



July 13, 2021, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina, met in regular session at 7:00 PM on July 13, 2021, in the City Hall Auditorium. Mayor Starling presided. Present were Councilmembers DuBose, Ruggles, Strickland, Bryant, and Mayor Pro Tem Becton.

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

Also, present were City Clerk Elaine F. Hunt; Planning Director Mary Rose; City Manager Tom Hart; Interim Police Chief Anthony Davis; Lt. Adrian Mathews; Finance Director Kristin Stafford; Public Works Director Chris Medlin; Public Works Engineer Russell Byrd; Fire Chief Stephen Lovette; and HR Director Shelvia Ashford. Clinton Police Department staff was present.

Parks and Recreation Director Jonathan Allen was absent.

Emily M. Williams, of the Sampson Independent, and Sylvia Chestnutt, of the Sampson Weekly, were present.

Mayor Starling called the meeting to order.

Mayor Starling called upon Rev. Eddie Barnes, Connections Pastor, Clinton Community Church, 1901 Sunset Avenue, Clinton, NC, to give the invocation.

CITY COUNCIL

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, the minutes of the June 1, 2021, regular and June 15, 2021, special city council meetings, were unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT – FORMER COUNCILMEMBER WILLIE W. BOWDEN, SR.

Mayor Starling conveyed his condolences regarding the passing of former Councilmember Willie W. Bowden, Sr., who passed on June 13, 2021. He introduced a Resolution of Respect for his friend, Pastor Bowden. He asked that the Resolution be given to Officer Willie Bowden, Jr.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the following Resolution of Respect passed unanimously:

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 13, 2021, death ended the earthly life of Willie W. Bowden, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, he faithfully and honorably served the City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina upon being appointed in June 1996, until December 1997; and

WHEREAS, in earlier years, he was employed with the Clinton Police Department from 1979 until 1985; and

WHEREAS, former City Councilman Bowden was a true servant—serving in our community, as well as in the church. He served as pastor at the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church for approximately thirty-four (34) years. Willie was a friend to all; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to send its condolences to the family of former City Councilman Willie W. Bowden, Sr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clinton, North Carolina do by this resolution and public record recognize the service of Willie W. Bowden, Sr., to the City of Clinton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the City Council and a copy be forwarded to the family with deepest sympathy.

PROCLAMATION

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, the following proclamation passed unanimously designating July as “Park and Recreation Month:”

PROCLAMATION

Designation of July as Park and Recreation Month

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month and the City of Clinton recognizes the benefits derived from our parks and recreation resources; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is: **"OUR PARK AND RECREATION STORY."**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY I, Lew Starling, Jr., Mayor, and the Clinton City Council that July is recognized as "Park and Recreation Month," in the City of Clinton.

RECOGNITION – RETIREMENT -- MS. DEBORAH WILLIAMS

Mayor Starling, City Council, and the Administration Department recognized Ms. Deborah Williams, who retired June 30, 2021, after five (5) years of service with the city. Ms. Williams stated that she retired from BlueCross BlueShield after thirty (30) years of service. She stated that she plans to take care of her mother and visit her daughter who resides in Maryland.

Mayor Starling and Mayor Pro Tem Becton presented a plaque to Ms. Williams and wished her all the best. The audience applauded for her service to the city.

RECOGNITION -- RETIREMENT – POLICE CHIEF DONALD EDWARDS

City Manager Hart stated that Police Chief Donald Edwards was a loyal servant for nearly three (3) decades. He stated that Chief Edwards was always quick to take the blame and quick to

give credit to others. City Manager Hart stated that he relied on the Chief and there were not enough good things to say about him.

Chief Edwards stated that he appreciated the love shown. He stated that he could not have picked a better manager. Chief Edwards informed the group that his tenure included four (4) years as the Police Chief. He stated, "No matter what challenges we faced, we had a good time facing them." He acknowledged his family and thanked them publicly for their love and support.

