



# MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

## CALL TO ORDER

The Council Meeting was called to order and presided by Mayor Randall with Councilmembers Cook, Williams, Cogsdill, and Kuykendall present. Councilmembers Smith and Walsh were absent. City Manager Meadors, Assistant City Manager of Finance Mr. Stevens, Assistant City Manager of Personnel Dr. Riley and City Attorney Wham were also present. The meeting was an open meeting. Citizens could view the meeting on the City's YouTube page.

## INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilmember Cogsdill.

## CITY COUNCIL to recognize CITIZENS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS WHO HAVE REGISTERED TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Randall stated the first item of business is for Council to recognize citizens regarding agenda items who have registered to address Council and reminded all of the two (2) minute limit and requested that citizens leave any statements or questions with City Clerk Lewis. Mayor Randall asked City Clerk Lewis to call the first citizen registered to address Council to the front and City Clerk Lewis called Ms. Sherri Amick to the front to speak. Ms. Amick spoke regarding trees on Peachtree Street she is concerned about as well as questioned if it is legal to ride 4 wheelers in the City parks and roads. Police Chief Addison stated it is not legal to do so. Ms. Amick stated, "well they are doing so". City Manager Meadors stated the concern would be addressed. Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Amick for her comments. The next registered to address Council is Ms. CC White. Ms. White spoke on the loud noises at 1777 Gary Street and stated after she spoke at the last meeting, Officer Lawton spoke with her and assured her he would address the situation. Ms. White stated she has since had to call the non-emergency line to report more loud noises from this address and stated when the Police came out to respond to the call, they came to her door instead and told her she would be arrested for illegal use of 911 due to them finding no issue of noise at 1777 Gary Street. Ms. White also expressed her concern with the trash can wheels on her trash can being damaged by the City of Clinton trash truck. Mayor and Council thanked Ms. White for her comments. The last citizen registered to address



Council is Ms. Donna Kinsley. Ms. Kinsley also spoke on the loud noises at 1777 Gary Street. Ms. Kinsley stated she also called the non-emergency line to report these loud noises continuing and was also told when the Police responded to the call that, due to them finding nothing at 1777 Gary Street, she could also be arrested for illegal use of 911. Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Kinsley for her comments. Mayor Randall assured all three (3) citizens who spoke that their concerns would be addressed and thanked all again for all comments.

**CITY COUNCIL to consider APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider the approval of the Minutes from the January 5, 2026 Council Meeting. A Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cook and was Seconded by Councilmember Williams. The vote was unanimous.

**CITY COUNCIL to consider PROCLAMATIONS.**

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider the following Proclamations: February as Black History Month in the City of Clinton, February as American Heart Association in the City of Clinton and February as Children’s Dental Health Month in the City of Clinton. A Motion to approve these Proclamations was made by Councilmember Cogsdill and was Seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous. Councilmember Williams questioned if anything besides passing the Proclamations is done to spread awareness of said Proclamations and City Manager Meadors stated “not at this time”. Councilmember Williams stated she would like to see more done to spread awareness and City Manager Meadors noted it will be posted on the City’s website and Social Media websites before noting further planning could be done for other ways to spread awareness.

**CITY COUNCIL to consider RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. ELLA MURPHY ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.**

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider a Resolution honoring Mrs. Ella Murphy on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and called Mrs. Murphy to the front to be recognized. Mrs. Murphy was not able to be in attendance and the Resolution was accepted by her family. Mayor Randall presented Mrs. Murphy’s family with the Resolution and congratulated her on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**CITY COUNCIL to consider RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE CELEBRATION OF L&L OFFICE SUPPLY'S 43 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE CITY OF CLINTON.**

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider a Resolution honoring L&L Office Supply for 43 years of service in the City of Clinton. Mayor Randall called L&L Office Supply's owners, Mr. Joe Brouillette and Mr. Steve Brouillette, to the front to be recognized and presented them with the Resolution and congratulated them on their 43 years of service in the City of Clinton. Mayor Randall thanked L&L Office Supply for recent help during a time when he ran out of ink for his printer. Mr. Brouillette thanked Mayor and Council and the City of Clinton for the Resolution and stated he would like to keep his business license for the City of Clinton open and current to still be able to serve the area. Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Brouillette for all of their hard work and service in the City over the last 43 years.

**CITY COUNCIL to consider SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE APPLICATION OF SUNDAY SALES PROHIBITIONS (BLUE LAWS) WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is to consider the Second Reading of Ordinance to temporarily suspend the application of Sunday Sales Prohibitions (Blue Laws) within the corporate limits of the City of Clinton, and other matters related thereto. City Manager Meadors gave a brief overview of documentation provided to Council and Mayor Randall noted this is something that must be done twice (2) per year or every six (6) months to temporarily suspend the Blue Laws. A Motion to approve Second Reading was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cook and was Seconded by Councilmember Williams. The vote was unanimous.

