

SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 28, 2009

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, continued from May 19, 2009, was reconvened at 7:00 PM on May 28, 2009, at City Hall Auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Turlington, Becton, and Stefanovich were present. Councilmembers Harris and Strickland were absent. The city clerk, city manager, assistant city manager, finance director, interim fire chief, public works director, recreation director, police chief, planning and zoning director, human resource manager, and senior planner were present.

Councilmember Becton gave the invocation.

City Manager Connet opened the meeting by showing all in attendance the proposed City of Clinton Town Hall and Police Station. He stated that the proposed building would house Planning and Zoning, Administration, Finance, and Police in one facility.

BUDGET

City Manager Connet informed City Council that the estimated fund balance unreserved on June 30, 2009, in general fund will be \$3,776,671. He presented the following worst case scenario:

- \$586,654 appropriated which includes Miller Property \$177,075 and housing demolition totaling \$90,000
- Revenue shortfall of \$146,000 +/-

City Manager Connet stated that revenues have been set aside from Governor's Highway monies in the amount of \$187,000 which is owed to General Fund.

City Manager Connet presented the proposed FY2009-2010 General Fund Budget. He added the overall proposed budget in general fund for FY 2009-2010 totals \$8,505,970. He stated that this proposed budget has been reduced by \$739,308 or 7.95%. He further stated that the largest portion of General Fund goes to public safety.

Mr. Connet reported the following:

Personnel Highlights will include a new firefighter position, a new recreation office assistant, and establishing a police major (not funded). In order to comply with OSHA's regulations, this firefighter's position is mandatory. There will be no raises, the City's funded medical reimbursement to employees will be converted to a funded health savings account, and medical insurance is still being negotiated.

Capital Outlay Highlights will include street resurfacing, garage service vehicle, small pickup truck for Cemetery Department, 3 police vehicles, residential garbage truck, Royal Lane Park improvements, and HVAC replacement totaling approximately \$40,000.

City Manager Connet reviewed each department's proposed budget. All departments' proposed budgets went down slightly with the exception of Finance and Garage. Finance Department increased due to the proposed purchase of human resource software. The Police Department's budget decreased because of stimulus monies in the amount of \$41,000. Clinton City Schools are donating soccer field lights to the Recreation Department, stated City Manager Connet. He further stated that the City will need to purchase the poles. He stated that a grant application in the amount of \$500,000 has been submitted for the main office relocation.

City Manager stated that a position in the Street Department is frozen and will not be filled. Sanitation Department is going from running 3 vehicles to 2 vehicles. He stated that within the next coming years, City Council will need to consider the acquisition of property for both Sandhill and Springvale Cemeteries.

The proposed budget for non-departmental is \$620,572—previously it was \$885,840. City Manager Connet stated that there was a one-time increased funding for the library.

Councilmember Stefanovich commended the Sanitation Department for the great service it provides. His only regret was that the residents of Clinton are not aware of how great the service is.

Councilmember Turlington questioned the non-departmental proposed budget with highlights which include the Clinton-Sampson Airport and outside agencies. She asked for the names of the non-departmental outside agencies to which the City gives contributions. City Manager Connet named: History Museum, Rescue Squad, Community Theatre, Arts Council, and J. C. Holiday Library. It was stated that the City puts approximately \$50,000 toward the Clinton-Sampson Airport yearly.

A question arose regarding the County. It was stated that the County has frozen all positions and the County's forecast is not as good as the City's.

SUBDIVISIONS—NORTHGATE

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, a final plat for Northgate Subdivision located off Old Raleigh Road (SR 1753) developed by Mr. Howell Edwards and Quest Development Co., Inc. was unanimously approved.

Before adjourning, City Manager reminded City Council that at the May 19, 2009 special meeting, a public hearing on the FY 2009-2010 Budget was called for next Tuesday's city council meeting, June 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Stefanovich, seconded by Councilmember Becton, and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

City Clerk

Mayor