

**MAY 23, 2012, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION**

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, met in a special budget workshop at 6:00 PM on May 23, 2012 in the City Hall Training Room. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Strickland, Turlington, Becton, and Mayor Pro Tem Harris were present. Councilmember Steve Stefanovich had an excused absence.

Also present were City Manager Connet; Assistant City Manager – Finance Director Shawn Purvis; Police Chief Mike Brim; Interim Fire Chief Robert Swiger; Human Resource Manager Lisa Carter; Public Works Director Jeff Vreugdenhil; Recreation Director Judi Nicholson; and City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt. Planning and Zoning Director Mary Rose had an excused absence.

Intern Kim Moore was also present, as well as, Chris Berendt, of the Sampson Independent.

City Manager John F. Connet blessed the meal.

Mayor Starling called the budget workshop to order.

**FUND BALANCE REPORT**

City Manager Connet, along with Assistant City Manager-Finance Director Shawn Purvis spoke regarding the fund balance for General Fund and Water and Sewer. Mr. Purvis stated that he is comfortable with the revenues within the General Fund Balance; however, that is not the case with the expenditures. He stated that revenues will exceed expenditures within the Water and Sewer Fund Balance. Mr. Purvis stated that the Water and Sewer Fund Balance is very healthy. He stated that the General Fund Balance is approximately 35% to 36%; however, the goal is 38%. He explained that revenues cannot be accounted until the revenues are actually received. He spoke regarding the unknown such as: the wreckage of the garbage truck and the demolitions of houses.

City Manager Connet stated that monies will be coming in for such activities as: the Downtown Revitalization Project, the tearing down of houses, and nuisance lots clean-up. Mr. Connet stated that fuel was very high. He stated that there is over \$3 million in fund balance. Mr. Purvis stated that he does not recommend using any fund balance.

**PROPOSED FY2012-2013 BUDGET**

City Manager Connet presented an \$8.6 million balanced budget to the Mayor and City Council. He requested that City Council adopts the FY 2012-2013 Budget on Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

City Manager Connet informed the Mayor and City Council that there were projects that the various department heads desired to include within the FY 2012-2013 Budget; however, because of the costs, they could not include these

projects. He stated that each department head was given the opportunity to decide which projects stayed in the FY 2012-2013 Budget and which projects would not be proposed. He stated that the unfunded projects included the following:

- Improvements within the Recreation Department
- Street resurfacing
- Household Hazard Waste Program
- Asphalt roller
- Police Department Station renovations
- Police Department cameras
- Beaman Street Station #2 renovations

City Manager Connet stated that he and staff will continue to look for funding for these and other projects.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Becton, and unanimously passed, a public hearing on the FY 2012-2013 Budget was called for June 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Clinton City Hall Auditorium.

Being no further discussion, Councilmember Becton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, and unanimously passed. City Council will meet next at the regular city council meeting on June 5, 2012.

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Elaine F. Hunt, MMC, City Clerk

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Lew Starling, Mayor

**Adjourned: 6:48 PM.**