APRIL 7, 2015, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, met in regular session at 7:00 PM on April 7, 2015, in the City Hall Auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Strickland, Turlington, Stefanovich, and Mayor Pro Tem Harris were present.

Councilmember Marcus Becton was absent.

Also present was City Attorney Tim Howard, Howard and Bradshaw, PLLC.

Also present were City Manager Shawn Purvis; Police Chief Jay Tilley; City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt; Planning Director Mary Rose; Recreation Director Jonathan Allen; Finance Director Harry Staven; Interim Fire Chief Austin Tew; Captain Donald Edwards; Public Works Engineer Russell Byrd; Public Works Manager Tony Steffen; and Firefighter staff.

Public Works Director Jeff Vreugdenhil and Human Resource Director Lisa Carter were absent.

Bill Roberson, of the Sampson Weekly; and Chris Berendt, of the Sampson Independent, were also present.

Mayor Starling called the meeting to order. He introduced to the group Father Daniel Cenci, New Rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 110 West Main Street, and called him forth to give the invocation.

CITY COUNCIL

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, the minutes of the March 3, 2015, regular and March 24, 2015, special city council meetings, were approved unanimously.

RECOGNITION – 2014 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Interim Fire Chief Austin Tew appeared before City Council to present the “2014 Firefighter of the Year.” Chief Tew stated that this individual was elected by his peers
and he began his career in February 1, 2008, as a part-time employee. Chief Tew stated that in 2010, this individual became full-time.

Fire Chief announced Robbie Owen as the City’s “2014 Firefighter of the Year.” Firefighter Owen was received with applause from the group. Mayor Starling recognized Mr. Owen’s family. Mayor Starling and Fire Chief Tew presented a plaque to Mr. Owen.

**RETIREMENT – MASTER POLICE OFFICER DARRYL GRADY**

Police Chief Jay Tilley announced the retirement of Master Police Officer Darryl Grady. Chief Tilley stated that Officer Grady was employed with the City for twenty (20) years; however, his governmental service totaled thirty (30) years. He summarized some of Officer Grady’s achievements which included his being a criminal and drug investigator, SRO for Sampson Community College, instrumental in the Neighborhood Improvement Team (NIT), etc. Chief Tilley stated that Officer Grady established procedures and identified various trainings. Chief Tilley stated that Officer Grady categorized approximately 3,000 items of evidence which was a tremendous help to the Department. He spoke of Officer Grady’s integrity and dedication to his job. Chief Tilley told of a terrible wreck which Officer Grady incurred after an extensive overtime shift. He stated that during that night, tired and without rest, Officer Grady stopped to help a stranded motorist.

Before presenting Master Police Officer Grady with his badge, weapon, and service pin, Chief Tilley stated that he will remain as a reserve officer. Best wishes were bestowed upon him.

Mayor Starling informed the group that he and Officer Grady were classmates.

**PLEA FROM MAYOR—LITTERING**

Before proceeding on the agenda, Mayor Starling asked City Manager Purvis to investigate the litter problem on the Faircloth Freeway, Hwy 701, Hwy 421, and the other major roadways. He solicited assistance from the group also in this matter. He stated that perhaps we need to involve the Sheriff Department, as well as the Police Department, the General Assembly, NCDOT, etc. He questioned whether we need to demand stricter laws as it relates to littering. Mayor Starling asked the citizens of Clinton to assist in solving this problem.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously for City Manager Purvis to investigate this problem of littering within the City of Clinton and report back to City Council on a regular basis.

**P & Z—CLOSEOUT OF FY2012 CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE (WATER IMPROVEMENTS) PROJECT**
Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a request to review the budget and activities that have been accomplished through the City’s FY2012 CDBG Infrastructure (Water Improvements) Project before closing out the program.

City Manager Purvis stated that Community Development Block Grant guidelines require a public hearing to receive comments at the completion of a project. He stated that the water line replacement and upgrade project is complete. He called on Mr. Chip Bartlett, Holland Consulting, to present a summary of the project.