City Manager Hart asked City Council to approve a resolution to surplus Chief Edwards' firearm, badge, and pin so that it might be presented to him.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember DuBose, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, the following Resolution Declaring Surplus Property to be Awarded to Retiring Police Chief Donald Edwards passed unanimously:

RESOLUTION

Declaring Surplus Property
to be
Awarded to Retiring Police Chief

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton, North Carolina, City Council desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the City of Clinton and to be awarded to the retiring Police Chief as of July 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Clinton City Council declares the following police weapon and police badge of Police Chief Donald Earl Edwards as surplus and no longer have any additional use to the City of Clinton:

Police Chief's badge
Police Chief's weapon: Glock Model 43X pistol, Serial #BMUM740

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Clinton City Council authorize the City Manager to proceed with the procedures outlined in G.S. 20-187.2 regarding the service side arms of retiring members of city law enforcement agencies.

Mayor Starling and Mayor Pro Tem Becton presented Police Chief Donald Edwards with a watch and a plaque.

Mayor Starling thanked Chief Edwards' family for allowing him to serve the City of Clinton. Mayor Starling commended Chief Edwards on his service to the citizens of Clinton. He stated that he served the city well.

**OLD BUSINESS – UPDATE BY THE SAMPSON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
REGARDING THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 615 MCKOY STREET**

Planning Director Mary Rose stated that in January, the Sampson High School Alumni Association was granted a 6-month time period to remedy the condemnation request by staff. She was pleased to welcome back Dr. Jessie Williams, President of the Alumni Association; Mr. Robert Bennett; Ms. Gale M. Sampson; the Design Team; and the architect.

Ms. Sampson briefed City Council regarding the improvements made during the past 5 months. She stated that the security fence was installed, Phase 1 has begun, and a plan has been established that will make the building a legacy for the City. She stated that the Association has been raising funds and they have identified a developer who will work with them to make the location a valuable place.

Mr. Douglas C. Burns, AIA, NCARB, SGA NarmourWright Design, Mr. Keith Greenwood, and Mr. Jimmy Dillahunt spoke. It was stated that they are working on getting the auditorium restored. Mr. Burns stated that a company electronically came into the building and took pictures of the inside. He stated that two different design schemes were discussed. It was mentioned that a structural engineer had visited the site.

Mr. Greenwood commended on the friendliness of Clinton. He expressed excitement in creating a beautiful project within the City of Clinton. Mr. Dillahunt thanked City Manager Hart, Planning Director Rose, and others for their support. He asked the audience to give City staff a round of applause.

Mayor Starling stated that action has taken place. City Manager Hart expressed that he is confident that the Association is progressing. He recommended that City Council grant another 6-month extension to the group.

Councilmember Strickland asked what the next step will be. Ms. Sampson stated that the Association is looking at an offer from the developer and they will have to transfer ownership.

Councilmember Bryant asked if six (6) more months would be enough time. Ms. Sampson asked, "What do we need time for? Have we completed the City's request?"

City Manager Hart stated that the City's involvement will be done when the condemnation notice is resolved.

Planning Director Rose stated that it is up to the City Council to determine if the Association is making the necessary progress. She stated that the structure has not been repaired. Ms. Rose said that all the repairs take a significant amount of time. She suggested a 6-month extension, and if no progress, City Council should plan to continue the condemnation process.

Councilmember Bryant apologized for being so critical initially. He commended the Association on the significant progress.

Ms. Sampson thanked Mayor Starling and City Council for their willingness to work with the Sampson High School Alumni Association.

It was the consensus of the City Council to put this item back on the December 7, 2021, city council agenda.

CONTRACT – POLICE SERVICES – CLINTON CITY SCHOOLS

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, a contract between the City of Clinton and Clinton City Schools; whereas, Clinton City Schools will pay \$128,500.00 for a term of one year for the services of two (2) school resource officers, passed unanimously.

Also, it was noted that the Clinton Police Department agrees to hold the Clinton City Schools, its agent, and employees free, harmless, and indemnified from and against any and all claims, suits, or causes of actions arising from or in any way out of the performance of the duties of the SRO officers or the SRO Program.

CONTRACT – LAW ENFORCEMENT – CLINTON ABC BOARD

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, a contract between the City of Clinton and Clinton ABC Board for ABC law enforcement passed unanimously.

The City of Clinton shall provide law enforcement in the Clinton School District in return for the sum of \$5,000 to be paid by September 30, 2021, dependent upon revenues collected. It was noted that this contract has been in existence for many years and the City has had no problems with the Clinton ABC Board and this partnership.

