

DECEMBER 2, 2008, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, met in regular session at 7:00 PM on December 2, 2008 in the City Hall Auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Becton, Harris, Stefanovich, Strickland, and Turlington were present. City Attorney Dale Johnson; city clerk Elaine F. Hunt; city manager John Connet; assistant city manager Shawn Purvis; finance director Betty Brewer; fire chief Philip Miller; planning and community development director Jeff Vreugdenhil; planner Mary Rose; human resource manager Lisa Carter; police chief Mike Brim; and recreation director Judi Nicholson were present. Public works director Chris Doherty was absent.

Councilmember Marcus Becton gave the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the minutes of the June 17, 2008 closed session; the November 5, 2008 regular meeting; and the November 20, 2008 special city council meeting were unanimously approved.

AUDIT

Anthony Sessoms, CPA, presented the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Audit. He stated that the audit shows that the City is very healthy and is in very good shape.

P & Z – 2760 NORTH US 421 HWY – WILLIAM O’KEEFE

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a request by William O’Keefe of Dudley Home Furnishings for the rezoning of approximately 1.38 acres located at 2760 North US 421 Hwy from RA-20 Residential to HC Highway Commercial. City Planner Mary Rose explained the request and gave the staff, Planning, and Zoning Board recommendation to approve the request upon the findings of fact and zoning consistency statement. No one appeared to be heard, and the hearing was closed.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Harris, the following amendment **#2008.12.01** 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-11-08-1 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 approximately 1.38 acres located at 2760 North US 421 Hwy is hereby rezoned from RA-20 Residential to HC Highway Commercial.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PARKS & RECREATION – LONG RANGE
PLAN AND PARTF GRANT SUBMISSION**

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a request by Parks & Recreation Director Judi Nicholson regarding a long-range facility plan and submission of PARTF Grant for the Parks & Recreation Department. Parks & Recreation Director Nicholson explained the request stating that the Recreation staff has worked hard to prepare a long-range plan that incorporates personnel development, new programs, and capital projects. She stated that this plan, along with the CIP, will assist the department in continuing to provide exceptional services to the citizens of Clinton and the surrounding areas. She further stated that the PARTF Grant will provide financial assistance for recreation capital projects. Ms. Nicholson gave the Recreation staff, Recreation Advisory Board, and City Manager's recommendation to approve the long-range plan and submission of the application for the PARTF Grant. No one appeared to be heard, and the hearing was closed.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the long-range plan and submission of the application for the PARTF Grant for the Parks & Recreation Department were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – DOWNTOWN SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a request regarding the Clinton Downtown Special Tax District Expansion. He stated that the Sampson County Board of Commissioners endorsed this Downtown Special Tax District Expansion at their recent meeting. City Manager Connet stated that we were unable to meet a four week notice requirement that must be met regarding a public hearing such as this. He asked City Council to continue this item to the January 2009 city council meeting. No one else wished to be heard.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Stefanovich, and unanimously passed, this public hearing was continued until 7:00 PM on January 6, 2009.

IDLE-FREE COMMUNITY

At the November 5, 2008 city council meeting, Assistant City Manager Purvis was directed to research the possibility of the City becoming an Idle-Free Community. Assistant City Manager Purvis stated that he had spoken to several communities who are participating in idle-free programs. He stated that the goals of each idle-free campaign are to reduce air pollution and to save money. He further stated that most programs focused on pollution involving buses and the school systems.

Assistant City Manager Purvis recommended supporting an idle-free program for the City School System, for the City's vehicles, and to endorse citizens' commitment to improving the quality of life in Clinton.

City Council agreed that the main focus regarding an idle-free program should be in regards to the school system. City Manager Connet was directed to contact the City School System regarding an idle-free program.

