

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2006

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina continued from May 4, 2006 was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. on May 9, 2006 at City Hall Auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Becton, Harris, Strickland, and Turlington were present. Councilmember Stefanovich was absent. The city clerk, city manager, finance director, fire chief and police chief director were present.

Councilmember Becton gave the invocation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Miller and Police Chief Brim presented information on utilizing public safety officers to serve as both fire fighters and police officers. Start up costs would be \$300,916, and would not save money because of training and equipment requirements. They recommended to maintain the current, separate departments, but to develop a strategic plan to implement a full time fire department so the ISO rating can be lowered.

BUDGET

City Manager Connet asked for direction in budgeting two new outside agencies funding requests in the 2006-07 budget. It was the consensus to furnish water, sewer and garbage to the Crisis Center in lieu of a monetary donation and budget \$1,500 for the Alumni Association.

Mr. Connet informed the council due to increasing personnel and fuel costs along with a slow tax base growth, council should consider a tax increase in the 2006-07 or 2007-08 budget. Mayor Starling asked if a budget with a tax rate increase is presented to also present a budget without a tax rate. Council could look at the options.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Becton, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, and unanimously passed, the meeting was continued until May 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk

Mayor