



May 4, 2021, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, met in regular session at 7:00 PM on May 4, 2021, in the City Hall Auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Present were Councilmembers DuBose, Ruggles, Strickland, and Mayor Pro Tem Becton. Councilmember Bryant attended virtually.

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

Also present were City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt; Planning Director Mary Rose; City Manager Tom Hart; Police Chief Donald Edwards; Lt. Adrian Mathews; Finance Director Kristin Stafford; Public Works Director Chris Medlin; and newly-hired officers—Officer Stephen Cannady and Officer Ryan Mitchell.

Fire Chief Stephen Lovette; Parks and Recreation Director Jonathan Allen; Public Works Engineer Russell Byrd; and HR Director Shelvia Ashford, were absent.

Emily M. Williams, of the Sampson Independent, was present. Sylvia Chestnutt, of the Sampson Weekly, was absent.

Mayor Starling called the meeting to order.

Mayor Starling called upon Rev. Elwood McPhail, Pastor at Milton Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 6210 Taylors Bridge Hwy, Clinton, NC, to give the invocation.

CITY COUNCIL

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Ruggles, the minutes of the April 6, 2021, regular city council meeting, were unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION— “2020 CLINTON MAIN STREET AWARD - BEST MARKETING”

Planning Director Rose stated that the Clinton Main Street Program and Clinton Development Corporation would like to honor Ms. Felicia Lamb, owner of Country Threads, with a “2020 Clinton Main Street Program Award for Best Promotional or Marketing Effort.” She

stated that this Award is presented to a Downtown business or organization that conducts a marketing or promotional effort that effectively improves their bottom line or benefits.

Ms. Rose stated that Ms. Lamb opened "Country Threads," in 2020 during what was a challenging time for many small businesses. Furthermore, she stated that Ms. Lamb has been creative with activities and events which attract shoppers to Downtown.

Mayor Starling and Mayor Pro Tem Becton presented the "2020 Clinton Main Street Award - Best Marketing," to Ms. Felicia Lamb. Pictures were taken by The Sampson Independent's representative.

RECOGNITION – PASTOR RAY BOLTON

Mayor Starling, City Council, and Public Works Director Chris Medlin recognized Public Works' employee, Pastor Ray Bolton, who retired April 30, 2020, after approximately 29 years of service with the City. Mr. Medlin gave a summary of Pastor Bolton's tenure with the City stating that he was an excellent employee. Furthermore, Mr. Medlin stated that he has never had a complaint on Pastor Bolton.

Mayor Starling spoke regarding Pastor Bolton. He stated that Pastor Bolton is a good friend, as well as a classmate.

Pastor Bolton spoke and thanked the City for everything. He stated that he has been pastoring for seventeen (17) years. He introduced his wife, daughter, son, and others which included retired employee Andy Underwood.

Mayor Starling and Mr. Medlin presented a gift to Pastor Bolton, and the audience applauded for his dedication and service to the City.

RECOGNITION – NEIL CARROLL

Mayor Starling, City Council, and Public Works Director Chris Medlin recognized Public Works' employee, Mr. Neil Carroll, who retired May 30, 2020, after 33 years of service with the City. Mr. Medlin spoke on Mr. Carroll's service to the City of Clinton. Mr. Medlin stated that, although Mr. Carroll has retired, he still calls on Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Carroll spoke briefly, stating that presently, he is assisting two neighboring towns in its Wastewater Treatment Department and Water Department. He introduced his wife and thanked the City for the opportunity to serve for 33 years.

Mayor Starling and Mr. Medlin presented a gift to Mr. Carroll, and the audience applauded for his dedication and service to the City.

RECOGNITION – HENRY KEITH UNDERWOOD

Mayor Starling, City Council, and Public Works Director Chris Medlin recognized Public Works' employee, Mr. Henry Keith Underwood, who retired August 28, 2020, after 28 years of service with the City. Mr. Medlin spoke on Mr. Underwood's service to the City of Clinton stating that he was an invaluable employee in the Wastewater Treatment Department. Mr. Medlin wished Mr. Underwood all the best upon his retirement.

Mr. Carroll spoke briefly and introduced his family who were present for the grand occasion. He thanked the City for the opportunity to serve for 28 years.

Mayor Starling and Mr. Medlin presented a gift to Mr. Underwood, and the audience applauded for his dedication and service to the City.

PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

City Manager Hart recognized Public Works Week being in the month of May and Clinton Public Works staff. He thanked them for the service that they render to the City of Clinton.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember DuBose, and seconded by Councilmember Bryant, the following proclamation passed unanimously:



National Public Works Week May 16 – 22, 2021 "Stronger Together"

WHEREAS, Public Works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the City of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of Public Works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the City of Clinton, North Carolina, to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of Public Works and Public Works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the Year 2021 marks the “61st Annual National Public Works Week,” sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Luther D. Starling, Jr., Mayor of the City of Clinton, do hereby designate the week May 16 – 22, 2021, as “**National Public Works Week**,” in the City of Clinton, North Carolina. I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our Public Works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protect our national health, safety, and quality of life.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

City Manager Hart stated that “National Police Week,” is May 9, 2021, through May 15, 2021. He recognized the hard work that law enforcement does.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bryant, and seconded by Councilmember DuBose, the following proclamation passed unanimously:



Proclamation National Police Week May 9-15, 2021

WHEREAS, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Clinton play an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of their police department; and

WHEREAS, members of our department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence or disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, our police department has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Luther D. Starling, Jr., Mayor of the City of Clinton, do recognize the week of May 9-15, 2021, as:

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

and further extend appreciation to our Police Chief Donald Edwards, Assistant Chief Anthony Davis, and to all City of Clinton Law Enforcement personnel for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the city and the community they serve.

PROCLAMATION – MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

City Manager Hart recognized Municipal Clerks Week being in the month of May and Clinton City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, the following proclamation passed unanimously:

Proclamation

*52nd ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK
May 2 - May 8, 2021*

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels; and

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

Whereas, The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county, and international professional organizations; and

Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk.

*Now, Therefore, I, Luther D. Starling, Jr., Mayor, and the Clinton City Council, do recognize the week of May 2 through May 8, 2021, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, **Elaine F. Hunt**, and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.*

PRESENTATIONS – LONG LEAF PINE AWARD, PLAQUE, AND PIN –CITY CLERK ELAINE F. HUNT

Following the passing of the Municipal Clerks Week's proclamation, Mayor Starling welcomed guests to come forth.

Former Representative Dr. Larry M. Bell appeared before City Council. He read inserts from a bio regarding City Clerk Hunt. He shared experiences relating to Ms. Hunt. He thanked everyone who had "a hand" in making this presentation possible. He asked Representative Raymond Smith to come forth and assist with the presentation. Former Representative Dr. Bell read the Award, and asked City Clerk Hunt to come forth.

City Clerk Hunt was asked if she had remarks and she thanked everyone for their kindness and consideration; however, she stated that she felt undeserving of this prestigious honor.

Mayor Starling asked her to introduce the family and friends. She introduced her siblings, niece, nephew, Representative Smith's assistant—Susan Thompson, Former Councilmember Edward Faison, cousins, and long-time friend.

Mr. Glenn Faison and Ms. Ebonee Faison, brother and niece of City Clerk Hunt presented her with a plaque and ring signifying her 30 years with the City of Clinton.

Pictures were taken with Mayor Starling; Mayor Pro Tem Becton; Representatives Smith and Bell; Former Councilmember Edward Faison; Ms. Susan Thompson; and family members.

Mayor Starling proceeded to the next items--the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING – OATHS

Planning Director Mary Rose and Ms. Monica Smith were given the oath by Mayor Starling.

P & Z – 108 & 110 WALL STREET – MONICA SMITH

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a conditional use request by Monica Smith to operate a Beauty Academy at 108 & 110 Wall Street in the CB-Central Business District.

Planning Director Rose presented the following findings:

1. The property under consideration contains approximately 0.10 acres.
2. Monica Smith has signed the application as the applicant.
3. The property is currently zoned CB-Central Business.
4. The property is adjacent on all sides by CB-Central Business.
5. The applicant is proposing a Beauty Academy which will have two employees and no more than five students at one time.
6. The applicant is proposing to operate the business Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM.
7. The property has been posted and all property owners within 100' have been notified by mail.

8. Section 7, Goals and Implementing Strategies, of the Clinton 2035 Comprehensive Plan encourages economic development by taking advantage of local resources and providing job training through strong educational systems.
9. The conditional use standards from Section 11.4 Step 6, B.2 of the City of Clinton Land Development Ordinance shall be considered by City Council:

Planning Director Rose presented a Certificate of Recommendation from the City of Clinton Planning Board to Mayor Starling and City Council.

