



### April 4, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, met in regular session at 7:00 PM on April 4, 2023, in the City Hall Auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Present were Councilmembers Ruggles, Corbett, DuBose, and Mayor Pro Tem Becton.

Councilmember Strickland was unable to attend the April 4, 2023, City Council meeting.

City Attorney Tim Howard, of Howard and Carr, PLLC, was present.

Also, present were City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt; Planning Director Mary Rose; City Manager James Duncan; Police Chief Anthony Davis; Finance Director Kristin Stafford; Public Works Director Chris Medlin; Public Works Engineer Russell Byrd; HR Director Natalie Blue; Parks and Recreation Director Jonathan Allen; and Fire Chief Jordan Hill.

Assistant Police Chief Adrian Mathews was absent.

Chris Berendt, of The Sampson Independent, and Sylvia Chestnutt, of The Sampson Weekly, were absent.

Mayor Starling called upon Councilmember Holden DuBose to give the invocation.

### CITY COUNCIL

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, seconded by Councilmember Ruggles, it passed unanimously to approve the March 7, 2023, regular city council minutes.

Mayor Starling asked Councilmember Ruggles to tell the group about his new addition. Councilmember Ruggles announced that Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:44 PM, Elliot Haigh Ruggles was born. He stated that he weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz., 20 inches long.

## PUBLIC HEARING -- OATHS

Oaths were not needed at this April 4, 2023, City Council meeting.

## P & Z – ALONG TRAM ROAD – MARTY SIMMONS

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a request by Marty Simmons, to rezone approximately 2.17 acres along Tram Road from RA-20 Residential Agriculture to RA-20 Residential Agriculture MHO-A Mobile Home Overlay District for Class A manufactured homes.

Planning Director Mary Rose explained the request and gave the staff and Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation to approve the request upon the findings of fact and zoning consistency statement.

No one else appeared to be heard and Mayor Starling closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, the following amendment #2023.04.01 to the Zoning Ordinance was unanimously adopted:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 160A-383, the City of Clinton Planning Board does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of ordinance amendment RZ-3-23-1 to be rezoned from RA-20 Residential Agriculture to RA-20 Residential Agriculture MHO-A Mobile Home Overlay District for Class A manufactured homes is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Clinton 2035 Comprehensive Plan and other long-range planning documents. Section 6 B. 5 of the 2035 Clinton Comprehensive Plan encourages low density residential land uses to be located where development pressures are the least, such as in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. This property is located along Tram Road.

## P & Z – ALONG FIVE BRIDGE ROAD – DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a request by Duke Energy Progress, LLC, to rezone approximately 3.32 acres along Five Bridge Road from RA-20 Residential Agriculture to HC – Highway Commercial.

Planning Director Mary Rose explained the request and gave the staff and Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation to approve the request upon the findings of fact and zoning consistency statement.

Director Rose acknowledged the presence of Brian West, of Duke Energy Progress, LLC, and Hal Kitchin, lawyer for Duke Energy Progress, LLC. Briefly, Attorney Kitchin spoke. No one else appeared to be heard and Mayor Starling closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember DuBose, seconded by Councilmember Ruggles, the following amendment #2023.04.02 to the Zoning Ordinance was unanimously adopted:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 160A-383, the City of Clinton Planning Board does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of ordinance amendment RZ-3-23-2 to be rezoned from RA-20 Residential Agriculture to HC – Highway Commercial is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Clinton 2035 Comprehensive Plan. Section 7 Goals and Implementing Strategies, of the Clinton 2035 Comprehensive Plan, encourages commercial development to occur in clusters along major thoroughfares such as US 421. The properties are within 1000 feet of the intersection of Five Bridge Road and North US Highway 421.

**P & Z – 450 MCKOY STREET – T. B. THOMAS ENTERPRISES L. PTRS.**

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a request by T. B. Thomas Enterprises L. Ptrs., to rezone approximately 0.62 acres located at 450 McKoy Street from R-8 Residential to O & I – Office and Institutional.

Planning Director Mary Rose explained the request and gave the staff and Planning and Zoning Board’s recommendation to approve the request upon the findings of fact and zoning consistency statement.

No one else appeared to be heard and Mayor Starling closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, seconded by Councilmember Corbett, the following amendment #2023.04.03 to the Zoning Ordinance was unanimously adopted:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 160A-383, the City of Clinton Planning Board does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of map amendment RZ-3-23-3 to be rezoned from R-8 Residential to O & I – Office and Institutional is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Clinton 2035 Comprehensive Plan. Section 6, Future Land Use, of the 2035 Clinton Comprehensive Plan addresses the appropriateness of Office & Institutional Districts as transitional buffer zones between major arterials or more intensely developed commercial areas and residential districts. This property is located at 450 McKoy Street.