Mr. Bartlett briefed the group on some of the accomplishments which included 18 new fire hydrants and PVC pipe(s) installed. He stated that a total of $830,000 was in the project--$790,000 CDBG funds plus $40,000 local funds.

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

No action was taken.

ALIVE AFTER FIVE

City Manager Purvis announced that the Alive after Five events will begin on Thursday, May 21, 2015. He stated that this year, six live concerts will be featured. He further stated that the City Code permits the Arts Council to sell alcohol at the event with a letter from the City Manager. Mr. Purvis stated that because of the additional concert, staff wanted to make City Council aware of it and ask for the additional closings. He stated that the Arts Council will still have to obtain the necessary permits.

He asked City Council to approve the closing of the City Market parking lot and the section of Graham Street just north of the J. C. Holliday Memorial Library driveway which would then be closed to the stop sign located behind the Bee Hive building. He announced the dates: May 21, 2015; June 18, 2015; June 19, 2015; July 16, 2015; August 13, 2015; and September 17, 2015.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously to close the City Market parking lot and the section of Graham Street just north of the J. C. Holliday Memorial Library driveway which would then be closed to the stop sign located behind the Bee Hive building on the following dates to accommodate the Alive after Five concerts: May 21, 2015; June 18, 2015; June 19, 2015; July 16, 2015; August 13, 2015; and September 17, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF CLINTON 2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

City Manager Purvis stated that the final draft of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan has been completed. He stated that the final step before adoption is a public hearing to address any final comments regarding the plan. He recommended calling for a public hearing at the May 5, 2015, city council meeting.
Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously to set a public hearing for the May 5, 2015, city council meeting to adopt the Clinton 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

**CONTRACT – MA ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC. – W & S INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PIERCE STREET EXTENSION**

Public Works Engineer Russell Byrd asked City Council to consider approving a contract with MA Engineering Consultants, Inc. regarding engineering consulting services for water and sewer infrastructure for the Pierce Street Extension. He stated that the scope of work requested is to add and design water and sewer along the Pierce Street Extension. He stated that NCDOT did not include this section in its design. Mr. Byrd stated that approximately 3,000+ feet of roadway on the southern side of the road is affected.

City Manager Purvis stated that this is a new project. He stated that it is more economical to install the utilities while the road is being constructed. Mr. Purvis stated that bids were solicited and two proposals were received. He further stated that this is a $570,000 project; however, funds are available, due to an expected surplus in this year’s budget and the decreasing debt service in the Water & Sewer Fund. City Manager Purvis stated that it makes sense to do it now. He informed City Council that the City has requested to use the right-of-way acquired by NCDOT to remove the need for the city to obtain additional easements and studies. City Manager Purvis recommended approval of the contract with MA Engineering Consultants, Inc. to design water and sewer utilities along the proposed Pierce Street Extension Road Project.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Turlington, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously to approve a contract with MA Engineering Consultants, Inc. to design water and sewer utilities along the proposed Pierce Street Extension Road Project.

**ORDINANCE-- CEMETERIES OF THE CLINTON CITY CODE OF 1987**

City Manager Purvis stated that staff, City Attorney Howard, and the newly-formed Cemetery Advisory Board met on March 18, and March 24, 2015, and unanimously agreed upon the amendments as it relates to Chapter 6. Cemeteries of the City Code. It was stated that these amendments involve the interment of bodies and the requirements for repository and interment. City Manager Purvis asked City Council to approve the amendments.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the following ordinance was unanimously adopted:

**Ordinance #2015.04.01**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina that Chapter 6, Sections 6-2. Interment of bodies and 6-3. Minimum depth of repository of the Clinton City Code of 1987 are hereby amended to read as follows:
Sec. 6-1. Burial permits.

(a) No human body shall be buried within the city unless a permit has been first obtained from the city manager or his designee.

(b) Burial permits shall not be issued by the city manager or his designee unless satisfactory evidence of ownership of a burial plot consisting of a registered deed, affidavits or other such evidence of ownership is provided by the person seeking a burial permit.

(Code 1975, § 6-1)

Sec. 6-2. Interment of bodies.

