

NOVEMBER 18, 2011, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina met for a special meeting at 9:00 AM on November 18, 2011 in the City Hall Auditorium for the purpose of economic development. Mayor Starling presided. Present were: Councilmembers Strickland, Turlington, Becton, Stefanovich, and Mayor Pro Tem Harris; City Attorney Dale Johnson; City Manager Connet; Assistant City Manager – Finance Director Purvis; and City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt. Also present were Mr. Allie Ray McCullen and Chris Berendt, of the Sampson Independent.

All departmental/managerial staff was absent.

Councilmember Becton gave the invocation.

Mayor Starling gave the purpose for the special meeting which included obtaining permission for a 20 ft. easement on the former Hamilton Beach property at the request of Aludisc LLC so that they might travel to and from their company. He stated that lenders for Aludisc LLC are concerned because one has to cross the railroad track to get to Aludisc LLC. He stated that Mr. Allie Ray McCullen was hired to review this matter.

Mr. McCullen appeared before City Council stating that he was asked to review the south side of the former Hamilton Beach property to see what type of an impact a 20 ft. easement would have on the City's property. He stated that Millard Owen, of Owen Surveying, Inc., accompanied him to the site.

Mr. McCullen stated that a 20 ft. easement across the City's property will not adversely impact the property. He said one reason for his decision is the easement will be off a side and not through the middle of the property. He recommended that the City give a stipulation to clarify their continued use of the nearby creek. He stated that the creek touches some of the property. He stated that the City will hold title to the property, although the easement might be granted.

Mr. McCullen informed City Council that \$5,000 is a reasonable value for an easement.

City Manager Connet stated that he spoke to Aludisc's representatives and they are in agreement with the \$5,000. A 20 ft. easement will satisfy Aludisc, their attorney(s), and the lenders.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Becton, it passed unanimously to sell Aludisc LLC, a 20 ft. easement for an amount of \$5,000 plus the cost of Owen Surveying, Inc. and McCullen's appraisal.

Special meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Elaine F. Hunt, MMC, City Clerk

Lew Starling, Mayor