

SEPTEMBER 7, 2010, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, met in regular session at 7:00 PM on September 7, 2010 in the Clinton City Hall Auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Becton, Strickland, Turlington, Stefanovich, and Mayor Pro Tem Harris were present. City Attorney Dale Johnson; City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt; City Manager John F. Connet; Assistant City Manager Shawn Purvis; Finance Director Betty Brewer; Planning and Community Development Director Jeff Vreugdenhil; Recreation Director Judi Nicholson; Public Works Director Chris Doherty; Captain Jay Tilley; and Fire Chief Todd Solice were present. Senior Planner Mary M. Rose was also present. Human Resource Manager Lisa Carter, Police Chief Mike Brim, and Chris Berendt, of the Sampson Independent, were absent.

Rev. Councilman Marcus Becton gave the invocation.

CITY COUNCIL

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the minutes of the August 3, 2010 regular city council meeting were approved unanimously.

P & Z -- CLINTON LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a request by the City of Clinton Planning Staff regarding the proposed City of Clinton Land Development Ordinance for the purpose of replacing the existing City of Clinton Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.

Planning and Zoning Director Vreugdenhil stated that the present Land Development Ordinance is approximately fifteen (15) years old. He stated that the Ordinance included in the agenda packet will replace this outdated ordinance. Mr. Vreugdenhil asked City Council to continue this public hearing until the October 5, 2010 city council meeting so that they might review this Ordinance.

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

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilman Becton, it passed unanimously to continue this public hearing at the October 5, 2010 city council meeting.

OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP—STEWART AVENUE

City Manager Connet stated that at the April 6, 2010 meeting, Mr. Donald Guadagni appeared before City Council to request the creation of a four-way stop intersection on Stewart Avenue at the intersections of Woodrow and Nicholson Streets. He stated that the Police Department has completed a thorough study of this request. Mr. Connet further stated that at this time, it

would not be prudent to put in a four-way stop intersection; however, it is requested that City Council approve a reduction in speed on Stewart Avenue to 25 mph.

Upon a motion made by Councilman Stefanovich, and seconded by Councilman Strickland, the following amendment to the traffic map was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION AMENDING OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP TO REDUCE
THE SPEED LIMIT ON
STEWART AVENUE

BE IT RESOLVED that it shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to exceed a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on Stewart Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police be and he is hereby directed to post the appropriate signs prohibiting speed above 25 miles per hour in the area designated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above change be appropriately reflected on the Official Traffic Map of the City of Clinton.

RURAL CENTER GRANT – ROBERT SCOTT

City Manager Connet stated that at the August 3, 2010 meeting, Robert Scott appeared and asked City Council to approve participating in a grant program and submitting a pre-application to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center. City Manager Connet stated that City Council asked for additional information and Mr. Scott's consultant has provided additional information.

Councilman Strickland questioned at the August 3, 2010 meeting whether or not the City had participated in similar programs in the past. Mr. Connet briefed City Council on projects that the City sponsored grant funding in the past:

- (1) Miry Creek Subdivision Phase I – North Carolina Housing Finance Agency funding was used to construct Phase I. The City of Clinton was the applicant for this project and served as the pass through funding agency.
- (2) Miry Creek Subdivision Phase II – The developer approached the City of Clinton about serving as an applicant for USDA grant funding. The City Council voted not to serve as an applicant for this project.
- (3) Sampson Square Apartments – The City of Clinton served as an applicant for grant funding to install water, sewer, street and sidewalk infrastructure for this complex.

City Manager Connet recommended not pursuing this grant for a commercial shopping center.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, it passed unanimously to deny Robert Scott's request to serve as an applicant for a Rural Center Building Re-Use Grant for the Clinton Plaza Shopping Center.

OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP— WALKING STICK TRAIL

City Manager Connet stated that at the District 2 meeting, Raymond Murphrey, 804 Walking Stick Trail, requested that the City reduce the speed limit on Walking Stick Trail to 25 mph. Chief Mike Brim and the Police Department have reviewed this request and recommend the reduction from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Upon a motion made by Councilman Strickland, and seconded by Councilwoman Turlington, the following amendment to the traffic map was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION AMENDING OFFICIAL TRAFFIC MAP TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON WALKING STICK TRAIL

BE IT RESOLVED that it shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to exceed a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on Walking Stick Trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police be and he is hereby directed to post the appropriate signs prohibiting speed above 25 miles per hour in the area designated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above change be appropriately reflected on the Official Traffic Map of the City of Clinton.