No person shall inter, cause to be interred, or aid and abet in the interment of any dead human body anywhere within the city limits, except in the cemeteries owned, maintained or cared for by the city.

There are excepted from these requirements the interment of cremated human remains in approved Columbaria within the city limits.

Sec. 6-3. Minimum requirements for repository and interment.

(a) No human body or remains shall be interred or otherwise deposited in any cemetery within the city in an urn, casket, vault or any other type of repository that is not buried at a minimum of eighteen (18) inches beneath the surface of the ground.

(b) The surface of the ground above the repository shall be level with the surrounding ground except for any natural gradient existing at the time the grave is dug. Excess soil must be removed immediately following interment.

(c) No interment shall be permitted without the installation of, at a minimum, a commercially available grave liner or vault capable of withstanding 4,000 pounds of pressure per square inch. After each interment, the grave shall be filled with soil that is mechanically packed in six (6) inch lifts.

(d) No plot shall be opened and no burial shall take place in a city cemetery except by a licensed funeral director or his employees.

(e) All gravediggers contracted by the licensed funeral directors must be approved by the City of Clinton and provide evidence of insurance as required by the City of Clinton.

(f) Any human body interred within the city limits shall be placed with the head to the West and the feet to the East.

(g) Placement of human bodies, family markers, headstones, and footstones shall be in accordance with the illustration recorded in Map Book _____ at Page _____ of the Sampson County Registry, which is incorporated herein by reference.
(h) There are excepted from these requirements urns, caskets, vaults or other repositories for human bodies or cremated human remains which are entombed in an approved Columbarium or a mausoleum that has a floor of stone or concrete upon which the repository is placed.

Sec. 6-4. Entering city cemeteries at night.

No person shall go upon the grounds of any city cemetery during the time between sunset and sunrise.
(Code 1975, § 6-3)

Sec. 6-5. Markers, monuments or other physical objects.

There shall not be placed in any cemetery in the city any marker, monument or other physical object other than natural or artificial flowers other than markers, monuments or other physical objects that are constructed from only natural stone materials of a minimum thickness of four (4) inches at its thinnest point of (or) materials that consist of at least eighty-seven (87) percent copper.

Such marker, monument or other physical object shall not be placed anywhere in any cemetery located in the city without there first being obtained from the city’s director of public works or his duly authorized personal representative, a certificate of compliance with the requirements of the preceding paragraph combined with a permit to erect or install.

Certificates of compliance and permits to install or erect shall not be issued except upon certification by the owner of the cemetery property or his authorized representative that the marker, monument or physical object consists of the materials.
(Ord. No. 99.11.2, 11-2-99)

Sec. 6-6. Sale and resale of burial spaces and burial lots.

All sales of cemetery lots require photo identification for address verification. All sales are to be done at the Public Works Department, 200 W. John Street, or City Hall, 221 Lisbon Street, during normal business hours with a public works staff member. Before a grave is located it must be paid for in full. The price for cemetery lots and portions thereof in the Clinton Municipal Cemeteries shall be by resolution set by the city council from time to time. No person shall convey any interest in any municipal cemetery property without the concurrence of the city as evidence by the signature of the clerk and city seal; and the register of deeds of Sampson County shall not record any deed conveying any interest in any municipal cemetery property without its having been signed by the Clinton city clerk and attested with the Clinton city seal.
(Ord. No. 00.3.2, 3-7-2000; Ord. No. 2009. 11.01, 11-4-2009, eff. 12-1-2009 Ord. No. 2014.07.01, 7-1-2014)

RESOLUTIONS—WATER & SEWER—BARBARA COOPER ROBINSON – ELIZA LANE, JEROME STREET, AND ABRON STREET

City Manager Purvis explained that Mrs. Barbara Cooper Robinson has expressly dedicated to public use that portion of her land as described and associated with the Eliza Lane Community Development. He stated that the owners of the various
lots adjacent to said streets have granted to the City, easements for infrastructure improvements associated with the Eliza Lane Community Development. He asked City Council to accept the streets, water and sewer utilities, easements, etc., so that the City can be legally responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the streets, water, sewer, storm water structures, etc.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Stefanovich, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PETITION FOR DEDICATION OF STREETS AND UTILITIES IN THE CITY OF CLINTON**

