

OCTOBER 4, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina met in regular session at 7:00 PM on October 4, 2011 in the city hall auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Becton, Strickland, Stefanovich, Turlington and Mayor Pro Tem Harris were present. City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt; City Manager John Connet; Assistant City Manager-Finance Director Shawn Purvis; Fire Chief Todd Solice; Planning and Zoning Director Mary Rose; Police Chief Mike Brim; Human Resource Manager Lisa Carter; Public Works Director Jeff Vreugdenhil; Recreation Director Judi Nicholson; Planner 1 Lyle Moore; and Planner 1 Audrey Whetten were present.

City Attorney Dale Johnson was absent.

Also present were Chris Berendt, of the Sampson Independent, and Melvin Henderson, of the Sampson Weekly.

Councilmember Jean Turlington, District 4, invited Miss Jocelyn Sampson, a Clinton High School student to give the invocation. Miss Jocelyn Sampson, daughter of Mr. Emory and Mrs. Joyce Sampson, is the Senior Class President, a Drum Major, and a Morehead Scholarship nominee. She did an excellent job! Mayor Starling congratulated and wished her all the best in future endeavors.

CITY COUNCIL

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the minutes of the September 6, 2011 regular and closed session, and the September 15, 2011 special city council meetings were unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION – DR. JOHN P. SURRATT DAY

Mayor Starling stated that on this day a celebration was held for Dr. John P. Surratt, who retired on September 29, 2011 from the medical field after 30+ years. He stated that the City of Clinton presented Dr. Surratt with a proclamation and asked City Manager John F. Connet to read the following proclamation to the group:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dr. John P. Surratt began his medical career some 40 years ago, when he earned his degree from the UNC School of Medicine as a graduate of the Class of 1971; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John P. Surratt has faithfully served as “the resident dermatologist” for the City of Clinton, Sampson County, and the surrounding area for thirty-three (33) years; and

WHEREAS, he officially retired from his medical career on Thursday, September 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John P. Surratt's transition will allow him more time to spend with his lovely wife, Amelia, of 42 years; his son Jonathan and his wife Robin; his daughter Ginger and her husband Chris, with their three children, Maria, Amelia, and Alex; and

WHEREAS, it is a pleasure to extend this expression of our esteem and best wishes to Dr. John P. Surratt on the momentous occasion of his retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **I, LEW STARLING and CITY COUNCIL** of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2011 as:

"DR. JOHN P. SURRATT DAY"

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this certificate shall be presented to him with sincere congratulations on this happy occasion.

PROCLAMATION – HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2011

Mayor Starling informed everyone that September 15 – October 15, 2011 is Hispanic Heritage Month. He read the following proclamation and presented it to Enrique Coello, a very dear friend and businessman:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina recognizes that Hispanic-Americans represent a wide array of cultures and have contributed to the development and prosperity of the United States and North Carolina by contributing to the advancement of the economy, arts, sciences, sports, religion, business, education and public service, and by affirming the importance of family bonds and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 the United States Congress authorized Hispanic Heritage Month to be observed from September 15 through October 15 to encourage all citizens to recognize, understand and appreciate the contributions of Hispanic-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-Americans have been a part of our rich heritage since our nation's inception; and

WHEREAS, our State and nation are proud of the sacrifices that Hispanic-Americans and their families have made as part of the United States Armed Forces throughout our nation's history, serving and fighting with honor and distinction in every war and showing their love for our homeland by answering the call of duty during our nation's time of need; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-American leaders across our State and nation have made significant contributions to our way of life; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-Americans believe in the promise of America and have passed from generation to generation their commitment and profound understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizens of a free nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER D. STARLING, JR., MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA, on behalf of the City of Clinton City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2011, as **“HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH”** in North Carolina and call upon the citizens of this State to observe and commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month.

PRESENTATION

ABC Board members Shurley McCullen, Chairperson, and Perry Solice appeared before City Council to present a check in the amount of \$ 99,200 (last year it was \$ 112,000). They presented a check to law enforcement in the amount of \$5,000 (last year it was \$ 5,000).

Ms. McCullen expressed her sadness due to some ABC stores that have misappropriated money. She stated that because of this, a Senate bill was passed which mandated that ABC stores handle finances in a different manner. She stated that the Clinton ABC Store has to make changes.

Ms. McCullen commended her Board, staff, and General Manager Barbara Bailey for the excellent service that they provide. She recognized Cary Taylor for his years of service and welcomed Dempsey Craig, in his absence, to the ABC Board. She thanked City Manager Connet and City Clerk Elaine Hunt for their assistance.