RESOLUTION -- DECLARING BADGES AND WEAPONS SURPLUS

City Manager Connet stated that Master Police Officer Gloria Pietrolaj will be retiring from the Clinton Police Department effective October 1, 2010. He stated that the Police Department requests that Master Police Officer Pietrolaj's badge and weapon be declared surplus, so that the items may be awarded to her upon her retirement.

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

RESOLUTION

**Declaring Surplus Property
to be
Awarded to Retiring Police Officer**

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton, North Carolina, City Council desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the City of Clinton and to be awarded to the retiring Master Police Officer as of October 1, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Clinton City Council declares the following police weapon and police badge of Master Police Officer Gloria Pietrolaj as surplus and no longer have any additional use to the City of Clinton:

Master Police Officer's badge
Master Police Officer's weapon: Glock Model 22 Serial #GPT780

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Clinton City Council authorize the City Manager to proceed with the procedures outlined in G.S. 20-187.2 regarding the service side arms of retiring members of city law enforcement agencies.

ABC BOARD – CHAIRMAN'S SALARY

City Manager Connet stated that the Alcoholic Beverage Control System Modernization Act requires that the appointing authority approves any ABC Board salary that is greater than \$150.00 per month. He stated that currently, the Clinton ABC Board's chairman is paid \$200.00 per month.

Mayor Starling commented on how well the Clinton ABC Board is ran. He reiterated that Session Law 2010-122 is requiring the approval of this item.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, it passed unanimously to approve the ABC Board chairman's salary of \$200.00 per month.

FALL CLEAN UP WEEK

Public Works Director Doherty asked Council to designate October 11-15, 2010, as Fall Clean Up Week and suspend sections 11-4 (e)(g) and (i), except the collection of batteries of the City Code during Fall Clean Up Week unless hazardous to city staff or items that the landfill will not accept.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the request to suspend sections of the City Code was unanimously approved and Fall Clean Up Week was designated October 11-15, 2010.

VEHICLE USE AND DRIVING RECORDS POLICY

Assistant City Manager Purvis presented the proposed City of Clinton Vehicle Use and Driving Records Policy to City Council for adoption. He stated that he, along with Human Resource Manager Lisa Carter and City Clerk Hunt, created the policy to establish uniform vehicle use practices for all departments and employees. Mr. Purvis further stated that this policy is to insure against the abuse or inefficient use of public property, and to identify and monitor drivers who because of their driving practices, attitude, and/or driving history pose a risk to the City, themselves, and the general public. He asked City Council to approve the policy.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the City of Clinton Vehicle Use and Driving Records Policy was approved unanimously.

ANNEXATION – VILLAS @ BIRCH COVE – HOWELL EDWARDS

City Manager Connet stated that the project on Pugh Road is almost complete. He stated that one requirement in beginning this project was that Howell Edwards would apply for contiguous annexation. He stated a petition from Howell Edwards for the contiguous annexation of Villas @ Birch Cove was in the agenda packet.

City Manager Connet stated if City Council desires to proceed with this annexation, a resolution instructing the clerk to investigate this petition should be adopted. He stated that we are requesting that Council direct the clerk to investigate the sufficiency of this petition and that the clerk report back at the October 5, 2010 city council meeting.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the resolution directing the clerk to investigate the sufficiency of a petition for annexation received from Howell Edwards, passed unanimously.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION DESIGN – PHASE 3

Planning and Zoning Director Jeff Vreugdenhil appeared before City Council requesting approval of the design of the Downtown Revitalization Phase 3 Project. He stated that City Council needs to adopt a resolution endorsing the plan. He further stated that USDA is requiring the adoption of this resolution before proceeding with the Project.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Turlington, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the following resolution passed unanimously:

RESOLUTION
FOR
PLAN APPROVAL
OF THE
PHASE III DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, a Funding Commitment has been received from USDA – Rural Development for the construction of the Phase III Downtown Revitalization Project, located along Vance, College, Connesstee, and Main Street in Clinton, NC , and

WHEREAS, Plans and Specifications for the Phase III Downtown Revitalization Project have been prepared by The Wooten Company,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL,

That plans and specifications for the construction of the Phase III Downtown Revitalization Project are approved, and

That the Mayor is authorized to execute and file all supporting documents with the funding and permitting agencies.