Also, it is noted that the Clinton Police Department shall be solely responsible for hiring, equipping, and supervising the officer or officers who are charged with the duty of enforcing the ABC laws, and the Agency agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless, the ABC Board for any liability arising from the activities of said officer(s).

RESOLUTION – RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS

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

**Resolution to Accept Funds Offered to the City of Clinton and
Authorize the City Manager to Execute Documents
Relating to
The American Rescue Plan (ARP)**

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) will deliver \$350 billion for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly will provide for the distribution of funds to eligible municipal corporations, and townships; and

WHEREAS, before receiving a payment, a subdivision is required to adopt a resolution affirming that the subdivision will spend funding only on federal guidance related expenses as required under the ARP; and

WHEREAS, funds from ARP can be used in a variety of ways; support public health response, replace public sector revenue loss, water, and sewer infrastructure, address negative economic impacts, premium pay for essential workers, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina cities and towns will receive \$1.3 billion with the City of Clinton receiving approximately \$2,694,000 in two payments within a year span; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton will provide to the State of North Carolina and the US Treasury any unspent balance of the funds received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Clinton Council: That we do hereby accept ARP funding to be distributed by the State of North Carolina and by adopting this resolution affirm that the revenue will only be used for the purposes prescribed in the ARP guidance, and any applicable regulations.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Clinton Council: The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and submit any documents related to the American Rescue Plan.

**RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO HONOR THE CITY'S
FALLEN HEROES**

City Manager Hart stated that the City received recommendations from the Fallen Heroes Ad-Hoc Special Committee and instructed him to format the recommendations into a policy. He stated that this resolution honors City Council's instructions.

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

RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
TO HONOR THE CITY'S FALLEN HEROES

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton desires to establish clear policies and procedures for the commemoration and honor of the City's fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council formed the City's Fallen Heroes Ad-Hoc Special Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the city; and

WHEREAS, the Fallen Heroes Ad-Hoc Special Committee delivered policy recommendations to the Mayor and City Council at the June 1, 2021, city council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clinton City Council, in accordance with the recommendations from the Fallen Heroes Ad-Hoc Special Committee, the following policies and procedures will be observed to commemorate the line of duty death of any first responder employed by the City of Clinton that:

The City of Clinton adopts the definitions and criteria of the terms "first responder" and "line of duty death" found in the Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) Program operated by the United States Department of Justice. Any first responder line of duty death, deemed eligible for benefits under PSOB program, will be eligible for all commemorations, benefits, and honors bestowed by this policy.

The Clinton Police Department and Clinton Fire Department shall maintain permanent monuments in a prominent location on the grounds of each department. These monuments shall permanently and exclusively display the name and end-of-watch date, of all first responder line of duty deaths from each department.

The surviving family of any first responder employed by the city who has died in the line of duty, may officially submit a request to the City Clerk for a resolution in support of naming a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) bridge in honor of the fallen first responder. Provided the honoree meets the bridge naming criteria established by NCDOT, the City Council shall take action in support of such requested resolution.

RESOLUTION – SUPPORTING THE FAMILY OF OFFICER DONALD RAY TUCKER IN THE HONORARY DESIGNATION OF THE BRIDGE ON US 421 OVER HWY NC 24 IN CLINTON, SAMPSON COUNTY

City Manager Hart requested City Council to adopt a resolution supporting the Family of Officer Donald Ray Tucker in the honorary designation of the bridge on US 421 over Hwy NC 24 in Clinton, Sampson County. He stated that if City Council adopts, the Tucker Family can take to NCDOT and proceed with their request.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Bryant, the following resolution passed unanimously:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON
IN
SUPPORT OF THE HONORARY DESIGNATION OF THE “OFFICER DONALD RAY TUCKER
BRIDGE”
FOR THE BRIDGE ON US 421 OVER HWY NC 24 IN CLINTON, SAMPSON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Officer Donald Ray Tucker was sworn into the Clinton Police Department on September 21, 1990, and honorably served until his death on November 14, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Officer Donald Ray Tucker was shot and killed in the line of duty on November 14, 1991, while working with an Interagency Drug Enforcement operation in Carteret County, while sworn in as a Clinton Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the family of Officer Donald Ray Tucker has requested this honorary designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton City Council supports the honorary designation of the “OFFICER DONALD RAY TUCKER BRIDGE,” for the bridge on US 421 over Hwy NC 24 in Clinton, Sampson County.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF ACT OF 2019 (ASADRA)