Mayor Starling thanked Ms. McCullen and her staff for their contribution to the City and hard work.

P & Z – NC 24 TURKEY HWY -- SAMPSON CO. ECO DEV COMMISSION

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a request by Sampson County Economic Development Commission for the rezoning of approximately 323.16 acres along NC 24 Turkey Hwy from RA-20 Residential to I-2 Heavy Industrial district.

Planning Director Rose explained the request and gave the staff and Planning and Zoning Board recommendation to approve the request upon the findings of fact and zoning consistency statement.

Mr. John Swope, Executive Director of the Sampson Economic Development Commission, appeared before City Council to further explain this request. He stated that this site provides rail access, water, sewer, and electric. He stated that there are approximately 16 existing facilities presently and 233 acres for potential sites. He addressed this area as a proposed “Clinton Industrial Rail Park.”

Mr. Bill Peterson, P. O. Box 337, Clinton, NC 28329 spoke against the rezoning of approximately 323.16 acres along NC 24 Turkey Hwy. He questioned whether or not the City of Clinton will have control of this area if it is rezoned. He stated that if the County wants this area as an industrial site, the County should pay for a flow plan to be performed to analyze the environmental impact. Mr. Peterson further stated that he is impacted by wetlands. He asked City Council to consider rezoning only the acres that will affect Chemtex International Inc. which consists of approximately 166 acres.

Mayor Starling pointed out that City Council will remain in control of the types of businesses that locate in the area.

Mr. Swope stated that Chemtex International will be required to develop a storm water management plan. He further stated that they will be required to operate a water treatment facility which would eventually discharge into the City's system.

Mr. Mike Hudson, 577 Rowan Road, Clinton, NC appeared before City Council stating his concerns as it relates to storm water run-off.

Ms. Mary Rose emphasized that the Land Development Ordinance requires manufacturers and processing plant adhere to special regulations.

Councilmember Strickland questioned a retention pond for the area and Public Works Director Vreugdenhil stated that would be a decision for NCDENR.

City Manager Connet informed City Council that an impact analysis will be required. Mr. Billy Owen, 1100 Bass Drive, Clinton, NC, pleaded with Council to "take care" of Mr. Mike Hudson.

Mayor Starling asked Mr. Swope, "If Council voted on the 166 acres which relate to Chemtex International and tabled the remaining 156 acres, would this be injurious to the project?" Mr. Swope responded that it would not be injurious to the project to the best of his knowledge. He further stated that buffering will change; however, he did not feel that would create a problem.

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

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the following amendment **#2011.10.01** to the Zoning Ordinance was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 160A-383, the City of Clinton Planning Board does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of ordinance amendment RZ-8-11-1 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the City of Clinton Land Use Plan and other long range planning documents; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board and after public hearing and due notice thereof as required by law, the City Council of the City of Clinton, NC, does enact as follows: The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Clinton be and the same is hereby amended as follows: That 166

acres along NC 24 Turkey Hwy is hereby rezoned from RA-20 Residential to I-2 Heavy Industrial district and 156 acres along NC 24 Turkey Hwy is hereby tabled.

P & Z— LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE – EXCEPTIONS IN ZONING DISTRICTS

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a text amendment request by The Planning staff to amend Section 3.4.3 D. 1. of the City of Clinton Land Development Ordinance to address Exceptions in Zoning Districts.

Planning and Zoning Director Mary Rose appeared before City Council to ask that this request be continued until the November 1, 2011 city council meeting.

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

The text amendment request by Planning staff to amend Section 3.4.3 D. 1. of the City of Clinton Land Development Ordinance to address Exceptions in Zoning Districts was continued until the November 1, 2011 city council meeting.

P & Z— LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE – SECTION 3.4.2 DIMENSIONAL TABLE

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a text amendment request by the Planning staff to amend Section 3.4.2 Dimensional Table of the City of Clinton Land Development Ordinance to add a Reference Number 6.

Planning and Zoning Director Mary Rose appeared before City Council to ask that this request be continued until the November 1, 2011 city council meeting.

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

The text amendment request by the Planning staff to amend Section 3.4.2 Dimensional Table of the City of Clinton Land Development Ordinance to add a Reference Number 6 was continued until the November 1, 2011 city council meeting.

P & Z— LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE – SECTION 9.5 –PARKING LOT SURFACES

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a text amendment request by the Planning staff to amend Section 9.5 of the City of Clinton Land Development Ordinance to address Parking Lot Surfaces.

Planning and Zoning Director Mary Rose appeared before City Council. She stated that the Board has had several meetings to discuss this topic. City Manager Connet stated that direction is desired from City Council as to whether or not they want paved requirements.