CONDEMNATIONS – 1201, 1203, 1209, & 1211 SUNSET AVENUE

Mr. Vreugdenhil presented four requests for condemnation of the following structures:

- a. 1201 Sunset Avenue
- b. 1203 Sunset Avenue
- c. 1209 Sunset Avenue
- d. 1211 Sunset Avenue

Planning and Zoning Director Vreugdenhil stated that the above owner was given sixty days to bring the structures up to code or remove the structures. Mr. Vreugdenhil further stated that certified mail was sent to the property owner. He asked City Council to adopt ordinances condemning the properties. If this is done, the owner must pay the cost of demolition and the asbestos report.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the following ordinances were unanimously adopted:

**AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO REMOVE OR DEMOLISH THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AS UNSAFE AND DIRECTING THAT A NOTICE BE PLACED THEREON THAT THE SAME MAY NOT BE OCCUPIED
2008.12.02**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton finds that the structure described herein is unsafe pursuant to G.S. 160A-426; and

WHEREAS, this structure should be removed or demolished as directed by the Code Enforcement Officer; and should be placarded by placing thereon a notice prohibiting use; and

WHEREAS, Faircloth Family Properties, LLC, the owners of this structure have been given a reasonable opportunity to bring the structure to the standards of the Housing Code in accordance with G.S. 160A-426 pursuant to an order issued by the Code Enforcement Officer on September 2, 2008, the owners have not complied with this order.

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

Section 1. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and directed to place a placard containing the legend:

“This structure is unsafe; the use or occupation of this structure is prohibited and unlawful.”

on the structure located at 1201 Sunset Avenue and further identified by Sampson County Parcel I.D. # 15060360001.

Section 2. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to remove or demolish the above-described structure in accordance with his order to the owners thereof dated September 2, 2008, and in accordance with the Code and G.S. 160A-426.

Section 3(a). The cost of removal or demolition shall constitute a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred. The lien shall be filed in the office of the Sampson County Tax Collector, and shall have the same priority and be collected in the same manner as the lien for special assessments in Article 10 of G.S. Chapter 160A.

Section 3(b). Upon completion of the required removal or demolition, the Code Enforcement Officer shall sell the materials of the structure and credit the proceeds against the cost of removal or demolition. The Code Enforcement Officer shall certify the remaining balance to the Tax Collector. If a surplus remains after sale of the materials and satisfaction of the cost of removal or demolition, the Code Enforcement Officer shall deposit the surplus in the Superior Court where it shall be secured and disbursed.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or cause to be removed the placard from any structure to which it is affixed. It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to occupy or to permit the occupancy of any structure therein declared to be unsafe.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

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REMOVE OR DEMOLISH THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AS
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THE SAME MAY NOT BE OCCUPIED
2008.12.03**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton finds that the structure described herein is unsafe pursuant to G.S. 160A-426; and

WHEREAS, this structure should be removed or demolished as directed by the Code Enforcement Officer; and should be placarded by placing thereon a notice prohibiting use; and

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on the structure located at 1203 Sunset Avenue and further identified by Sampson County Parcel I.D. # 15060360101.

Section 2. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to remove or demolish the above-described structure in accordance with his order to the owners thereof dated September 2, 2008, and in accordance with the Code and G.S. 160A-426.

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2008.12.04**

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WHEREAS, Faircloth Family Properties, LLC, the owners of this structure have been given a reasonable opportunity to bring the structure to the standards of the Housing Code in accordance with G.S. 160A-426 pursuant to an order issued by the Code Enforcement Officer on September 2, 2008, the owners have not complied with this order.

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on the structure located at 1209 Sunset Avenue and further identified by Sampson County Parcel I.D. # 15060360101.

Section 2. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to remove or demolish the above-described structure in accordance with his order to the owners thereof dated September 2, 2008, and in accordance with the Code and G.S. 160A-426.

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2008.12.05**

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on the structure located at 1211 Sunset Avenue and further identified by Sampson County Parcel I.D. # 15017556101.

