

# JANUARY 21, 2010, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, met in a special meeting at 5:30 PM on January 21, 2010 in the City Hall Auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Becton, Turlington, Stefanovich, Strickland, and Mayor Pro Tem Harris were present. Also present were City Manager Connet, Assistant City Manager Purvis, City Attorney Dale Johnson, Chris Berendt, of Sampson Independent, and John Swope, Sampson County Economic Development Director.

Councilmember Marcus Becton gave the invocation.

### **PUBLIC HEARING –ECONOMIC DEV INCENTIVES – DODGER INDUSTRIES**

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing regarding consideration of economic development incentives for Dodger Industries, Inc. He presented John Swope, Sampson County Economic Development Director, to the group. Mr. Swope gave a brief presentation regarding Dodger Industries, Inc.

Mr. Swope informed the group that Dodger Industries, Inc. is looking to consolidate its operations. He stated that their plans are to:

- a. Close the Fayetteville decorative and finished goods distribution operations;
- b. Relocate Fayetteville finished goods distribution operations into the existing Clinton plan;
- c. Outsource Fayetteville decorative operations and contract domestically;
- d. Relocate Iowa based sales and customer service operations within Clinton leased office facilities; and
- e. Relocate Kansas direct marketing operations within Clinton Leased office facilities.

Mr. Swope stated that 29 new jobs will be established. He discussed the economic impact analysis and the incentive agreement. The following proposed incentive package was reviewed:

\$ 18,000 – County – 50% tax revenues in years 1-10  
\$ 9,000 - City – 50% tax revenues in years 1-10  
\$ 6,500 - Clinton 100 Committee – approved –equates to 1 yr. membership dues  
\$ 22,000 - NC DOC – One NC Fund – requested

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\$ 55,500 Total

John Swope explained the incentive agreement to City Council emphasizing the purpose, which is, to describe certain incentives to be provided by the City and the County to the Company in connection with the Company's expansion and renovation of its manufacturing facility in the County and City.

City Manager Connet asked Mr. Swope to affirm the numbers involved for clarity. Mr. Swope affirmed the numbers for Council.

Mayor Starling stated for the record that City Council had previously been briefed regarding this matter. He asked if Council had questions or any concerns.

No one else appeared to be heard and the public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, and unanimously passed, City Council approved the economic development incentives for Dodger Industries.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Turlington, seconded by Councilmember Becton, and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.

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Elaine F. Hunt, City Clerk

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Lew Starling, Mayor