

## MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2011

The February 1, 2011, meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton entered closed session at 8:47 PM. Mayor Starling presided. Mayor Pro Tem Harris, Councilmembers Stefanovich, Strickland, and Becton were present. Councilmember Turlington was absent. City Attorney Dale Johnson, City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt, City Manager John Connet, Assistant City Manager-Finance Director Shawn Purvis, Public Works Director Jeff Vreugdenhil, and John Swope, Executive Director of the Sampson County Economic Development Commission were also present.

City Manager Connet asked John Swope to update Mayor and City Council regarding an economic development matter. Mr. Swope thanked City Council for allowing the closed session. John Swope thanked Mayor and City Council for allowing him to speak to them. He told them that Dubose Strapping contacted him regarding an expansion within their company. He stated that a new production line was to be implemented which will create approximately 35 jobs—20 of the jobs to take place by the end of the first year.

Mr. Swope requested City Council to hold a public hearing regarding this economic development matter at the March 1, 2011 city council meeting. He stated that if City Council agreed to hold the public hearing, he will handle the necessary public notice. He presented information to City Council showing potential revenue from this new line.

After updating Mayor and City Council regarding the aforementioned economic development item, Mr. John Swope exited the closed session.

Public Works Director Jeff Vreugdenhil entered the closed session. He presented a map to Mayor and City Council showing approximately 2 acres of land owned by an outside company—Viridian Residual Management Services, Inc. Mr. Vreugdenhil informed Council that this outside company intends to use this land to develop a dewatering facility. He stated that he would like to ask City Council to approve purchasing this property to protect the appearance of the Waste Treatment Plant and to have the ability to provide an additional buffer for property we own immediately adjacent to the South. Mr. Vreugdenhil stated that the property to the South is a potential collection site for Hurricane/Storm green waste and would not be adequately buffered from view if the property is developed.

Mr. Vreugdenhil stated that the land had been appraised at \$22,400, and the land totals approximately 1.93 acres located on Millbranch and Elam Streets.

Council exited executive session at 9:03 PM.

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Elaine F. Hunt, MMC, City Clerk

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Lew Starling, Mayor