No one else appeared to be heard, and the hearing was closed.

Mayor Starling read Standard 1: If completed as proposed, the development will comply with all of the requirements of this Ordinance. He then called for a vote on whether the requested use would meet this standard. Five voted that the standard would be met.

Mayor Starling read Standard 2: The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety. He then called for a vote on whether the requested use would meet this standard. Five voted that the standard would be met.

Mayor Starling read Standard 3: The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property. He then called for a vote on whether the requested use would meet this standard. Five voted that the standard would be met.

Mayor Starling read Standard 4: The use will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located. He then called for a vote on whether the requested use would meet this standard. Five voted that the standard would be met.

Mayor Starling read Standard 5: The use will be in general conformity with the Land Development Ordinance, thoroughfare plan, or other plan officially adopted by the Council. He then called for a vote on whether the requested use would meet this standard. Five voted that the standard would be met.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, and with the incorporation into the minutes of the following Certificate of Recommendation, which was executed on April 19, 2021, a conditional use request was unanimously approved for Monica Smith to operate a Beauty Academy at 108 & 110 Wall Street in the CB-Central Business District:

**Certificate of
Recommendation**

**Conditional Use Permit –
CU-4-21-1**

In accordance with the provisions of the Clinton Land Development Ordinance, on Monday, April 19, 2021, the City of Clinton Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit 4-21-1 to permit, a conditional use request by Monica Smith to operate a Beauty Academy at 108 & 110 Wall Street in the CB-Central Business District and further identified DB 1350 PG 0167 of the Sampson County Registry. This recommendation was based upon the following findings of fact as related to the corresponding conditional use standard:

Conditional Use Standards

1. If completed as proposed, the development will comply with all of the requirements of this Ordinance.

FACT: The facts as noted in the meeting minutes and presented during the Planning Board meeting demonstrate the proposed use, as presented, meets all requirements of the Clinton Land Development Ordinance.

2. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety; and,

FACT: The facts as presented during the Planning Board meeting demonstrate the proposed use would not materially endanger public health or safety.

3. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property; and,

FACT: The facts as presented during the Planning Board meeting demonstrate the proposed use would not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting properties.

4. The use will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located; and,

FACT: The facts as presented during the Planning Board meeting demonstrate the proposed use will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located.

5. The use will be in general conformity with the Land Development Ordinance, thoroughfare plan, or other plan officially adopted by the Council.

FACT: The facts as presented during the Planning Board meeting demonstrate the proposed development is in general conformity with the Clinton Land Development Ordinance, thoroughfare plan, or other plan officially adopted by the Council. The area proposed for development is adjoined on all sides by residential development. Section 7, Goals and Implementing Strategies, of the 2035 Clinton Comprehensive Plan encourages economic development by taking advantage of local resources and providing job training through strong educational systems.

Approved by:

Elizabeth Stewart, Planning Board Chair

Date

Director:

Mary M. Rose, Staff

Date

P & Z – 117 VANCE STREET – ERIC WEST

Mayor Starling opened a public hearing on a conditional use request by Eric West to operate a Barber School at 117 Vance Street in the CB-Central Business District.

Planning Director Rose presented the following findings:

1. The property under consideration contains approximately 0.05 acres.
2. Eric West has signed the application as the owner.
3. The property is currently zoned CB-Central Business.
4. The property is adjacent on all sides by CB-Central Business.
5. The applicant is proposing a Barber College which will have two employees.
6. The applicant is proposing to operate the business Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
7. The property has been posted and all property owners within 100' have been notified by mail.
8. Section 7, Goals and Implementing Strategies, of the Clinton 2035 Comprehensive Plan encourages economic development by taking advantage of local resources and providing job training through strong educational systems.
9. The conditional use standards from Section 11.4 Step 6, B.2 of the City of Clinton Land Development Ordinance shall be considered by City Council:

Planning Director Rose presented a Certificate of Recommendation from the City of Clinton Planning Board to Mayor Starling and City Council.

No one else appeared to be heard, and the hearing was closed.

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Mayor Starling read Standard 2: The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety. He then called for a vote on whether the requested use would meet this standard. Five voted that the standard would be met.

Mayor Starling read Standard 3: The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property. He then called for a vote on whether the requested use would meet this standard. Five voted that the standard would be met.

Mayor Starling read Standard 4: The use will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located. He then called for a vote on whether the requested use would meet this standard. Five voted that the standard would be met.

