

OCTOBER 30, 2007 CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

The October 30, 2007 meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton entered closed session at 5:32 p.m. Mayor Starling presided. All councilmembers were present. Staff present were the city clerk Betty Fortner and city manager John Connet. Also present were Sampson County Economic Development Director John Swope and Erik Lytikainen and Sean Davidson from Greenlight Energy Resources, a renewable energy company.

Mayor Starling thanked Mr. Lytikainen and Mr. Davidson for appearing to respond to questions and concerns from the city.

City question: Is there an odor associated with the operation and how does a large operation affect the amount of odors?

Greenlight response: Animal fat and the finished product is pumped from one closed tank into another closed tank. Displaced air enters into a scrubber system. There is a mild odor inside the plant, and there should not be an odor outside the plant.

City question: Are you satisfied there will not be an outside odor?

Greenlight response: Yes, there are no open containers outside, and Air Quality monitors the air.

City question: Is there an odor during cooking?

Greenlight response: When cooked down, the product smells like vegetable oil.

City question: What are the amounts of water usage and sewer discharge, especially greasy discharge?

Greenlight response: Water usage is mainly for sanitary purposes. Due to a dry wash system being used sewer discharge is not greasy.

City question: Will the storage tanks be horizontal or vertical?

Greenlight response: The tanks will not look much different than other petroleum storage in the area. If tanks are placed in the rear of the property away from the rail, two loading sites will be required. This will add to the construction cost as will horizontal tanks.

City question: Is there enough animal fat available for both animal feed and bio diesel operations?

Greenlight response: Rail access allows for the purchase of animal fat outside the immediate area. Currently 33% of the country's rendered animal fat is exported to other countries.

City question: How many employees will you employ?

Greenlight response: Twelve is stated in the economic incentives application, but it will probably be fifteen—don't want to say more than what actually delivers. We hire local people.

City question: When selecting a location for a plant, how do incentives rate in the analysis?

Greenlight response: We look at the total package including water, rail, cost of land, taxes, incentives, etc. Incentives are viewed as a means to offset setup cost.

There being no more questions, Mr. Swope and Greenlight representatives left the meeting.

Mayor Starling said he is still bothered by the level of incentives. He said council will discuss this matter again at the reconvened public hearing on November 8, 2007.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Becton, seconded by Councilmember Turlington, and unanimously passed, council exited closed session at 6:33 p.m.

Clerk

Mayor