**P & Z – 120 EAST MAIN STREET – MONICA SMITH**

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a special use request by Monica Smith to operate a beauty academy at 120 East Main Street in the CB – Central Business District.

Planning Director Mary Rose began to explain the request and to give the staff and Planning and Zoning Board’s recommendation to approve the request based on the findings of fact and zoning consistency statement.

Ms. Monica Smith was not present. It was the consensus of the City Council to continue this public hearing until the May 2, 2023, City Council meeting.

**P & Z— LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE – SECTION 3.4.2, DIMENSIONAL TABLE**

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a text amendment request by Tracy Kirkland to amend Section 3.4.2, Dimensional Table, of the Clinton Land Development Ordinance.

Planning Director Rose explained this request. No one else appeared to be heard, and the hearing was closed.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, the following Ordinance #2023.04.04 to the Land Development Ordinance was adopted unanimously:

**# 2023.04.04**

Whereas, upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board and after public hearing and due notice thereof as required by law, the City Council of the City of Clinton, NC do enact as follows: That the Land Development Ordinance of the City of Clinton be and the same is hereby amended as it relates to utilities, and setback requirements to read as follows:

**Proposed**

**3.4.2 Dimensional Table**

District	Utilities	Lot size & Density			Minimum setback requirements			Max. height (feet) <sup>5</sup>
		Max. Dwelling Units Per Acre (DUA)	Min. Lot Area (sq. ft.)	Min. Lot width (feet)	Min. Front from Existing or Proposed R-O-W (feet)	Min. Side (feet)	Min. Rear (feet)	
<b>PC</b>		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	40
<b>RA-20</b>	Without water &/or sewer	2 DUA	20,000	100	40	20	25	40
	With water & sewer	3 DUA	15,000	100	40	20	25	40
<b>R-20</b>	Without water &/or sewer	2 DUA	20,000	100	40	20	25	40
	With water & sewer	3 DUA	15,000	100	40	20	25	40
<b>R-15</b>	With water &/or sewer	3 DUA	15,000	80 <sup>12</sup>	35 <sup>13</sup>	10	25	40
<b>R-8</b>	With water & sewer	5 DUA	8,000	75	<del>30</del> 25	10	25	40

<b>R-6</b>	With water & sewer	7 DUA	6,000	60	25	10	25	40
<b>NS</b>	With water & sewer	4 DUA	10,000	75	15	15	15	40
<b>OI</b>	With water & sewer	5 DUA	8,000	75	15	15	15	40
<b>CB</b>	With water & sewer	20 DUA	NA	25	0	0 <sup>1</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup>	50
<b>HC</b>	With water & sewer	NA	10,000	75	15	15	15	40
<b>I-1</b>	With water & sewer	NA	15,000	100	20	15 <sup>3</sup>	15 <sup>3</sup>	50
<b>I-2</b>	With water & sewer	NA	15,000	150	35	15 <sup>3</sup>	15 <sup>3</sup>	50
<b>PI</b>	With water & sewer	NA	217,800 (5 acres)	350	50	30 <sup>4</sup>	30 <sup>4</sup>	50
<b>PRD<sup>11</sup></b>	With water & sewer	15 DUA	NA	50 <sup>10</sup>	15 <sup>7</sup>	0 <sup>8</sup>	10	50
<b>MU</b>	With water & sewer	15 DUA	NA	50 <sup>10</sup>	15 <sup>7</sup>	0 <sup>8</sup>	0 <sup>8</sup>	36 <sup>9</sup>

**BUDGET –ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Finance Director Stafford stated that the following amendment was to clean up some activities in the operating budget.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, seconded by Councilmember DuBose, it passed unanimously to adopt the following budget ordinance amendment(s):