**CITY COUNCIL to consider APPOINTMENTS TO DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR WARD 6.**

Mayor Randall stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider appointments to the Design Review Board for Wards 6. Mayor Randall stated Councilmember Walsh was unable to attend the Council Meeting but noted Councilmember Walsh has chosen Mr. Chris Moore to fill the spot on the Design Review Board, who has accepted her nomination. A Motion to approve this DRB appointment was made by Councilmember Kuykendall and was Seconded by Councilmember Williams. The vote was unanimous.



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

City Manager Meadors reminded everyone of the PMPA legislative breakfast to be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> and invited all of Council to attend. Mayor Randall confirmed he would be in attendance. City Manager Meadors stated the City's new website would be launching on February 15<sup>th</sup>. City Manager Meadors stated the City has secured a grant from South Carolina Emergency Management for a transfer switch which will allow the City to install a generator on the Bailey Municipal Center Building, ensuring in times of inclement weather, the Bailey Municipal Center Building will still have power. City Manager Meadors stated he has spoken with Main Street Director Jim Spry and noted Mr. Spry has been desiring to "scale back" some of the things that Main Street has been doing in the City to be able to focus more on getting more people to visit the downtown Clinton area. City Manager Meadors stated Mr. Spry is hoping to get some help via façade grants to work on "sprucing up downtown and getting people to come downtown". City Manager Meadors stated Mr. Spry hired Ms. Amelia Davenport to aide him with events and social media postings back in December 2025. City Manager Meadors went on to state the City of Clinton, along with the Clinton Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) both contribute to Main Street each year, before stating he has decided to bring Ms. Davenport over to the City to help bring events back to the City of Clinton. City Manager Meadors noted some events are already being planned, noting Rhythm on the Rails in planned for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as well as the Barbeque Competition, that will be brought back to the City of Clinton. City Manager Meadors stated the City would be bringing back "Third Thursday" events as well as "Food Truck Monday" events. City Manager Meadors stated he believes Ms. Davenport will be "a good addition" to the City. City Manager Meadors stated Ms. Katherine Elrod with Seeker, who spoke at the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Strategic Work Plan Session, has been asked to aide the City in helping get communications out to the public in a better manner than has been being done. City Manager Meadors stated Mrs. Donya Langston, the City's Public Information Officer (PIO), will be working alongside Ms. Elrod. Councilmember Williams asked if Ms. Davenport was hired by the City and City Manager Meadors answered she will be a part-time employee before noting the City and CEDC both contributes funds to Main Street, therefore it won't be a "hit" against the budget due to those funds already allocated for Main Street being utilized for this business matter. City Manager Meadors explained Ms. Davenport would be working approximately 16 – 20 hours per week as a part time employee. Councilmember Williams thanked City Manager Meadors for his answer. City Manager Meadors stated he had no further report.



## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Finance Director Stevens gave a summary of the Financial Statement provided in Council's packets and noted there is nothing "special" or "noteworthy" about this Financial Report as the City is currently following plans and is "exactly where expected to be" during this time. Finance Director Stevens noted for the first six (6) months, the General Fund has seen revenue of four point four million (\$4,400,000), noting this is about 42.72% of the City's projected budget. Finance Director Stevens noted the City is usually always "a little bit behind this time of year" stating the City did start getting property tax payments in from the County in December 2025, as expected. Finance Director Stevens noted he did not expect anything to deviate from the budget at this point in time that has not been planned for. Finance Director Stevens noted one transfer in the revenue for the General Fund for one hundred eight thousand (\$108,000), noting that is funds the City took out of the Local Option account that was in the State Pool. Finance Director Stevens stated these funds were used to purchase body cameras and car cameras for the Police Department, noting this was approved by Council as well. Finance Director Stevens noted the only thing that is "out of the ordinary" is expenses coming out lower than they should be according to what was projected, noting the City is still controlling spend based on cash flow. Finance Director Stevens noted this gives a negative four hundred twenty three thousand (\$423,000) fund balance at the end of six months, noting this is also "very typical" during this time of year. Finance Director Stevens reminded everyone that the big revenues do not starting "coming in" until January and February. Finance Director Stevens noted the Utility Fund is "pretty much the same", noting it is slightly ahead of budget at 52.5%. Finance Director Stevens stated what is "driving that" is the big water sewer are all on task and electric is a little bit ahead at 3.3% ahead of last year's billings. Finance Director Stevens stated the 3.3% was able to keep the whole Utility Fund a bit ahead of budget. Finance Director Stevens noted expenses are "about the same" being a couple of points below what has been taken in in revenue, giving the City a positive fund balance on the Utility Fund of seven hundred fifty-three thousand (\$753,000). Finance Director Stevens reiterated everything has been planned in the budget. Finance Director Stevens stated that is all he has to report at this time and asked for questions. Mayor Randall reminded everyone Finance Director Stevens is also available anytime on an individual basis for questions.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Councilmember Kuykendall spoke on a concern he has regarding the City moving forward with different developments, noting the City currently has about five developments in the works, noting also the housing developments and ball fields being worked on. Councilmember Kuykendall stated as the City goes deeper into these developments and as they get closer to a final process, he questions how the City is looking at and measuring the quality of the developments, specifically the roads. Councilmember Kuykendall stated he rides by Clinton Commons each day and noted the roads are already "buckling up". City Manager Meadors