Ms. Rose asked City Council to continue this item until the November 1, 2011 city council meeting.

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

The text amendment request by the Planning staff to amend Section 9.5 of the City of Clinton Land Development Ordinance to address Parking Lot Surfaces was continued until the November 1, 2011 city council meeting.

OUTSIDE VENDORS – CITY OF CLINTON

At its September 6, 2011 city council meeting, Gary Wayne Hall appeared before City Council to express his concerns regarding outside vendors and their lack of support to the City of Clinton. City Council instructed City Manager Connet to look into Mr. Hall's concern and report to them.

Due to the absence of City Attorney Dale Johnson, this item was continued until the November 1, 2011 city council meeting.

RECREATION-- RESTROOMS CONSTRUCTION BIDS – ROYAL LANE PARK

City Manager Connet stated that at the September 15 special meeting, bids were presented to City Council for the Royal Lane restrooms. He stated that originally a total project budget of \$298,657 was presented to Council; however at this time, a revised budget for the project was presented. City Manager Connet stated the revised budget is \$275,000. He asked City Council to approve awarding the bid to Vortex Construction Co., LLC, Garner, NC, pending a background check and due diligence. He recommended the construction of concession stand(s). He asked City Council's preference: shingle or metal roofing.

Councilmember Stefanovich stated that his preference is metal roofing; however, he was disturbed that this money would be paid to an outside contractor. City Manager Connet stated that the project was advertised, two local contractors were contacted, and they chose not to bid.

Councilmember Strickland questioned whether or not it is appropriate to inquire why the local contractors declined to bid.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously to award the project—which includes the installation of metal roofing and concession stand(s) to Vortex Construction Co., LLC, in the amount of \$275,000.

STREET CLOSINGS

Planning and Zoning Director Mary Rose spoke regarding the Annual Court Square Street Fair, antique car show, and barbecue cook-offs. Ms. Rose informed Council that approximately 200 cars would be in the antique car show this year. She stated that this year, fifteen (15) pigs would be cooked and the judging would take place at 8:00 AM. Also, she stated that there will be a Court Square Bake-off. Before asking City Council to approve the street closings of

Vance Street from Sampson Street to Wall Street from 6:00 PM on Friday, October 7, 2011 until 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 8, 2011; Main Street from Lisbon Street to Wall Street; the Lisbon Street Parking Lot; Lisbon Street from the Lisbon Street Parking Lot to John Street; and a short section of Graham Street adjacent to the Lisbon Street Parking Lot from 5:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 8, 2011, Ms. Rose stated that all activities during this annual event are free to the public.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Becton, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, and unanimously passed, Vance Street from Sampson Street to Wall Street from 6:00 PM on Friday, October 7, 2011 until 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 8, 2011; Main Street from Lisbon Street to Wall Street; the Lisbon Street Parking Lot; Lisbon Street from the Lisbon Street Parking Lot to John Street; and a short section of Graham Street adjacent to the Lisbon Street Parking Lot from 5:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 8, 2011, are to be closed in order to hold the Annual Court Square Street Fair, antique car show, bake-off, and barbecue cook-offs.

VOTING DELEGATE – NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

City Manager Connet stated that Mayor Pro Tem Harris will be attending the National League of Cities Annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona beginning on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 and returning home on Saturday, November 12, 2011. He further stated that Council needs to appoint her as the voting delegate so that she might vote on behalf of the City at the annual business meeting.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Becton, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, and passed unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Maxine Harris was appointed as the voting delegate for the City of Clinton at the National League of Cities Annual meeting.

WATER & SEWER CONTRACTS DISTRICTS I & II —SAMPSON COUNTY

Public Works Director Jeff Vreugdenhil presented for adoption two modified contracts between the City and Sampson for the sale and purchase of water --District 1 and District II. He stated that upon City Council's approval, the contracts will be given to Sampson County for their review.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Stefanovich, unanimous approval was given to allow Mayor Starling to execute the two modified contracts for the sale and purchase of water between Sampson County and the City of Clinton for Sampson District Water and Sewer District I and District II.

ORDINANCES—BUDGET

Assistant City Manager-Finance Director Shawn Purvis briefed City Council regarding this item. He stated these budget amendments originated because of line item transfers, grants received, and to better monitor our accounts. He asked City Council to approve the budget amendments.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Turlington, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the following amendment **#2011.10.02** was unanimously adopted:

Clinton Police Supplemental Project Ordinance

#2011.10.02

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 Clinton Police Supplemental Project is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Clinton Police Supplemental Project described in the work statement contained in the Agreement between this unit and funding agencies.