**Budget Ordinance Amendment  
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget  
#2023.04.05**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Clinton, NC, that the following amendment be made to the Annual Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; amended on September 6, 2022; November 1, 2022; and February 7, 2023; is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account #</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Total</b>
10-4100-0600	Group insurance		\$5,000	
10-4100-5700	Miscellaneous	\$3,000		
10-4200-0200	Salaries		\$6,600	
10-4200-0201	Part-time salaries	\$6,600		
10-4200-0500	FICA	\$1,900		
10-4200-0700	Retirement	\$1,800		
10-4200-4500	Contract service	\$5,000		
10-4400-4500	Contract service	\$5,000		
10-4500-1400	Travel and education	\$600		
10-4500-4000	Employee Wellness		\$6,000	
10-4500-4500	Contract service	\$8,000		
10-4900-0200	Salaries	\$1,000		
10-4900-0600	Group insurance	\$700		
10-4900-3300	Departmental supplies	\$1,700		
10-4900-4500	Contract service	\$1,100		
10-5100-0200	Salaries		\$3,400	
10-5100-0201	Part-time salaries	\$4,900		
10-5100-0600	Group insurance		\$15,300	
10-5100-1500	Maintenance/Janitorial	\$3,000		
10-5100-1700	Maint/repair auto	\$11,000		
10-5100-5401	Workmans comp	\$1,300		
10-5300-0200	Salaries		\$22,000	
10-5300-0203	Part-time salaries	\$17,000		
10-5300-0600	Group insurance		\$15,000	
10-5300-0700	Retirement	\$3,300		
10-5300-1700	Maint/repair auto	\$13,000		
10-5300-4500	Contract service	\$18,000		
10-5300-5401	Workmans comp	\$7,100		
10-5300-5402	Auto insurance	\$2,300		
10-5300-5700	Misc expense	\$1,200		
10-5300-7400	Capital outlay	\$18,300		

10-6200-0200	Salaries	\$4,000		
10-6200-0201	Part-time salaries		\$10,000	
10-6200-0600	Group insurance	\$1,400		
10-6200-0700	Retirement	\$7,100		
10-6200-3301	Athletic supplies	\$2,500		
10-6200-3700	Team uniforms	\$10,600		
10-6200-5401	workers comp	\$1,200		
10-6200-5403	Building insurance	\$1,900		
10-6200-5700	Miscellaneous	\$1,400		
10-6200-8300	Debt service principal	\$70,300		
10-6200-8400	Debt service interest	\$8,600		
10-6400-0600	Group insurance	\$800		
10-6400-7401	cemetery markers	\$5,000		
10-6600-2600	Advertising	\$2,300		
10-6600-5403	building insurance	\$2,400		
10-6600-5404	General Liability	\$1,300		
10-6600-5405	Unemployment insurance	\$3,100		
10-6600-5700	Misc non-dept	\$3,000		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$263,700</b>	<b>\$83,300</b>	<b>\$180,400</b>

**Section 2.** To amend the General Fund, the revenues are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account #</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Total</b>
10-3940-0100	Transfer from fund 49	\$78,900		
10-3470-0000	ABC revenue	\$100,000		
10-3900-0100	Police grant	\$1,500		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$180,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$180,400</b>

**Section 3.** To amend the Water & Sewer Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account #</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Total</b>
30-6600-9800	Transfer to capital reserve fund	\$1,583,700		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$1,583,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,583,700</b>

**Section 4.** To amend the Water & Sewer Fund, the revenues are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account #</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Total</b>
30-3990-0000	Fund Balance appropriated	\$1,583,700		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$1,583,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,583,700</b>

Section 5. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the City Clerk, City Manager, and Finance Director for their direction.

**BUDGET –ASADRA WWTP PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Finance Director Stafford stated that the following amendment was pertaining to the final numbers for the construction contract for the WWTP Resiliency Improvements – Influent Pump Station Relocation/Replacement Project.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Councilmember Corbett, it passed unanimously to adopt the following ordinance amendment:

**PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
ASADRA WWTP PROJECT FUND  
#2023.04.06**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance adopted September 7, 2021, is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** To amend the ASADRA WWTP Project Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT TITLE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
69-6600-0400	Engineering	\$ 110,000		



69-6600-3300	Construction	2,698,900
69-6600-4000	Contingency	528,400
69-6600-5000	Legal	3,000
69-6600-6000	Loan fee	60,000

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,400,300	\$0	\$3,400,300
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**Section 2.** To amend the ASADRA WWTP Project Fund, the revenues are to be changed as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TITLE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
69-3300-0000	State ARP	\$ 2,558,000		
69-3400-0000	City Contribution	842,300		

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TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,400,300	\$0	\$3,400,300
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**Section 3.** Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the City Clerk, to the City Manager, and Finance Director for their direction.

