

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 25, 2006

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina continued from May 18, 2006 was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. on May 25, 2006 at City Hall Auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Councilmembers Becton, Harris, Stefanovich, Strickland, and Turlington were present. The city clerk, city manager, finance director, fire chief, police chief, public works director and recreation director were present.

City Manager Connet reviewed the following changes to the 2006-07 proposed budget amounting to a net reduction of \$119,000:

- purchase smaller rescue truck at a \$20,000 savings in 06-07
- eliminate the purchase of two police vehicles
- eliminate new part time fighter position
- reduce performance increases from 4% to 3.5%
- eliminate purchase of 1 vehicle for recreation.
- begin a car allowance for the police chief at a cost of \$4800
- increase planning director car allowance by \$1200

Fire Chief Miller discussed the features of the rescue truck. He said the estimated purchase price is reduced from \$230,000 to \$150,000.

City Manager Connet presented the following proposed utility rates and fees:

Residential garbage - \$11.25

Commercial garbage - \$4.05 per cu. yd.

Water - \$11.50 flat rate, a 4.37% increase

Sewer - \$11.75 flat rate, a 8.73% increase

Cemetery Lots –

Springvale - \$155.00 per lot plus \$95.00 per deed fees

Sandhills - \$125.00 per lot plus \$95.00 per deed fees

Councilmember Stefanovich said he is not sure the timing is right to change the city's recreation fee policy. He thinks the city, county and Recreation Advisory Board needs to discuss recreation fees. Councilmember Strickland and Harris agreed. Councilmember Turlington said most citizens were not aware of the free recreation programs. Mayor Starling said the city has always worked out its challenges with the county, and with the Advisory Boards, governing boards and managers working together this concern will be worked out.

RESOLUTIONS—CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Becton, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Be It Resolved that the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina held May 25, 2006 enter closed session as allowed by G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel.

Council re-entered regular session. Mayor Starling reported council was briefed on a personnel matter, and no action needs to be taken in open session.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Becton, and passed the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk

Mayor