

## OCTOBER 30, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Clinton, NC met on October 30, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in a session continued from October 10, 2007. Mayor Starling and Councilmembers Becton, Harris, Stefanovich, Strickland and Turlington were present. Staff present were city clerk Fortner, city manager Connet, finance director Brewer, police chief Brim and public works director Doherty.

Mayor Starling opened the meeting. He announced the need for a closed session to discuss economic development and asked for a resolution to enter closed session. Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland seconded by Councilmember Harris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Be It Resolved that the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, NC enter closed session to discuss litigation".

Council entered open session at 6:34 p.m. Mayor Starling recessed the meeting.

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Starling reconvened the meeting.

Anthony Sessoms, auditor for the city, presented a preliminary audit for F.Y. 2006-2007. He said overall the city is in good financial condition. Fund balances are above that of most cities in Clinton's size group. He informed the council of two minor concerns. One is GASB 45 effective with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 which requires retiree health benefits to be noted in the audit. He discussed two methods to record the projected costs. The other concern was a control deficiency within the recreation department. The same person receives and records recreation fees.

Public Works Director Doherty reviewed well sites drawn down from February 2003 to the present. He said, while the city is obtaining water from a deeper depth, the city's water system has a more than adequate water supply. He added in light of the statewide drought conditions, he feels the city should encourage water conservation. He presented a flyer to include with the next water billing. Council endorsed the flyer but with softer suggestions.

Police Chief Brim presented a proposed revision to the city's curfew ordinance which will hold parents responsible for youth under eighteen who violate the ordinance. He said the fine increases with repeat violations. He told of increased gang presence and activity. He informed the council that the Sgt. and corporal on each squad will soon have tasers equipped with a camera. These were obtained with a grant. Council endorsed using the tasers.

City Manager Connet asked the council for direction in how to proceed with the US 701 Connector Road. He said if council wants to proceed, the next steps will be to identify the corridor and environmental issues. Council instructed him to report possible funding sources.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Clerk

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Mayor