**(NOTE: The Water & Sewer Capital Reserve Fund Project Amendment and the General American Rescue Plan Fund Project Amendment were inadvertently overlooked. These two amendments will be placed on the Special Meeting agenda for April 18, 2023.)**

**RESOLUTION –FOR A REVISED TENTATIVE AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR WWTP RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENTS**

City Manager Duncan stated that at the January 3, 2023, City Council meeting, the City Council adopted a tentative award resolution for this project; however, at this time, he requested them to adopt the following resolution because of a negotiated contract amount.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL OF A REVISED TENTATIVE AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR WWTP RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENTS- INFLUENT PUMP STATION RELOCATION/REPLACEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clinton, North Carolina received bids, pursuant to duly advertised notice therefore, for construction of the Clinton WWTP IPS Resiliency Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the WithersRavenel, Inc., the City's Consulting Engineer, and City staff have reviewed the bids, value engineering prices summarized in a letter dated March, 17, 2023 of recommendation to award the negotiated bid amount shown below; and

**WHEREAS**, TA Loving Construction Company was the lowest responsible, responsive bidder for the Project Bids received on December 15, 2022, and following value engineering provided a negotiated contract amount of \$5,283,827.56; and

**WHEREAS**, WithersRavenel, the City's Consulting Engineer recommends TENTATIVE AWARD to the lowest bidder in the negotiated contract amount stated herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT A TENTATIVE AWARD** is made to TA Loving Construction Company, the lowest bidder in the negotiated amount of \$5,283,827.56.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon the approval and concurrence of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure, and the North Carolina Local Government Commission, that James P. Duncan, Clinton City Manager, is hereby authorized to execute the construction contract on behalf of the City of Clinton for this project.

**VOTING DELEGATE – 2023 CITYVISION NCLM – ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Councilmember DuBose, and passed unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Becton was appointed as the voting delegate for the 2023 CityVision NC League of Municipalities Annual Business Meeting.

**ALIVE AFTER FIVE**

Mayor Starling introduced this item. He stated that the Alive after Five events will begin soon. It was stated that the City Code permits the Arts Council to sell alcohol at the event with a letter from the City Manager. It was further stated that the Arts Council will have to obtain the necessary permits.

City Manager Duncan and staff asked City Council to approve the closing of the City Market parking lot and the section of Graham Street just north of the J. C. Holliday Memorial Library driveway which would then be closed to the stop sign located behind the old Bee Hive building. It was mentioned that the dates of the event were: May 18, June 22, September 21, October 26, and November 30, 2023.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, seconded by Councilmember DuBose, it passed unanimously to close the City Market parking lot and the section of Graham Street just north of the J. C. Holliday Memorial Library driveway which would then be closed to the stop sign located behind the old Bee Hive building on the following dates to accommodate the Alive after Five concerts: May 18, June 22, September 21, October 26, and November 30, 2023.

**STREET AND PARKING LOT CLOSINGS – EASTER BONNET PARADE**

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, seconded by Councilmember Ruggles, it passed unanimously to close Main Street from Wall Street to Lisbon Street, and the parking lot at the west end of the Sampson County Courthouse from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 8, 2023, for the City’s first Easter Bonnet Parade and Cruise In.

Director Rose stated that this event will be sponsored by the Clinton Main Street Program and Clinton Development Corporation in partnership with the Ol'Lightnin Rods Car Club.

**RESOLUTION –REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSIDER DELETION(S) FROM THE STATE MAINTAINED SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM**

Planning Director Rose stated that during the design phase for the Phase IV Downtown Revitalization Project, staff and The Wooten Company have met with NCDOT staff to evaluate the proposed project area and plans. She stated that during these discussions, it has been found that if the NCDOT remove Wall Street from its secondary highway system, additional opportunities and flexibility of design for the City might be possible.

Mrs. Rose asked the City Council to adopt the following resolution which would request NCDOT to remove Wall Street from Fayetteville Street to Elizabeth Street from the secondary highway system, and add this same section of Wall Street to the City's maintained road system and to the City's Powell Bill map.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Councilmember DuBose, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSIDER REQUEST FOR DELETION FROM STATE MAINTAINED SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Clinton requests that S.R. 1839 (Wall Street) from S.R. 1296 (Fayetteville Street) to S.R. 1214 (Elizabeth Street) be removed from the Secondary Road System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clinton City Council is of the opinion that the above-described road should be deleted from the Secondary Road System and be transferred to the City Maintained Road System;

**NOW, THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Clinton City Council that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above-described road, delete said road from the Secondary Road System and transfer the road to the City to be included as part of the City Maintained Road System.

## CONTRACT AMENDMENT – T-MOBILE – OVERLAND ROAD WATER TANK

Public Works Director Medlin stated that T-Mobile would like to negotiate the price regarding the maintenance of the Overland Road water tank.