Mayor Starling read Standard 5: The use will be in general conformity with the Land Development Ordinance, thoroughfare plan, or other plan officially adopted by the Council. He then called for a vote on whether the requested use would meet this standard. Five voted that the standard would be met.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember DuBose, and with the incorporation into the minutes of the following Certificate of Recommendation, which was executed on April 19, 2021, a conditional use request was unanimously approved for Eric West to operate a Barber School at 117 Vance Street in the CB-Central Business District:

**Certificate of
Recommendation
Conditional Use Permit –
CU-4-21-2**

In accordance with the provisions of the Clinton Land Development Ordinance, on Monday, April 19, 2021, the City of Clinton Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of Conditional Use Permit 4-21-2 to permit, a conditional use request Eric West to operate a Barber School at 117 Vance Street in the CB-Central Business District and further identified in DB 2087 PG 0773 of the Sampson County Registry. This recommendation was based upon the following findings of fact as related to the corresponding conditional use standard:

Conditional Use Standards

1. If completed as proposed, the development will comply with all of the requirements of this Ordinance.

FACT: *The facts as noted in the meeting minutes and presented during the Planning Board meeting demonstrate the proposed use, as presented, meets all requirements of the Clinton Land Development Ordinance.*

2. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety; and,

FACT: *The facts as presented during the Planning Board meeting demonstrate the proposed use would not materially endanger public health or safety.*

3. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property; and,

FACT: *The facts as presented during the Planning Board meeting demonstrate the proposed use would not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting properties.*

4. The use will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located; and,

FACT: *The facts as presented during the Planning Board meeting demonstrate the proposed use will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located.*

5. The use will be in general conformity with the Land Development Ordinance, thoroughfare plan, or other plan officially adopted by the Council.

FACT: *The facts as presented during the Planning Board meeting demonstrate the proposed development is in general conformity with the Clinton Land Development Ordinance, thoroughfare plan, or other plan officially adopted by the Council. The area proposed for development is adjoined on all sides by residential development. Section 7, Goals and Implementing Strategies, of the 2035 Clinton Comprehensive Plan encourages economic development by taking advantage of local resources and providing job training through strong educational systems.*

Approved:

Elizabeth Stewart, Planning Board Chair

Date

Director:

Mary M. Rose, Staff

Date

**P & Z – REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE CLINTON LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 3, 2010**

Senior Planner Lyle Moore presented this item to City Council. He stated that the North Carolina General Statutes has caused them to do housekeeping and this housekeeping is to be done by July. Furthermore, he stated that this housekeeping includes newly revised ordinances, as well as other incorporated text amendments.

Mr. Moore stated that text amendments per NC General Statute 160-D were as follows:

- All Conditional Uses must now be referred to as Special Uses.
- Must require an oath of office for all Historic Preservation Commission, Board of Adjustment and Planning Board members.
- More specific requirements have been added which address Quasi-Judicial decisions.
- The addition of building, dwelling, dwelling unit, bedroom and sleeping unit terminology.

Also, he stated that text amendments proposed by Planning staff were as follows:

- Removal of design standards for Manufactured Homes. North Carolina General Statutes do not allow design standards for dwellings.
- Reduction of sidewalk requirements for Major Subdivision. Sidewalks would only be required on one side of all new residential streets exceeding 500’.

- Reduction of the requirements for a Bed and Breakfast. This would allow a Bed and Breakfast to be operated by a person not living on site and for meals to be served to guests not staying at the facility.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember DuBose, seconded by Councilmember Bryant, it passed unanimously to adopt the newly revised Clinton Land Development Ordinance per NC General Statute 160-D, as well as other incorporated text amendments.

ORDINANCES - BUDGET

City Manager Hart requested that City Council approve the budget amendments included in the packet. He stated that the budget amendments are routine.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, it passed unanimously to adopt the following budget amendment #2021.05.01:

**Budget Ordinance Amendment
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget**

#2021.05.01

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, 2021; amended on December 1, 2020; March 2, 2021; and April 6, 2021; is hereby amended as follows:

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

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Total</u>
10-4100-0600	Group insurance		\$1,000	
10-4100-2600	Advertising	\$1,000		
10-4100-5300	Dues & Subscriptions		\$500	
10-4400-3300	Departmental supplies	\$900		
10-4400-4000	employee wellness		\$800	
10-4400-5300	Dues & Subscriptions	\$500		
10-4900-1200	Printing & supplies	\$700		
10-4900-1300	Utilities	\$2,600		
10-4900-1402	Board expense		\$400	
10-4900-4502	Demolition	\$6,200		
10-5100-0200	Salaries		\$40,000	
10-5100-0600	Group insurance		\$10,000	
10-5100-1300	Utilities	\$3,000		