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE,
A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT, WITH WITHERSRAVENEL, FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NCDEQ ASADRA WWTP RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 (ASADRA) provided funding to State and Local Governments to address infrastructure damaged during storm events; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure (NCDEQ DWI), through the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) has approved the City’s application and has offered the City an ASADRA loan, with 100 percent principal forgiveness (grant) up to a maximum of \$3,000,000, for the above referenced project (NCDEQ Project No. CS370425-07); and

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton intends to perform said project in accordance with this loan forgiveness (grant) award (NCDEQ Project No. CS370425-07); and

WHEREAS, the City staff has solicited for, received, and reviewed Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualifications (LOI SOQs), from six firms, has reviewed these submittals, and provided a ranking of the firms as to their qualifications to perform the professional services under this grant: and

WHEREAS, the City staff has requested, received, and reviewed a project specific proposal from WithersRavenel, the top-rated firm that includes project scope, implementation schedule and fee proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City staff and WithersRavenel staff have prepared a professional services contract for this work; and

WHEREAS, the City staff recommends approval of the above referenced proposal, and execution of a professional services contract with WithersRavenel for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager and staff are hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with WithersRavenel, the selected most qualified firm, to include specific scopes and fees, and schedules, in accordance with NCGS 143-64.31, in accordance with the grant submittal, offer letter, and referenced required documentation, for the NCDEQ DWI ASADRA SWIA awarded City of Clinton WWTP Resiliency Improvements Project NO. CS370425-07, in order to perform the necessary professional services including engineering report, design, (plans, calculations specifications, bidding and construction contract documents), as well as permit applications, and assist the City with bidding, contract administration, construction inspection, and to implement the administration of this project in accordance with the applicable regulations and standards.

CLINTON CITY MARKET PARKING LOT CLOSING – HORSELESS CARRIAGE ANTIQUE CAR CLUB TOUR

Upon a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, seconded by Councilmember Ruggles, it passed unanimously to close the Clinton City Market parking lot on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM, for the Horseless Carriage Antique Car Club Tour.

It was stated that club members were from all over the State of North Carolina.

CONTRACT – AIRPORT AIRCRAFT APRON REHAB – CLINTON-SAMPSON AIRPORT

City Manager Hart stated that City Council is asked to approve a contract for airport apron rehab at the Clinton-Sampson Airport. He stated that the project involves pavement removal, grading, paving, aggregate base course placement, marking, seeding, and mulching.

Furthermore, City Manager Hart informed the group that this project is eligible for 100% state funding and will not require a local match. He concluded by stating that the project is being recommended to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Highland Paving Company, LLC.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember DuBose, seconded by Councilmember Bryant, a contract between Sampson County, the City of Clinton, and Highland Paving Company, LLC, was unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL POLICY – AMENDMENT

HR Director Shelvia Ashford appeared before City Council and stated that during the budget meetings, City Council approved increasing the tiers of the longevity pay by \$100.00. She requested approval of an amendment to the Personnel Policy.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Ruggles, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, the following amendment to the Personnel Policy, which is highlighted in red, was unanimously adopted:

Personnel Policy Amendment
ARTICLE VI. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
Section 7. Longevity Pay

The City shall provide longevity pay to all permanent, full-time city employees who meet the following service requirements:

- 1) Completion of at least five (5) years of continuous, full-time service.
- 2) An employee must remain in continuous, full-time status from one-anniversary date to the next; except that an employee shall be paid longevity upon retirement.
- 3) Payments will be made during the month of the anniversary date.
- 4) A person who has a break in service shall receive service credit for longevity pay beginning with the date of re-hire.
- 5) Military leave is not considered a break for the purpose of establishing length of service as long as a discharge from service is not dishonorable; and providing that the returning veteran is not employed full time between the discharge date and date of re-instatement of a full-time city employee.
- 6) Other authorized leave without pay is not considered a break in service for the purpose of establishing length of service.

