

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES**

Mayor Scott Burton called the City Council meeting to order on January 22, 2018 at Clinton City Hall at 5:35pm. Councilman Larry Gann, Councilman Jim McBride, Councilman E.T. Stamey and Councilman Zach Farrar were present. Councilman Brian Hatmaker and Councilman Rob Herrell were absent.

### **Guest and Staff present:**

Ron Young	Kelly Johnson	Gail Cook
Stacy Pratt	Scott Rhea	Roger Houck
Jennifer Burnette	Rick Meredith	Gina Ridenour
Dan & Janet Hawkins	Elaine Streno	Bill Riggs
Jill & Hossein Ghodrat	Archie Brummitt	Rick Scarbrough
Nathan Sweet	Jason Brown	

Councilman Zach Farrar made a motion to approve the agenda and seconded by Councilman E.T. Stamey. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Jim McBride made a motion to approve December 17, 2017 and January 8, 2018 minutes, seconded by Councilman Larry Gann. Motion carried.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND CITIZENS**

Mayor Burton asked for any comments from citizens.

Rick Meredith, Anderson County Chamber, 206 Lagoon Drive, spoke about a project the Chamber was working on regarding retail development and shared their vision for the City of Clinton. He announced that there will be 2 public meetings to share this vision with the community, one on February 19<sup>th</sup> and the other to be announced.

Nathan Sweet, Anderson County EMS, Cooper Circle, Oak Ridge, discussed plans for the City to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in hopes to purchase ambulances for Anderson County EMS. He understood that the City would be applicant of the grant and EMS would be the payer of the grant if awarded.

John Sutton and Ted Hotz, Pugh and Company presented the City's FY 2016-2017 Audit Report recognizing Gail Cook and city staff for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Mr. Sutton stated there were no audit adjustments to make or any findings.

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Burton stated that he would like to appoint Charlie Lane to fill the vacancy on the Community Development Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2020 and asked council for approval. Councilman Zach Farrar made the motion to approve and seconded by Councilman Jim McBride. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **City School Board Report**

Ms. Kelly Johnson shared comments about the current accountability law that the schools are under and stated that the State was preparing to take it a step further by grading all schools with a letter grade. This letter grade would not accurately depict a true assessment and doesn't take in account the different strengths and weaknesses of each school. She continued stating that there are five categories in which schools would be graded, of those, only three would apply to city schools, therefore leaving two categories, which doesn't apply to elementary schools and therefore would count as a negative score. Ms. Johnson stated under this amendment to the law, the matrix isn't equal for all schools. She reported that the School Board passed a resolution in the January meeting, advocating on the schools behalf. Also in the January meeting, David Queener made a motion to request that city council adopt a similar resolution, which was passed unanimously. Ms. Johnson asked Council for their support by adopting a resolution stating why this amendment isn't an appropriate way to grade our school system.

Scott Rhea presented the financial report.

### **Clinton Regional Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Report**

Councilman Larry Gann stated that the Boards did not meet in January.

### **Clinton Utilities Board Report**

Councilman Zach Farrar presented the CUB report.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Houck provided an update on the Magnet Mills Site slum clearance ordinance hearing stating that the Administrative Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am.

City Manager Houck stated that in accordance with previously approved practices of the Council, he requested authorization to file for various grant funds through the State and Federal Government, as the city becomes aware of available funding. This would include, but not be limited to, funds for building renovations, water and sewer improvements and rehabilitation, drainage improvements, infrastructure improvements and funding for additional employees and equipment. Councilman Jim McBride made the motion to approve and seconded by Councilman E.T. Stamey. Motion carried.

City Manager Houck stated that the city had been maintaining our 1989 Ford Pumper/TeleSquirt Apparatus for front-line response to major calls, however it does not automatically respond on all calls. Repair parts availability for this apparatus are becoming non-existent and the manufacturer is no longer in business. Due to its age, this vehicle is no longer in compliance with current NFPA guidelines for front-line response. The city has applied for FEMA Fire Grant assistance to purchase a new aerial apparatus for four grant cycles, being non-funded each time. The City has been advised that we do not qualify for grant funds for a new aerial apparatus due to our annual call volume and current apparatus age, as compared to the other "thousands" of agencies nationwide applying for the competitive grant funding. City Manager Houck continued stating that due to these factors, the City was at the point that we need to purchase an aerial fire apparatus in order to provide adequate response to residents, as well as commercial and industrial occupants. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) guidelines recommend that apparatus over 25-years old be replaced. City staff has evaluated several different aerial apparatus types and manufacturers as well as the cost and delivery times associated with the purchase of a new apparatus. A new apparatus ordered today from

any manufacturer, would take a minimum of 10-12 months before delivery. Mr. Houck stated that we have an opportunity to purchase a Demonstrator (Demo) apparatus that will serve our needs for twenty-plus years, at a significantly discounted price from a new, comparable apparatus. The Fire Chief has determined that the available Demo apparatus will meet our needs for response and rescue capabilities. Based on our current fire apparatus circumstances and current fiscal position, City Manager Houck recommended that the city purchase the Demo apparatus now, which we could take delivery in March or April. For the reasons as stated, he requested authorization to purchase a "Demonstrator" Pierce Enforcer Ascendant 110' Platform Fire Apparatus from Emergency Vehicle Specialists/Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., for a total cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. This apparatus will be purchased through the NPPGov purchasing cooperative, Contract #VH11574. Funding for this purchase will be provided from our designated Capital Expenditure Funds in the amount 250,000.00, a contribution from SL Tennessee in the amount of \$200,000.00, and a Capital Outlay Note in the amount of \$550,000.00. Councilman Larry Gann made the motion to approve and seconded by Councilman E.T. Stamey. Motion carried unanimous by roll call vote.


### **NEW RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**Resolution No. 763** - Authorizing the Issuance of a Capital Outlay Note – Not to Exceed \$550,000.00 for Fire Apparatus Purchase. Councilman Jim McBride made the motion to approve and seconded by Councilman E.T. Stamey. Motion carried unanimous by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 764** - Authorizing the City to Apply for the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant Funds for Anderson County EMS. Councilman Jim McBride made the motion to approve and seconded by Councilman E.T. Stamey. Motion carried unanimous by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

  
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Mayor Scott Burton

  
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Regina Ridenour, City Recorder