answered the City has to be approached by Clinton Commons or any other development about the City taking those roads into inventory, noting there are some things within the City Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance that are required before the City takes over the roads. City Manager Meadors went on to state the Planning Commission currently has something “on the table” to make these standards stricter, noting a third-party engineer would be required to come in and test the roads and then must provide a signed statement stating the roads have been put in SCDOT specifications. City Manager Meadors noted they would also have to put up a bond for three (3) years, that will be held in the event that there are any issues had. City Manager Meadors concluded the Public Works Director would work with the engineers to ensure this process is followed. Councilmember Kuykendall thanked City Manager Meadors for his answer.

Councilmember Cogsdill stated she would like to bring up the fact that the April 2026 meeting is during Spring Break week and asked if any of Council wished to reschedule it, noting Councilmember Williams also spoke on this in a prior meeting. Mayor Randall noted with the meeting being on April 6, there was enough time to communicate the rescheduled date to citizens if it is the will of Council. Councilmember Cogsdill agreed, stating she would be out of town for the April 2026 meeting and would not be in attendance if kept the same. Councilmember Williams expressed her opinion that the meetings need to be kept consistent for citizens to know when they will be held, noting if rescheduled it needs to be communicated effectively. Councilmember Cogsdill agreed and stated that is her purpose for bringing the subject up at this February meeting. Councilmember Kuykendall stated the City and citizens are accustomed to meetings only being rescheduled if the first Monday in the month is a holiday and noted Spring Break is not a recognized holiday. Councilmember Cogsdill stated she would yield to Council’s decision but reiterated she would not be in attendance due to a prior engagement. Mayor Randall stated his opinion is there is plenty of time to alert citizens of a rescheduled date in April as well as leaving the date the same due to a quorum still being planned to be present would be acceptable, all depending on the will of Council. After further discussion, it was decided to leave the April 2026 meeting date the same as scheduled.

Councilmember Williams stated her concern is regarding the Code Enforcement report and stated she believed she has reported the two (2) houses on the corner of Centennial and South Livingston Street, noting it was condemned but she is now seeing rental signs posted, questioning if a rental inspection was completed. City Manager Meadors stated the report being referenced in the Council packet was completed prior to those inspections being done and noted one house has been inspected and deemed inhabitable and the other house has not yet been inspected. Councilmember Williams stated someone is planning to move into the house and City Manager Meadors stated it has been inspected by the City’s Building Inspector and noted it has been deemed safe to live in. City Manager Meadors stated the other house would be inspected before anyone would be allowed to move in as well. Councilmember Williams stated she would talk with City Manager Meadors after the meeting about how the houses are being inspected, noting windows she feels would be an issue. Councilmember Williams stated her other concern is a sign needs to be installed on South Livingston Street due to tractor trailers going down to



road, even on the weekends when the plant is closed, noting the tractor trailers get to the end of South Livingston Street and cannot turn onto D Street and then have to back all the way back down the road. Councilmember Williams stated she believes she has reported this to City Manager Meadors and Police Chief Addison, noting also a Walmart truck that had the same thing happen. Councilmember Williams reiterated a sign needs to be installed stating no tractor trailers allowed on weekends or after a certain hour. City Manager Meadors stated the matter would be looked in to and a solution would be worked on. Councilmember Williams thanked City Manager Meadors for his answer. Councilmember Williams then questioned how the Recreation Complex is coming, City Manager Meadors stated it is coming along, noting turf has been installed and noting the City is still waiting on fencing to be installed and there is still some paving to be done. City Manager Meadors stated the weather has held things up some, but noted the Recreation Complex is pretty much “ready to go” once those things are completed. Councilmember Williams commended the City of the recent Grand Opening of the Fuller Fire Substation, noting she believes the citizens as well as the Fuller family were all pleased with the results.

Mayor Pro Tem Cook thanked all City employees for all hard work done during the recent ice storm and snowstorm and congratulated Mrs. Murphy and her family on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as L & L Office Supply for their 43 years of service in the City.

## **MAYOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mayor Randall thanked everyone for all comments and all hard work done and thanked City staff for all work done during the recent ice and snowstorms as well, noting there were thankfully no storm related outages. Mayor Randall thanked all for everything done to keep the City safe and moving forward. Mayor Randall also congratulated Mrs. Murphy and her family on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the February 2, 2026 Council Meeting was adjourned with a Motion from Mayor Pro Tem Cook and a Second from Councilmember Williams. The vote was unanimous.