NC DEFERRED COMPENSATION 457(b) PLAN

Assistant City Manager Purvis asked City Council to approve a resolution for the City of Clinton which would give employees another option in preparing for retirement. He stated that there will be no cost to the city. Mr. Purvis further stated that Prudential will manage the plan as they do the existing 401(k) Plan.

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEFERRED COMPENSATION 457(b) PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton wishes to provide a qualified defined contribution plan to the employees of the City of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has established the North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan, a qualified governmental Deferred Compensation Plan under Internal Revenue Code § 457(b) for public employees of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Clinton has adopted the North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation 457(b) Plan also known as “NC Deferred Comp” under the terms of the Plan Document and the Third-Party Administrator Agreement. All employees shall become eligible to defer compensation (immediately or waiting period).

LIENS RELEASE – LOT MAINTENANCE

City Manager Connet stated that the City is currently managing a large number of lot maintenance liens. He stated that during a recent review, it was discovered that liens were filed against property owners that were not responsible for the maintenance of the lots and/or according to G.S. 105-378 Statute of Limitations, liens on said property should be released or exempt from collections. City Manager Connet asked City Council to release the following individuals from liens for lot maintenance:

- a. Jesse L. Brewington - Russell Street -- \$ 550.00
- b. James A. Naylor - Hobpton Hwy -- \$ 750.00
- c. Henry Oates Estate - 103 Byrd Street -- \$ 140.00
- d. Walter J. Faison - W. Carter Street -- \$ 140.00

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously to release the liens for the above-mentioned individuals as it relates to lot maintenance.

PERSONNEL POLICY – AMENDMENTS

City Manager Connet stated that City Council is asked to approve three amendments to the Personnel Policy. He stated that the first proposed amendment resulted from the mid-managers meetings. He stated that some employees were not at fault for accidents but were being sent home and also given drug testing. He stated because of the manner in which the City was handling accidents, time was not being utilized effectively. He further stated that the below amendment requires employees to be at fault before requiring a drug test.

City Manager Connet stated that the second amendment clarifies the increments at which employees may take annual leave to be consistent with our sick leave policy and payroll system. He stated that as interim staff is in positions, the City wants to compensate them for this temporary time. He further stated that the third amendment clarifies the pay policy with regard to interim pay at the supervisor and department head levels.

City Manager Connet recommended the approval of these amendments.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Turlington, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the following three (3) amendments to the Personnel Policy were unanimously adopted:

Personnel Policy Amendments

Article IX. Unsatisfactory Job Performance and Detrimental Personal Conduct – Section 8. Substance Abuse Policy – Post Accident Testing (All Employees)

Post Accident Testing (All Employees) (Amended)

Post-accident testing is conducted following any **at-fault** accident involving an employee if any one of the following conditions is met:

- 1) Estimated property damage of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more.
- 2) An individual suffers bodily injury and receives medical treatment away from the scene.
- 3) When the driver is issued a citation by law enforcement officers or is at fault.
- 4) A workers compensation report must be filed.

Post-accident alcohol testing should be done within two (2) hours of the accident. If the test cannot be performed within eight (8) hours, it should not be done. Post-accident controlled substances testing must be performed within thirty-two (32) hours of the accident, or it should not be done. If the tests cannot be performed in the specified time frame, the reasons for the failure to test should be documented by the supervisor and given to the Human Resource Manager. As soon as practical after an accident, the employee will be driven to the specimen collection location. Transportation will be provided. An employee who is required to submit to post-accident controlled substances or alcohol testing will be placed on administrative leave with pay pending test results.

An employee who refuses to be tested or avoids meeting the specified time limits will be subject to dismissal. If unable to meet specified timelines due to circumstances beyond the employee's control, such circumstances must be documented and validated to the Human Resource Manager and the City Manager.

