



AUGUST 19, 2014, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, met in a special meeting at 6:00 PM on August 19, 2014, in the City Hall Training Room. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Becton, Turlington, and Strickland were present.

Councilmember Steve Stefanovich and Mayor Pro Tem Harris were absent.

Also present were City Manager Purvis, Police Chief Jay Tilley, Fire Chief Adon Snyder, Planning Director Mary Rose, Public Works Director Jeff Vreugdenhil, Recreation Director Jonathan Allen, City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt, and Finance Director Harry Staven.

HR Director Lisa Carter was absent.

Chris Berendt, of the Sampson Independent, was present.

City Clerk Hunt gave the invocation.

Mayor Starling called the meeting to order.

AWARD OF BID – SOUTHWOOD DRIVE ELEVATED TANK

City Manager Purvis stated that on July 28, 2014, bids were received for the Southwood Drive 0.5 MG Elevated Tank Project. He stated that the low bidder was less than the estimated cost:

CB&I, Inc., Alpharetta, GA.....	No Bid
Caldwell Tanks, Inc., Louisville, KY.....	Multi-Column - \$1,326,000 Waterspheroid - \$1,510,000
Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors, Inc.	Multi-Column - \$1,414,068 Waterspheroid - \$1,585,146

Mr. Purvis recommended awarding the Southwood Drive 0.5 MG Elevated Tank Project to Caldwell Tanks, Inc., Louisville, KY, with a low bid of \$1,326,000.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Becton, it passed unanimously to award the Southwood Drive 0.5 MG Elevated Tank Project to Caldwell Tanks, Inc., Louisville, KY, with a low bid of \$1,326,000.

AWARD OF BID – CDBG WATER LINE PROJECT

City Manager Purvis stated that on this afternoon, bids were received for the FY12 CDBG Infrastructure Water Line Replacements Project. He stated that the low bidder was less than the estimated cost:

Herring-Rivenbark	\$558,190
Columbus Utilities	\$668,820
Sandy’s Hauling & Backhoe Service.....	\$808,600
Wells Brothers Construction.....	\$728,830
Triangle Grading & Paving.....	\$920,367

Mr. Purvis recommended awarding the FY12 CDBG Infrastructure Water Line Replacements Project to Herring-Rivenbark, Kinston, NC, with a low bid of \$558,190.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Turlington, it passed unanimously to award the FY12 CDBG Infrastructure Water Line Replacements Project to Herring-Rivenbark, Kinston, NC, with a low bid of \$558,190.

REWARD & CONVICTION – VANDALISM – SPRINGVALE CEMETERY

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Becton and seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously to add the following item to the August 19, 2014, special city council meeting: “Consideration of rewarding up to \$7500 for the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for vandalizing twenty (20) plus monuments in the Springvale Cemetery.”

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Becton and seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously to approve the rewarding of up to \$7500 for the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for vandalizing twenty (20) plus monuments in the Springvale Cemetery.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

Planning Director Mary Rose introduced Mr. Dale Holland, President, Holland Consulting Planners, Inc., Wilmington, NC. He reviewed and updated Mayor and City

Council on the status of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Holland spoke regarding the issues of the City of Clinton as perceived by the citizens which included:

- a. Aging infrastructure
- b. Aging leadership
- c. Growth
- d. Lack of jobs
- e. Crime
- f. Increase recreational activities
- g. Public school system
- h. Lack of affordable housing

Mr. Holland stated that the location of the City of Clinton was a big asset. The fact that Clinton is in the middle of Fayetteville, Raleigh, and Wilmington is a plus. He spoke regarding the population growth/decline during the years of 1990-2010. Mr. Holland mentioned that no growth has taken place within the dwelling unit.

He informed everyone that Sampson County ranks in the Top 10 of agricultural categories in the State of North Carolina; whereas, tobacco, turkey, fruits and vegetables Rank 1 and chickens Rank 10.

Other facts regarding the City of Clinton included:

- Clinton increased 5.3% from 1990 to 2000
- Housing inventory aging rapidly
- There is a stable base in economy
- The flood plains are great assets for Clinton
- Clinton has great options for development

Mr. Holland stated that 191 surveys have been received. He stated that the surveys indicated that:

Top assets: citizens, location, agri-business, schools, and qualities of life

Top liabilities: lack of jobs, limited resources for the young, etc.

Favorite place: home, downtown, wellness center

Least favorite place: substandard housing areas, Sunset Avenue commercial area

Issues facing Clinton: attracting new businesses, lack of jobs, growth, and attracting young people

Mr. Holland stated that in September, neighborhood meetings will begin. Ms. Rose stated that these meetings will be held in the same locations as the district meetings. She further stated that call-outs will be made to the citizens of Clinton.

City Manager Purvis stated that Mr. Holland's presentation was very good information. He thanked Mr. Holland for his time and assistance.

BRANDING INITIATIVE

Planning Director Mary Rose presented the next topic by stating that Mr. Ben Muldrow has made a few visits to the City of Clinton; however tonight, he would be coming to Mayor and City Council via a brief video presentation.

The presentation focused on the seven colors chosen for the branding logo, the branding statement, and finally, the proposed branding.

Ms. Rose stated that she would like to reveal the branding logo during the Annual Court Square Festival.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Becton, that pass unanimously to adjourn this August 19, 2014, special city council meeting.

The next regular city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at 7:00 PM, with a meal at 6:00 PM.

This city council meeting, concluded at 7:15 PM.

Elaine F. Hunt, MMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

Lew Starling, Mayor