Mayor Starling questioned why the City would want to honor this request. City Manager Duncan stated that the contract was outdated, that it was created in 2000 for a term of five (5) years. He stated that T-Mobile could “pull stuff” off the tank and the City lose revenues altogether.

Councilmember Corbett asked the Public Works Director what the greatest reason would be for approving an amendment.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to let City Attorney Howard review these documents. City Attorney Howard asked staff to send him the old/original contract.

This item was continued to the May 2, 2023, City Council meeting.

## ADOPTION -- CLINTON-SAMPSON COUNTY AIRPORT NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM STANDARDS

It was stated that the previous rules and minimum standards were adopted in 2009 and were in need of revision. Furthermore, it was stated that on February 22, 2023, the Airport Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the draft Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards to the City of Clinton and Sampson County.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, the Clinton-Sampson County Airport New Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards unanimously recommended for approval by the Airport Advisory Board on February 22, 2023, was adopted unanimously.

## RESOLUTION –APPLICATION FOR NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RURAL TRANSFORMATION GRANT FUND RURAL ENGAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT PROGRAM – CLINTON’S HISTORIC DOWNTOWN THEATER

The Planning Director stated that this will be the City’s third attempt at receiving this grant. She stated that this grant does not require any matching funds; however, the City must own the property.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Councilmember DuBose, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:



**City of Clinton Resolution**  
**Application for North Carolina Department of Commerce**  
**Rural Transformation Grant Fund**  
**Rural Engagement and Investment Program**  
**The Show Must Go On, Revitalizing Clinton’s Historic Downtown Theater**

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton’s City Council had indicated its desire to assist in development efforts within the City of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the Council fully supports the proposed Clinton Theater restoration project which will result in the restoration of the exterior façade and interior of the City of Clinton owned theater building located at 115 Fayetteville Street, Clinton, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to pursue a formal application for this Downtown Revitalization Project in the amount of \$410,615 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Transformation Grant Fund, Rural Engagement & Investment Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Clinton’s City Council that the City of Clinton is authorized to submit a formal application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Transformation Grant Fund, Rural Engagement & Investment Program in order to provide assistance to benefit the City of Clinton Downtown Revitalization Theater Renovation Project.

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Upon a motion made by Councilmember DuBose, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, it passed unanimously to reappoint the following members to the Environmental Affairs Advisory Board for three-year terms:

- Dawn Williamson – District 1
- Lenzie Grice – District 2

- Martha Southerland – District 3
- Ted Best – District 4
- Delynn Solice – District 5
- Commissioner Thaddeus Godwin – At-large
- Vickie Newton – At-large
- Richard Rogers - Industrial

Notifications were given for the following boards:

- a. Recreation Advisory Board – 3-year terms
  - Johnathon Barefoot District 1
  - Johnny Boykin District 3
  
- b. Historic Preservation Commission – 4-year terms
  - Joel Rose
  - Whit Tart
  - Susan Heath
  - Debbie Roberts

The City Council will be asked to make appointments or reappointments at the May 2, 2023, City Council meeting.

**REPORTS**

The monthly combined staff report was acknowledged.

**STAFF REPORTS**

No staff appeared before the City Council to report.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

City Manager Duncan reported that Spring Clean-up Week will be April 17 – 21, 2023. He stated that District 1 meeting will take place on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Lastly, City Manager Duncan informed everyone about “Breakfast with the Easter Bunny,” on Saturday, April 8th from 10:30 AM until 12 Noon, and the Car Club and Easter Bonnet Parade, on Saturday, April 8th beginning at 9:00 AM.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Sheila Roberson, P. O. Box 386, Newton Grove, NC appeared before the City Council to talk about College Street. Her concern was leaves, and other obstacles, which block the street where an individual resides who is blind. She passed out handouts for the City Council to review.

Mayor Starling instructed City Manager Duncan to check into this concern and report back to the City Council.

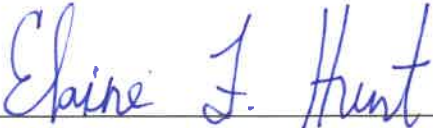
## OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

## CONTINUATION

Upon a motion made by Councilmember DuBose, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, it passed unanimously to continue this April 4, 2023, City Council meeting until April 18, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the City Hall Auditorium for a budget workshop and any other relevant business.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 PM.

  
Elaine F. Hunt, City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

  
Lew Starling, Jr., Mayor