**WHEREAS,** recorded plats for the residential subdivisions adjoining Eliza Lane, Abron Street and Jerome Street depict the streets (then known as Eliza Lane, Robinson Street and Lewis Street) within said subdivisions, the recorded map book and page numbers being as follows:

(a) The “Freddie A. Robinson Subdivision” as shown on the survey map recorded in Map Book 1 at Page 392 of the Sampson County Registry; and

(b) The “Addition to Freddie A. Robinson Subdivision” as shown on the survey map recorded in Map Book 7 at Page 27 of the Sampson County Registry; and

(c) The “Freddie A. Robinson ‘Butler Land’ Subdivision” as shown on the survey map recorded in Map Book 7 at Page 37 of the Sampson County Registry; and

(d) The “Redivision of Hillcrest Lot No. 42” as shown on the survey map recorded in Map Book 3 at Page 127 of the Sampson County Registry; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Clinton has recently paved said streets and has made certain other improvements to the streets and to the water and sewer utilities and storm water structures within the rights of way; and

**WHEREAS,** Barbara Cooper Robinson, by instrument dated August 29, 2012, entitled “Deed of Easement” and recorded in Book 1852 at Page 320 of the Sampson County Registry expressly dedicated to public use that portion of her land as described therein; and

**WHEREAS,** the owners of the various lots lying adjacent to said streets have granted to the City of Clinton easements for infrastructure improvements associated with the Eliza Lane Community Development, such deeds of easement being duly recorded in the Sampson County Registry; and

**WHEREAS,** the street, water and sewer utilities and storm water structures were constructed in accordance with city standards and the Director of Planning and Zoning, Public Works and Utilities Director and City Manager recommend that the City officially accept the streets, water and sewer utilities, storm water structures and utility easements so that the City can be legally responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the streets, water and sewer utilities and storm water structures;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ESTABLISHED by the Clinton City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina this 7th day of April, 2015, as follows:

SECTION I. That, pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A, Articles 15 and 16, the streets and rights-of-way, water and sewer utilities, storm water structures and utility easements offered for dedication as shown on the aforesaid maps, instruments of dedication and easements are hereby accepted as public facilities of the City of Clinton, NC.

SECTION II. That this Resolution shall be and the same is hereby effective from and after the date of its adoption.

RESOLUTIONS—WATER & SEWER—GEORGE WILSON – VILLAGE CIRCLE SUBDIVISION LOCATED OFF SUNSET AVENUE

City Manager Purvis explained that Mr. George Wilson desires to dedicate the rights-of-way, water and sewer utilities, storm water structures within rights-of-way and utility easements within the Village Circle Subdivision to the City of Clinton. It was stated that this subdivision is located off Sunset Avenue. He stated that sidewalks and all street(s) are built to the City’s standards. Mr. Purvis stated that staff recommends that City Council accepts the streets, water and sewer utilities, easements, etc., so that the City can be legally responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the streets, water, sewer, storm water structures, etc.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Turlington, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PETITION FOR DEDICATION OF STREET AND UTILITIES IN THE CITY OF CLINTON

WHEREAS, the Developer of Village Circle Subdivision, Clinton, Sampson County, North Carolina is desirous of dedicating said street’s rights-of-way, water and sewer utilities, storm water structures within rights-of-way and utility easements to the City of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the recorded plat for Village Circle Subdivision located off Sunset Avenue recorded in Map Book 89 Page 9 depicts the street and utility easements within the subdivision as being dedicated for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton City Council of the City of Clinton has to this date, not officially accepted the proposed dedication of this street, water and sewer utilities, storm water structures within rights-of-way and utility easements; and

WHEREAS, the street, water and sewer utilities and storm water structures were constructed in accordance with city standards and the Director of Planning and Zoning, Public Works and Utilities Director and City Manager recommend that the City officially accept the streets, water and sewer utilities, storm water structures and utility easements so that the City can be legally responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the streets, water and sewer utilities and storm water structures;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ESTABLISHED by the Clinton City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina this 7th day of April, 2015, as follows:

SECTION I. That, pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A, Articles 15 and 16, the streets and rights-of-way, water and sewer utilities, storm water structures and utility easements offered for dedication as shown on a map entitled: “Village Circle Subdivision” prepared by 4 D Site Solutions, dated March 26, 2015, a copy of said map being incorporated herein, and by reference made a part hereof. Said map also being recorded in Map Book 89 Page 9 of the Sampson County Registry, is hereby accepted as public facilities of the City of Clinton, NC.