Section 2. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to remove or demolish the above-described structure in accordance with his order to the owners thereof dated September 2, 2008, and in accordance with the Code and G.S. 160A-426.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Harris, seconded by Councilmember Becton, and unanimously passed, the following were certified as being eligible firefighters in accordance with G. S. 58-86-25: Mark A. Barcomb, Jamie P. Beasley, Matthew Boone, Matthew Booth, Edmon Boyette, Claude A. Buchanan, Joshua W. Coombs, Michael Cottle, Joe B. Dixon, Jr., Ronald Ellis, Brandon Gaaney, David B. Hairr, Bradley Johnson, Jimmy Lewis, Rommie A. Melvin, Benjamin N. Miller, Philip Miller, Christopher L. Norris, Robert T. Owen, Lawrence Parrish, William M. Parrish, George Raynor, Todd A. Solice, Charles L. Stafford, Clark T. Strickland, Richard W. Taylor, Joshua B. Tyson, and Harold Woodall.

SAMPSON COUNTY ET AL VS. PARKER FAMILY REAL ESTATE, LLC

City Manager Connet stated that the condemnation case between the City of Clinton, Sampson County, and the Parker Family for an avigation easement at the airport has been settled. Because the settlement documents for the case had not been received at the time of the city council meeting, City Manager Connet recommended delaying action on this item.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, and unanimously passed, formal action regarding the condemnation case between the City of Clinton, Sampson County, and the Parker Family was continued to the January 6, 2009 city council meeting.

MEDIA POLICY AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION PLAN

Assistant City Manager Purvis stated that the purpose of the Clinton Media Policy and Information Dissemination Plan is to provide City personnel with guidelines for interacting with news media, coordinating media interaction with the City's Public Information Officer, and disseminating information to the public.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Becton, seconded by Councilmember Stefanovich, the Media Policy and Information Dissemination Plan was approved unanimously.

SAMPSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

City Manager Connet asked City Council to approve a resolution adopting the Sampson County Solid Waste Management Plan Update. He stated that Sampson County is the host site of a regional landfill operated by Waste Industries, Inc. He stated that this plan covers the County, the City of Clinton, and seven other incorporated municipalities. City Manager Connet further stated that the purpose of this Solid Waste Management Plan Update is to provide 10 years of solid waste management planning as per General Statute 130A-309.09A(b).

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Harris, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SAMPSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, better planning for solid waste will help protect public health and the environment, provide for an improved solid waste management system, better utilize our natural resources, and control the cost of solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General statute 130A-309.09(b) requires each unit of local government, either individually or in cooperation with other units of local government, to develop a solid waste management plan update; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton has been actively involved in the planning process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Clinton hereby approves the Sampson County Solid Waste Management Plan update.

CHANGE ORDER – NEW FIRE ENGINE

Fire Chief Miller presented a change order totaling \$ 3,644.50 for the new fire engine. He stated that in completing their final inspection of the new truck, they discovered that several items had not been specified in the original design specifications to include a battery charger, an air pump for the radios, and braking system.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the change order totaling \$ 3,644.50 for the new fire engine was approved unanimously.

STREET CLOSING – CHRISTMAS PARADE

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Turlington, seconded by Councilmember Harris, and unanimously passed, approval was given for the temporary closing of the following streets on December 13, 2008 from 9:00 AM to

11:00 AM: College Street from Warsaw Road to Main Street; Main Street to Wall Street; Wall Street to Fayetteville Street; Fayetteville Street to Sunset Avenue; and Sunset Avenue to the US 701/421 west overpass. The closing is necessary so the Christmas parade can be held.

MISSION STATEMENT, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

City Manager Connet asked City Council to approve the mission statement, goals, and objectives that were developed over the last two months. He stated that these goals and objectives would be used to develop the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, the following mission statement, goals, and objectives passed unanimously:

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to be a city rich in tradition and beauty with clean safe neighborhoods, sound infrastructure, and opportunities for future generations.”

Goals and Objectives for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year

(1) Clean and Beautify City

- ◆ Develop a systematic code enforcement program that strives to eliminate nuisance properties and structures.
- ◆ Create public education and outreach programs to inform citizens of property owner responsibilities and to educate and encourage clean streets and neighborhoods.
- ◆ Maintain City owned properties at an adequate level to ensure efficient use and clean and neat appearance.
- ◆ Create citywide beautification program that enhances the overall appearance of the City.