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

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

| Account Number | Description | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 75-3010-0000 | Federal Drug Forfeiture | \$ 2,400 | | |
| 75-3010-0100 | State Subst Abuse Tax | 750 | | |
| 75-3030-0000 | DOJ Grant | 6,054 | | |
| 75-3350-0000 | Misc. Revenue | 200 | | |
| Total Revenues | | \$ 9,404 | | \$ 9,404 |

Section 4. The following expenditures are appropriated for the project:

| Account Number | Description | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 75-5100-3300 | Supplies & Materials | \$ 6,054 | | |
| 75-5110-5701 | Drug Enforcement | 3,350 | | |
| Total Expenditures | | \$ 9,404 | | \$ 9,404 |

Section 5. The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to the agency required by the agreement(s) and federal and state regulations.

Section 6. Requests for funds should be made to the agency in an orderly and timely manner as funds are obligated and expenses incurred.

Section 7. The Finance Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this project in every budget submission made to this Council.

Section 8. Copies of this Police Supplemental Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Section 9. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized to transfer funds from one line item to another line item without further approval by the City Council.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Turlington, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the following amendment **#2011.10.03** was unanimously adopted:

**Clinton Affordable Housing Capital Project Amendment
Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

#2011.10.03

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Clinton, NC that the following amendment be made to the Clinton Affordable Housing Capital Project Ordinance that was adopted on May 5, 2010, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. The expenditures are to be changed as follows:

| <u>Account #</u> | <u>Account Title</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 57-4970-0900 | Maintenance & Repair | \$ 2,000 | | |
| 57-4970-8000 | Contingency | | \$2,000 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 0 |

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the City Clerk, City Manager, and Finance Director for their direction.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Turlington, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the following amendment **#2011.10.04** was unanimously adopted:

**Budget Ordinance Amendment
Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget**

#2011.10.04

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Clinton, NC, that the following amendment be made to the Annual Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and amended on September 6, 2011, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

| Account # | Account Title | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 10-6600-0800 | Contrib Other Agencies | \$ 2,750 | | |
| 10-6600-6010 | Lot Maintenance | 10,000 | | |
| 10-6600-9108 | Xfer to Police Sup. Fund | 3,350 | | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | \$ 16,100 | | \$ 16,100 |

Section 2. The revenues are to be changed as follows:

| Account # | Account Title | Increase | Decrease | Total |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 10-3160-0100 | Demol. Reimbursement | \$10,000 | | |
| 10-3350-0000 | Misc. Revenue | 2,750 | | |
| 10-3990-0000 | Fund Balance | 3,350 | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | \$ 16,100 | | \$ 16,100 |

Section 3. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the City Clerk, to the City Manager, and Finance Director for their direction.

RESOLUTION -- FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR DEV OF NC INTERN'L PORT

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

**Resolution Supporting Feasibility Study
for
Deeper Water Access Port in North Carolina**

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton recognizes that continued growth in transoceanic shipping will increase export and import opportunities at ports located throughout the east coast of the United States, and that this fact is supported by growth trends and projections within the expanding global economy; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority and the State of North Carolina are examining all option for the Ports to be as competitive as possible in the future within this global economy; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that completion of the expansion of the Panama Canal in 2014 will allow the new Post-Panamax class of ships to access east coast ports, and that the current ports in North Carolina cannot accommodate these deep draft shipping vessels; and

WHEREAS, this trend in the global shipping industry will therefore place the State of North Carolina in a less competitive position for economic development; and

WHEREAS, many companies rely on ports for importing and exporting of products, raw materials and parts for products being manufactured, assembled

and/or distributed in the United States, and that approximately 40 percent of all industries that consider the Southeast Region of North Carolina for site location have a port requirement, and this percentage is rising; and

WHEREAS, the location of such companies into the Southeast Region creates jobs, capital investment and tax revenues and in the future, these and existing companies will rely on available modernized port services in close proximity to their facilities and that a proposed deeper water access port in Brunswick County, as a deepwater port in close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, with adequate channel depth, could service the new Post-Panamax size ships that would supply these firms; and

WHEREAS, the ability of a deeper water port to service these new Post-Panamax container ships would reduce the cost of ocean shipping for North Carolina business and industry and would make the State's businesses and industrial sector more competitive globally while also supporting efforts by the N. C. State Ports Authority to increase the number of trans-oceanic shipping lines serving North Carolina and to create the most cost competitive shipping model possible for businesses and industries in the State; and