Note: The Department Head and/or supervisor shall have the authority to determine whether or not an employee is at-fault for the accident if it is not clearly evident.

ARTICLE VII. HOLIDAYS AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 10. Annual Leave: Manner of Taking

ADD:

Annual leave must be taken in increments of one half (½) hour.

ARTICLE III. THE PAY PLAN

Section 4a. Interim Designation

ADD NEW SECTION:

When an employee is designated as an interim for a supervisor's position, the employee's salary shall be advanced two and a half (2.5) percent. When an employee is designated as an interim for a department head's position, the employee's salary shall be advanced five (5) percent. This increase shall remain in effect for the duration of the interim status.

The purpose of the pay increase is to recognize and compensate the employee for taking on increased responsibilities. Effective upon an employee's reassignment to his/her previous job responsibilities, his/her salary shall be remanded accordingly.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLINTON & ONSLOW CONTAINER SERVICE (OCS)

Public Works Director Chris Doherty stated that the City of Clinton was looking for a vendor which serviced and leased recycling containers. He stated that several solid waste vendors were contacted; however, OCS was the lowest in cost. Mr. Doherty stated that originally, the terms of the agreement demanded

paying liquidated fees and the City was totally against this. He stated that the agreement was revised and City Attorney Dale Johnson has reviewed.

Mayor Starling asked if City Manager Connet was satisfied with the agreement and he replied positively. It was stated that the agreement will be for three years, with an estimated annual cost of \$13,680 for rental and monthly hauling.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, the agreement between the City of Clinton and Onslow Container Service (OCS) passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE—BUDGET – RURAL CENTER PLANNING GRANT – WATER SYSTEM STUDY & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Finance Director Betty Brewer stated that the City of Clinton has received a Rural Center Planning Grant in the amount of \$40,000 with a city match of \$14,000. She stated the City's match was budgeted in this year's budget. She further stated that the monies will be used to develop a hydraulic model of the City's water system. Ms. Brewer asked City Council to approve a budget ordinance for this grant.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the following **#2010.09.01** Water System Study & Capital Improvements Plan Rural Center Grant Ordinance was unanimously adopted:

RURAL CENTER GRANT
WATER SYSTEM STUDY & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN
#2010.09.01

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Rural Center Planning Grant Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is a Rural Center Planning Grant Budget for a Water System Study & Capital Improvements Plan.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with this grant within the terms of the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the grant.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
43.4970.0400	Grant Administration	\$ 2,000	
43.4970.0500	DATA Gathering & Field Test	9,500	
43.4970.0600	Water System Model	25,000	
43.4970.0700	CIP & Report Preparation	17,500	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 54,000

Section 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this grant.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
43.3010.0000	Rural Center Grant	\$ 40,000	
43.3020.0000	City of Clinton	14,000	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 54,000	

Section 5. Copies of this grant ordinance shall be furnished to the City Clerk, City Manager, and Finance Director for their direction.

RESOLUTION -- NC HWY 24 PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS

City Manager Connet stated that he and others met with NC Department of Transportation a couple of weeks ago. He stated that the meeting was a productive one. He stated that City staff asked NCDOT to include sidewalks as part of the NC Hwy 24 Project. He stated that the sidewalks would be installed along both sides of Hwy 24 from Sampson Community College and Forest Drive to the US 421 overpass. City Manager Connet stated that NCDOT requires a cost sharing agreement to install the sidewalks. He stated that the City of Clinton is required to pay 20% of the cost. City Manager Connet recommended approval of this resolution.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the following resolution passed unanimously:

**Resolution Requesting The Construction of Sidewalks
Be Added to the
Proposed North Carolina Hwy 24 Project**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has studied the area from Forest Drive and Sampson Community College to the overpass at US 421 for the installation of sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the City of Clinton have agreed to participate in the construction of sidewalks from Forest Drive and Sampson Community College to the overpass at US 421; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has proposed to the City of Clinton a cost of \$25,188 for the north side and \$28,738 for the south side to construct the sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, Clinton City Council recognizes this effort to be a cost sharing agreement; and

WHEREAS, Clinton City Council of the City of Clinton desires to improve safety along this route and request the construction of sidewalks be added to the proposed NC Hwy 24 Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this municipal agreement between the City of Clinton and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, is hereby formally approved by the City Council of the City of Clinton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