(2) Clean and Safe Neighborhoods

- ◆ Provide opportunities for high-risk youth to maximize their skills and abilities and help them realize their potential.
- ◆ Explore community outreach and partnerships to ensure safe neighborhoods.
- ◆ Utilize Police and Fire staff and resources in the most efficient manner to serve the needs of the community.
- ◆ Continue to work with regional, state and federal agencies to maximize our efforts to fight crime.

(3) Sound Infrastructure

- ◆ Create multi-modal network to reduce traffic and pollution by promoting alternate forms of transportation.

- ◆ Provide high quality water and wastewater services while protecting natural resources through a comprehensive water and wastewater plan.
- ◆ Create master roadway and street plan to maintain safe roads and streets, improve connectivity and reduce traffic.
- ◆ Utilize Public Works staff and resources in the most efficient manner to serve the needs of the community.

ORDINANCE - BUDGET

City Manager Connet stated that City Council is asked to approve an amendment to the FY 2008-2009 Budget in General Fund for the purchases of the tractor and mower in the Recreation Department and unemployment benefits. He further stated that Council is also asked to approve an amendment to the FY 2008-2009 Budget in Water and Sewer Fund for professional services.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Harris, seconded by Councilmember Turlington, the following amendments **#2008.12.06** and **#2008.12.07** were unanimously adopted:

**Budget Ordinance Amendment
2008.12.06**

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, 2009, and amended September 2, 2008 and November 5, 2008, hereby amended as follows:

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

Account #	Account Title	Increase	Decrease
10.6200.7400	Capital Outlay	\$ 63,275.00	
10.6600.5405	Unemployment Benefit	<u>21,134.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 84,409.00	

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

Account #	Account Title	Increase	Decrease
10.3990.0000	Fund Balance Appropriation	<u>\$ 84,409.00</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 84,409.00	

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

**Budget Ordinance Amendment
2008.12. 07**

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, 2009, and amended September 2, 2008 and November 5, 2008, hereby amended as follows:

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

Account #	Account Title	Increase	Decrease
30.8100.0401	Professional Services	\$ 10,000.00	
30.6600.8000	Contingency		<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

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

REPORTS

The finance, public works, personnel, fire, and code reports were acknowledged.

City Manager reported on the following holiday schedule for 2009 and stated that these dates coincide with the holidays taken by the State:

**CITY OF CLINTON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
PROPOSED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – 2009**

Holiday	Observance Date	Date of Week
New Year's Day	January 1, 2009	Thursday
Martin L. King Jr.'s Birthday	January 19, 2009	Monday
Good Friday	April 10, 2009	Friday
Memorial Day	May 25, 2009	Monday
Independence Day	July 3, 2009	Friday
Labor Day	September 7, 2009	Monday
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2009	Wednesday
Thanksgiving	November 26 & 27, 2009	Thursday & Friday

City Manager reported that the houses on Barden Street have been demolished and staff is now working on demolishing the houses on Williams and Lee Streets.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Starling spoke concerning the odor control at the Waste Treatment Plant. He stated that the City is considering purchasing a piece of machinery that will help to eliminate the odor.

City Manager Connet stated that presently, the City is trying out a rental piece of equipment at the influent pump station. He stated this equipment will be monitored for approximately one month to see how well it controls the odor.

City Manager stated that Clinton International Church located at 545 Tillery Street has asked the City to consider donating land adjacent to Newkirk Park to the church to build a Family Life Center. He stated that the pastor and congregation thought they previously owned this land; however found out later, that they did not. City Manager stated that no deed has been found. He further stated that the City has no use for this property and it would better serve the church. However, pursuant to G. S. 160A-269, City Manager stated this land can not be donated to the church but can be disposed of via a negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bid.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Becton, seconded by Councilmember Stefanovich, and unanimously approved, City Manager and staff were directed to move forward with the selling of the land to Clinton International Church via G.S. 160A-269 – Negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bid.

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 December 2, 2008 entered closed session as allowed by G. S. 143-318.11 (a) (5) to discuss matters relating to the acquisition of real property by purchase.

Council re-entered regular session at 7:45 PM. Mayor Starling reported that City Council was briefed on a real property matter; however, no action was taken.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

City Clerk

Mayor