

**SPECIAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10, 2007**

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina met in special session at 6:00 p.m. on October 10, 2007 at city hall auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Harris, Stefanovich, Strickland and Turlington were present. Councilmember Becton was absent. Staff present was the city attorney, city clerk, city manager and planning director.

City Manager Connet gave the invocation.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing to receive public input concerning expenditures for economic development activities. The proposed company is a biofuels facility that is looking at a site on Railroad Street at Fontana Drive.

City Manager Connet reported on visits to biofuels facilities in Pittsboro, NC and Pittsburg, PA. He said he is still gathering information on water and sewer requirements and requested the hearing be continued.

Mayor Starling said the council wants to look closely at potential odor and sewer discharge, determine if a biofuels facility is a good fit for Clinton and decide an appropriate level of economic incentives if it is found that the facility will enhance Clinton.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Turlington, the hearing was continued until 7:00 p.m. on November 8, 2007.

**BIDS—DOWNTOWN**

Planning Director Vreugdenhil presented bids for the demolition and removal of the former jail property. City Manager Connet recommended accepting the low bid.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tap Construction, Inc.	\$ 91,730
Enpuricon, Inc.	93,310
EME Industrial Services, LLC	93,388
D. H.Griffin Wrecking Co., Inc.	97,800
Baucom Demolition	142,200

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Harris, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the bid was awarded unanimously to Tap Construction, Inc.

**ORDINANCES—STREET CLOSING**

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the following ordinance #2007.10.03 was unanimously adopted:

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE  
TO TEMPORARLILY CLOSED STREETS, ALLEYS, AND PARKING AREAS**

WHEREAS, N. C. G. S. 160A-296 (a)(4) authorizes the city of Clinton to temporarily close streets and alleys; and

WHEREAS, it has been the practice within the city of Clinton that all street, alley and parking areas closings be heard by the City Council of the City of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, requests for the temporarily closing of alleys, parking areas and streets without sufficient time for council to hear the request occur often.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Clinton that the Clinton City Code of 1987 is hereby amended by adding a new section to be numbered section 15.31, which shall read as follows:

Sec. 15.31. Temporary alley, parking area and street closing.

- (a) The chief of police, or designee, is authorized to temporarily close to vehicular traffic, alleys, parking areas and streets within the city when the chief deems it necessary to meet the particular needs of a special event or project without adversely affecting vehicular traffic and not endangering public safety.
- (b) The area and boundaries of any street closing will consist of only those areas directly related to the special event or project and shall include any public alley, parking area, street, sidewalk, or publicly owned area that is within or constitutes the boundary of that event or project.
- (c) The police chief will notify the city of Clinton fire chief and Sampson County Emergency Management in advance of all closings approved.

Upon a motion duly made seconded and passed, the meeting was continued until 5:30 p.m. on October 30, 2007.

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City Clerk

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Mayor