilman Jim McBride made a motion to send item number 6, 408 Leinart Street to chancery court, seconded by Councilman Rob Herrell. Motion carried.


Councilman Jim McBride made a motion to send item number 8, 230 Oakwood Avenue to chancery court, seconded by Councilman Rob Herrell. Motion carried.

Councilman Jim McBride made a motion to send item number 9, 122 Portwood Road to chancery court, seconded by Councilman E.T. Stamey. Motion carried.


New Business

Councilman Jerry Shattuck discussed issues regarding Mayor's initiative for a water park and asked for the interest of the council before he researched the cost any further. Mayor Burton stated that there are grants available and the City is financially able to apply for those grants this next fiscal year.

Councilman Jim McBride made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 7:14 pm.



Mayor Scott Burton



Regina Ridenour, City Recorder