10-5100-1400	Travel and education	\$3,000		
10-5100-3300	Departmental supplies	\$15,000		
10-5100-3600	Uniforms	\$4,000		
10-5100-4500	Contract service	\$10,000		
10-5100-5301	CALEA fees		\$4,100	
10-5100-5403	Insurance building		\$1,000	
10-5100-5404	Insurance public liability		\$1,300	
10-5100-7400	Capital outlay	\$35,000		
10-5300-0200	Salaries		\$30,000	
10-5300-1500	Maint/repair building	\$1,000		
10-5300-7300	Capital outlay improvements	\$11,800		
10-5610-1500	Maint/repair building	\$3,500		
10-5900-5700	Miscellaneous	\$1,500		
10-6200-7300	Capital improvements	\$28,000		
10-6400-0400	Professional service	\$1,500		
10-6400-7400	Capital outlay		\$600	
10-6600-0300	Tax refunds	\$1,500		
10-6600-0400	Professional service		\$5,000	
10-6600-3700	out of state sales tax	\$3,000		
10-6600-8000	Contingency		\$9,000	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$133,700	\$103,700	\$30,000
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Section 2. To amend the General Fund, the revenues are to be changed as follows:

10-3010-8401	Fire tax collections	\$30,000		
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
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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.

WALK-ON ITEM: CONTRACT –OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL – CLINTON-SAMPSON AIRPORT

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, it passed unanimously to add this item on the May 4, 2021, City Council Agenda:

“Consideration of approving an environmental, design, bidding, and subconsultant services contract for obstruction removal at Clinton-Sampson Airport.”

City Manager Hart stated that the City has been asked to approve a design, bidding, environmental, and subconsultant services contract for obstruction at the Clinton-Sampson Airport. He stated that this is an important issue under federal and state funding.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, it passed unanimously to approve this contract for obstruction removal at the Clinton-Sampson Airport.

APPOINTMENTS

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, seconded by Councilmember Bryant, it passed unanimously to reappoint the following individuals to the Recreation Advisory Board for three-year terms:

- Josh Hill – District 4
- Alice Tann – District 5
- Greg Thornton -- At-Large

Councilmember Strickland stated that Mr. Jack Gunnels did a very great job on the Recreation Advisory Board. He stated that Mr. Gunnels was very active in the Soccer League, but he moved out of the district. He briefed the group on the individual that he was recommending taking Mr. Gunnels' place, Mr. E. C. Mattocks.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, it passed unanimously to appoint Mr. E. C. Mattocks, to replace Mr. Jack Gunnels on the Recreation Advisory Board.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, seconded by Councilmember Bryant, it passed to reappoint Greg Thornton to the Historic Preservation Commission.

The appointment to replace Mrs. Pam Griffin on the Historic Preservation Commission was continued until the June 1, 2021, city council meeting.

Notification was given for an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Robert Werner, District 1. This is a five-year term.

This appointment will be announced at the June 1, 2021, city council meeting.

REPORTS

The monthly combined staff report was acknowledged.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Medlin reported to the group regarding the Spring Clean-up Week collection. Spring Clean-up Week was April 12-16, 2021. Mr. Medlin stated that the Clean-up Week was very successful. He stated that the collection consisted of:

- 9 chairs, 14 couches, 15 mattresses, 11 televisions, and 199 tires; and
- the tonnage was up from 29 tons in Spring 2020 to nearly 38 tons in 2021.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Hart revisited whether or not district meetings will take place this year. It was the consensus of the group that each councilmember will contact City Manager Hart if he wants to have a meeting this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

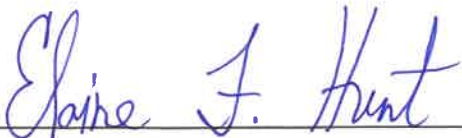
OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, seconded by Councilmember Bryant, and it passed unanimously to continue this May 4, 2021, regular city council meeting until May 18, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the Bellamy Recreation Center. At the May 18, 2021, city council meeting, the final budget workshop will occur.

The May 4, 2021, regular city council meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51PM.



Elaine F. Hunt, City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC



Lew Starling, Jr., Mayor