SECTION II. That this Resolution shall be and the same is hereby effective from and after the date of its adoption

REVENUES –UPCOMING BUDGET

City Manager Purvis stated that as we plan for the FY2015-2016 Budget, diminishing revenues will create a dilemma that will persist into future years if not addressed. He stated that the City has experienced revenue loss of approximately $175,000 associated with the removal of privilege licenses and the hold harmless sales tax.

Mr. Purvis stated, that the “city’s primary loss of revenue in the upcoming year will be from the removal of privilege licenses- a loss of $140,000. Original estimates on Powell Bill funding were down 20 percent ($50,000) but a recent legislative compromise will keep Powell Bill funds near current year levels. The city may now only see a one percent ($2,500) decrease. Estimates for statewide collections and distributions of natural gas and communications sales taxes are down 2-3 percent but an expected increase in electric sales tax should offset those decreases. The city will also lose $15,000 in the sale of recyclables. Modest growth in sales tax revenues and ad valorem should generate about $65,000 in revenue. This still leaves the city’s revenues at $75,000 less than the current year. Coupled with the fact that the FY14-15 budget included a fund balance allocation of $150,000, we are beginning FY15-16 budget scenarios with $240,000 less in revenues. This immediate deficit does not take into account departmental expenditures or other mandated expenses that may originate from the State or County.

Below are several revenue-generating options that City Council may wish to consider to help balance the budget. This list is not exhaustive but does provide options that would have a significant impact.

- Business Registration Fees- Although the authority to levy a privilege license tax is gone, the city may establish a business registration requirement and charge an associated administration fee. The fee would cover the cost of maintaining the list and provide additional resources for public safety departments. House Bill 362, if passed, would permit a fee of up to $50 for each business. Such a fee would generate about $40,000. The city’s average privilege license, barring the larger fees, was $30, which would generate about $24,000.
Fire District Tax- Last year the city requested the County Commissioners to consider a half-cent tax increase for the rural Clinton Fire District but the request never made its way to the agenda. This would bring the rate to $.10 and in line with several other districts. The additional half-cent would generate $20,000.

Sanitation Collection Fees- The city last increased sanitation fees in 2013. Every quarter generates approximately $9,000 while only increasing the household bill by $3.00 per year.

Property Tax- While not a desirable course of action to take, increasing the property tax rate generates the largest revenue return. A penny on the tax rate is equal to $72,000.”

City Manager Purvis stated that at this time, staff is not requesting any specific action. He stated that this item is for informational purposes only.

BIDS—AUDITING SERVICES

City Manager Purvis spoke regarding the award of bid for the City of Clinton auditing service contract. He stated that proposals were solicited from 10 accounting firms; however, only five firms responded: Denning, Herring, Sessoms & Co.; Rives & Associates; Joyce & Co.; Douglas & Assoc.; and TPSA & Co. He stated that this process takes place every three years. Mr. Purvis recommended continuing auditing services with Denning, Herring, Sessoms & Co. His recommendation stemmed from Denning, Herring, Sessoms & Co., familiarity with the City’s operations, financial policies, and practices.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, it passed unanimously to award Denning, Herring, Sessoms & Co., the auditing service contract for the City of Clinton for another three years.

EASEMENT – PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY

City Manager Purvis stated that Piedmont Natural Gas Company currently has a gas line within the NCDOT right-of-way along Fontana Street and would like to move the gas line out of the ROW. He stated that Piedmont Natural Gas requests to purchase an easement on city property along Fontana Street. He stated that Piedmont Natural Gas is offering the city $26,400 for a 50’ easement that encompasses .71 acres along the property.