- 7) Annual longevity pay shall be reduced by one-twelfth (1/12) of the gross annual amount for each month that a retirement date is prior to the anniversary date.
- 8) Annual longevity pay shall be reduced by one-twelfth (1/12) of the gross annual amount for each month during the preceding anniversary year that an employee is on authorized leave without pay.
- 9) The following schedule shall apply:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Amount of Longevity Award</u>	
5 to 7 years	\$ 400	\$ 500
8 to 10 years	\$ 500	\$ 600
11 to 13 years	\$ 600	\$ 700
14 to 16 years	\$ 700	\$ 800
17 to 19 years	\$ 800	\$ 900
20 to 22 years	\$ 900	\$1,000
23 to 25 years	\$1,000	\$1,100
26 to 28 years	\$1,100	\$1,200
29 years plus	\$1,200	\$1,300

- 10) The following definitions apply with respect to longevity pay:
 - a. Continuous Service: Service without a break in employment status.
 - b. Break in Service: A break in service results when a former employee is rehired following a resignation or discharge.

(Adopted 2002, October 1 – retroactive to July 1, 2002; amended July 13, 2021)

ALIVE AFTER FIVE

City Manager Hart announced that the Alive after Five events will begin soon. He asked Kara Donatelli, Executive Director, Sampson Arts Council, to come forth and tell City Council more about the events.

Ms. Donatelli stated that the City Code permits the Arts Council to sell alcohol at the event with a letter from the City Manager and the Arts Council has to obtain the necessary permits. She stated that they are in the process of obtaining their permits.

She asked City Council to approve the closing of the Lisbon Street 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 Beehive building. She announced the dates:

- Thursday, August 19, 2021

- Thursday, September 16, 2021
- Thursday, September 30, 2021
- Thursday, October 7, 2021
- Thursday, October 21, 2021

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Ruggles, it passed unanimously to close the Lisbon Street 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 Beehive building on the following dates to accommodate the Alive after Five concerts: August 19, 2021, September 16, 2021, September 30, 2021, October 7, 2021, and October 21, 2021.

APPOINTMENTS

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Becton, it passed unanimously to appoint Mrs. Candace Taylor to replace Mrs. Pam Griffin on the Historic Preservation Commission. This term will expire on June 30, 2025.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Ruggles, it passed unanimously to reappoint Billy Ray Jordan, Jr., on the ABC Board. This term will expire in August 2024.

Notifications of appointments to fill the unexpired terms of former City Councilmember Willie W. Bowden, Sr., on the Environmental Affairs Advisory Board and the All-America City Committee were given. At the August 3, 2021, city council meeting, appointments will be requested.

REPORTS

The monthly combined staff report was acknowledged.

STAFF REPORTS

Planning Director Mary Rose introduced Intern Arda Unal, who presented his project to the group. Mr. Unal is a senior at NC State University. His task was to update documents of housing in the historical district. The houses that he researched were 702, 704, 706, and 708 College Street. He presented photos to City Council for their review.

City Manager Hart informed City Council that the 4th of July Celebration went extremely well. He stated that it was a little difficult obtaining previous partners for the event, due to it being on a Sunday. He stated that several events took place at the pool. City Manager concluded by stating that the fireworks went well, and attendance was not low.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Hart informed City Council that the Parks and Recreation Department has started newsletters and they will be in the combined monthly reports when available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ariel Starling appeared before City Council to state his concern—water in Clinton is being chlorinated and he wants to stop this process.

Ms. Michelle Loftin and Ms. Alisha McBride appeared before City Council to announce their upcoming event. Ms. McBride stated that in 2019, they had a “Back 2 School Bash,” and are preparing to have another event on August 14, 2021, from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at Royal Lane Park. Furthermore, she stated that their organization, Shoot the Books, Inc., is a nonprofit organization. Ms. McBride said that school supplies will be distributed at 4:00 PM and everyone must register for the supplies. She stated, “Children must be present to receive supplies.”

Ms. McBride concluded by saying, “All donations are welcomed and appreciated.” She distributed flyers to Mayor Starling, City Council, and others in the room.

Mr. Terry Lee appeared before City Council to say, “Thank you very much.”


OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.


ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Ruggles, and it passed unanimously to adjourn this July 13, 2021, City Council meeting.

The July 13, 2021, regular city council meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 PM.



Elaine F. Hunt, City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC



Lew Starling, Jr., Mayor