HAMILTON BEACH FACILITY – DEMOLITION – BIDS

Mayor Starling stated that the City of Clinton owns the Hamilton Beach building. City Manager Connet stated that during the August city council meeting, discussion centered on the demolition of the remaining buildings on the former Hamilton Beach site. City Council requested that because the bid of Cecil Holcomb Renovating, Inc. Demolition & Hauling was substantially lower than the next highest bid, City Manager Connet make certain the contractor understood the work to be done. City Manager Connet stated that he met with the contractor, checked his references, and is satisfied with his findings. He stated that the bid is low because the contractor plans to recycle and sell the steel.

City Manager stated that the contractor has agreed to pay for the demolition of the blue warehouse facility. He further stated that final approval is dependent upon the development of an access agreement and easement for groundwater remediation. Mr. Connet told City Council that a draft of this agreement is being reviewed by the City's environmental attorney and should be complete by September 15, 2010.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Turlington, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, City Council unanimously approved the bid of Cecil Holcomb Renovating, Inc. Demolition & Hauling contingent upon Hamilton Beach's contribution to the project.

ORDINANCE—BUDGET – RURAL CENTER PLANNING GRANT – WATER AUDIT AND LEAK DETECTION SURVEY

Finance Director Betty Brewer stated that the City of Clinton has received notification again regarding a Rural Center Planning Grant in the amount of \$40,000 with a city match of \$14,000. She stated the City's match was budgeted in this year's budget. She further stated that the monies will be used to audit our water system and detect any leaks. Ms. Brewer asked City Council to approve a budget ordinance for this grant.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the following **#2010.09.02** Water System Audit and Leak Detection Survey Rural Center Grant Ordinance was unanimously adopted:

RURAL CENTER GRANT
WATER SYSTEM AUDIT AND LEAK DETECTION SURVEY
#2010.09.02

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Rural Center Planning Grant Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is a Rural Center Grant Budget for a Water System Audit and Leak Detection of the city's water system.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with this grant within the terms of the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the grant.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
43.4500.0400	Water System Audit/Leak Detection	\$ 54,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 54,000	

Section 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this grant.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
43.3030.0000	Rural Center Grant	\$ 40,000	
43.3040.0000	City of Clinton	14,000	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 54,000	

Section 5. Copies of this grant ordinance shall be furnished to the City Clerk, City Manager, and Finance Director for their direction.

APPOINTMENTS

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Strickland and unanimously passed, John Clark and Nash Johnson were reappointed to a three-year term ending October 2013 on the Airport Authority.

REPORTS

City Manager Connet acknowledged that the financial, police, code enforcement, city council action, personnel, fire, and public works reports were received and he stands ready to answer any questions from City Council regarding the reports.

City Manager Connet asked Parks and Recreation Director Judi Nicholson to come forth and tell City Council about the upcoming celebration at Sampson Center.

Ms. Nicholson announced that Sampson Center improvements have been completed. She stated that the showers are superb. She stated that Sampson Center was the only park without a picnic shelter; however, it now has a shelter, as well as a walking trail. She further stated that the front area and the ball field have been revamped.

Parks and Recreation Director Nicholson invited all to the Sampson Center Celebration to be held on Monday, September 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Harris thanked all for what they have done for the improvements in District 5. She acknowledged that because of these improvements, individuals' attitudes and outlook have also changed.

Mayor Starling also gave words of thanks for the improvements within the City of Clinton.

RESOLUTION—CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, 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 September 7, 2010 entered closed session as allowed by G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(6) to discuss matters relating to acquisition of property and personnel.

Council re-entered regular session at 7:59 PM. Mayor Starling reported that City Council discussed personnel and a litigation matter; however, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning, City Manager Connet informed City Council that this is the final city council meeting for Public Works Director Chris Doherty. Everyone thanked Mr. Doherty for a job well done with the City of Clinton and wished him the best in all his endeavors.

Mr. Doherty thanked all for the opportunity to work in the City of Clinton. He stated it was a difficult decision to make. He wished Mayor, City Council, and the City of Clinton's staff the best.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Stefanovich, and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Elaine F. Hunt, City Clerk

Lew Starling, Mayor