Mr. Purvis stated that this request brings no complications to the City of Clinton—short-term and future concerns, are at a minimal. He stated that a sign is the only thing that needs to be moved and Piedmont has agreed to pay to have it relocated off the easement. City Manager stated that to his knowledge, this is the first time someone has come to the City of Clinton for an easement. He asked City Council if they feel the
compensation is appropriate and if they are comfortable that there is minimal impact on the property, to approve the easement agreement with Piedmont Natural Gas Company.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Turlington, it passed unanimously to grant an easement to Piedmont Natural Gas Company contingent upon (1) City Manager Purvis is satisfied that the benefits outweigh the damages, (2) when City Manager obtains an appraiser to review Piedmont Natural Gas Company appraisal and he sees that this is a fair value, and (3) once again, Mr. Purvis determines what the City is receiving outweighs any damages. It was stated that City Manager Purvis does not have to bring this item back to City Council when these terms are met.

APPOINTMENTS

Notification was given of expiring terms on the Historic Preservation Commission for the following individuals. These are four-year terms. Council will make appointments/reappointments at its May 5, 2015, city council meeting.

a. Allison Bradshaw
b. Matt Johnson
c. Virginia Grier
d. Frank Butler

Notification was given of expiring terms on the Recreation Advisory Board for the following individuals. These are three-year terms. Council will make appointments/reappointments at its May 5, 2015, city council meeting.

a. Brooks Barwick – District 4
b. Wanda Corbett – District 5
c. Sabrina Reeves – District 2
d. Greg Thornton – At large

REPORTS

The code enforcement, finance and personnel reports were acknowledged.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Manager Tony Steffen briefed the group on the upcoming event around the City of Clinton—Spring Clean-up Week. He stated that this event will begin April 13 – April 17, 2015. Mr. Steffen stated that during this week, furniture, large piles, and tires (4 per household) will be collected. He stated that asphalt resurfacing has begun in the City to include Holmes Street, West Boney Street, and the last two dirt streets, East Cutchin and Hall Streets, are also scheduled to be asphalt resurfaced.
Earlier in the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Smith, 701 Sunset Avenue, appeared before City Council regarding damage to their property across the street from their house. They stated that when the contractors worked in the area, they left Mr. and Mrs. Smith’s property in a mess. They further stated the cause of the mess was heavy trucks. Mayor Starling asked Mr. Steffen to speak to the Smiths in a nearby room to resolve the issue. Mr. Steffen reported that he would contact the proper individuals regarding the Smiths’ concern.

Chief Tilley reviewed the Annual Report with City Council. Facts of interest mentioned included: an average of 16,000 calls of service and only 12 complaints; Clinton Police Department is the fifth smallest agency in the State; our numbers are lower or in line with the other agencies; tasers have proven to be an effective tool for the Department; and all complaints are investigated. Chief Tilley recognized Lt. Robert Dalton as overseeing the Recruitment Committee.

Mayor Starling thanked the Clinton Police Department for their excellent work.

Planning Director Mary Rose stated that one concern mentioned at the District 2 meeting is being addressed presently. She stated that the property at 1323 Beaman Street, has been investigated and violations have been levied. She stated that the property owner has resolved one-third of the violations and has until April 30, 2015, to correct all violations. Ms. Rose stated that she will meet weekly with the property owner.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Purvis stated that his written monthly report was included in the agenda packet. He asked City Council to please contact him regarding any concerns.

RESOLUTION—CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Stefanovich, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Be It Resolved that the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina held at 7:00 PM on April 7, 2015, entered closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss the negotiation of purchasing property located at 197 SW Boulevard, owned by Two-Ten Investors, and property located at 2225 Indian Town Road, owned by Judy Smith, for the purpose of public use.

Council re-entered regular session at 8:02 PM.
CONTINUATION/ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, and approved unanimously, the meeting was continued until Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Training Room for a budget workshop.

The April 7, 2015, city council meeting adjourned at approximately 8:04 PM.

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Elaine F. Hunt, MMC, NCCMC, City Clerk           Lew Starling, Mayor