WHEREAS, a proposed deeper water access port would enhance the ability of North Carolina and the City of Clinton to recruit business and industrial concerns that require the cost competitive advantages provided by the use of these larger and more economical Post-Panamax container ships and would, in fact, improve the ability of the State to recruit these facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton recognizes the need for globally competitive port services for North Carolina and the positive economic impacts such port services will render to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton supports the completion of the full feasibility study recommended by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to evaluate the following: (a) all potential impacts of a deeper water access port in Brunswick County if it were built including costs and benefits to the State and projected jobs created and additional port services made available; (b) a prospectus of private sector investment and cost-sharing; and (c) the environmental impacts of site development, infrastructure and channel deepening; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton further believes that final decisions on whether to proceed with a deeper water access port cannot and should not be made without first completing a full analysis of the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Clinton:

1. Recommends that the State of North Carolina and the North Carolina State Ports Authority undertake the adequate analysis required before any final decision is made as to whether to develop and construct a deeper water access port, including but not limited to:
 - *Reconnaissance Study* by the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers,

- *Economic Impact Analysis* update by N. C. State University; and
- *Feasibility Study* required by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE).

2. Encourages the North Carolina General Assembly to support the financing of North Carolina's required half of the USACE mandatory *Feasibility Study*.

AWARD OF BID – INSTALLATION OF A WATER METER VAULT

Public Works Director Jeff Vreugdenhil stated that bids were requested for the installation of a water meter vault on Indiantown Road. He stated that the installation of this meter vault will simplify the water billing system, improve the accounting for the water system, and eliminate unmetered water loss. Mr. Vreugdenhil asked City Council to approve the award of bid to Colt Contracting Company, Inc. He stated that the request for informal bids were sent to four construction companies and Colt Contracting Company, Inc. was the only one who responded.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Stefanovich, it was approved unanimously to accept the contract of Colt Contracting Company, Inc., Clinton, NC, in the amount of \$43,121 for the installation of a water meter vault on Indiantown Road.

APPOINTMENTS

Notification was given of the expiration term of Sherlene Devane on the J. C. Holliday Library Board. This is a two-year term. An appointment or reappointment will take place at the November 1, 2011 city council meeting.

REPORTS

The finance, police, code enforcement, City Council action, and fire reports were acknowledged.

City Manager reported on the following holiday schedule for 2012 and stated that these dates coincide with the holidays taken by the State and the County:

**CITY OF CLINTON
2012 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

| Holiday | Observance Date | Date of Week |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| New Year's Day | January 2, 2012 | Monday |
| Martin L. King Jr.'s Birthday | January 16, 2012 | Monday |
| Good Friday | April 6, 2012 | Friday |

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| Memorial Day | May 28, 2012 | Monday |
| Independence Day | July 4, 2012 | Wednesday |
| Labor Day | September 3, 2012 | Monday |
| Veteran's Day | November 12, 2012 | Monday |
| Thanksgiving | November 22 & 23, 2012 | Thursday & Friday |
| Christmas | December 24, 25 & 26, 2012 | Mon. Tues. & Wed. |

City Manager Connet asked Chief Brim to speak on the upcoming event—Halloween in the Park.

Chief Mike Brim asked City Council to continue the Halloween activities in Royal Lane Park. He stated that last year, the event was a big success. He concluded by stating that the date of the event will be on Monday night.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Becton, it passed unanimously to allow the City of Clinton's Halloween activities to take place on Monday, October 31, 2011 to include "Halloween in the Park."

OTHER BUSINESS – DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURE —PW COMPLEX

Public Works Director Vreugdenhil asked City Council to approve the demolition of a structure located at the Public Works Complex. He stated that this building is a liability in its current condition. Mr. Vreugdenhil stated that if approved, staff will handle the demolishing and the only cost will be for staff time, equipment, and 55 feet of chain link fence.

Mayor Starling asked City Council to approve the adding of this item and take action.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously to add the item, "Consideration of demolishing a structure located at the Public Works Complex."

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously to approve the demolishing of the structure located at the Public Works Complex that is a liability in its current condition.

FALL CLEAN-UP –OCTOBER 17 – 21, 2011

Public Works Director Vreugdenhil informed all that Fall Clean-Up Week will be here soon—October 17 – 21, 2011.

RESOLUTION—CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Becton, 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 October 4, 2011, entered closed session as allowed by G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss matters relating to personnel.

Council re-entered regular session at 9:34 PM. Mayor Starling reported that City Council discussed a personal matter; however, no action was taken.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Becton, and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Elaine F. Hunt, MMC, City Clerk

Lew Starling, Mayor