

October 20, 2008

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

Mayor Winfred Shoopman called the regular Clinton City Council meeting to order on October 20, 2008, at Clinton City Hall at 5:55 p.m. Councilman Scott Burton, Councilman Larry Gann, Councilman Charles Lyons, Councilman Jim McBride, Councilman Jerry Shattuck and Councilman Clay Wright were present for the meeting.

Guest and Staff present:

Jim Sanderson	Joey Smith	Vaughn Becker
Matt Murphy	Vickie Fagan	Leon Jaquet
Johanne Jean-Jacques	John Winters	Kelly Owens
Johanna Whitley	Garry Whitley	Jennifer Jenks
Curtis Perez	David Queener	Joe Latella
Vickie Violette	Dale Isabell	Don Raines
Donna Raines	Henrietta Kear	Jackie Nichols

Mayor Winfred Shoopman led the meeting in prayer.

Mayor Winfred Shoopman led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Larry Gann made a motion to approve the September 15, 2008 Regular City Council minutes as received, and Councilman Scott Burton seconded the motion. The motion was moved to carry unanimously.

Committee Reports

School Board Report –

Vickie Violette presented to Council for approval a Memorandum of Understanding that was a joint effort of Council, School Board, City Manager and Director of Schools. The MOU guides the distribution of the money and indicates that the foundation will purchase the computers for the Clinton School System. Ms. Violette noted that there are 99 sixth grade students and 68 of those students are residents and 58 qualify for the computers. The 10 that do not qualify have not attended Clinton Schools for the past three years as required. The MOU will be presented to the Education Foundation for approval. Councilman Jerry Shattuck made the motion to approve the MOU and was seconded by

Councilman Charles Lyons. The motion was moved to carry unanimously. Ms. Violette noted the project for classroom computers should be up and running before Christmas.

Ms. Violette updated Council on the North Clinton project. The total cost of the project is \$288,900. The School Board approved the use of \$145,000 of fund balance and a no interest energy efficiency loan of \$147,000. The project should be completed in the next 60 days. Ms. Violette also requested that Council consider helping the Schools with debt service in the next fiscal year. Councilman Jerry Shattuck pointed out that with the energy efficiency loans that both projects had gone over budget due to the requirements of the loan. Councilman Shattuck requested that the schools consider looking at lower cost options for the South Clinton project noting that paying interest may be less costly than the requirements of a no interest loan.

Dale Isabell noted that the School Board has met twice since the last Council Meeting and have two budget amendments for approval. Budget Amendment #2 is for the North Clinton project in the amount of \$292,055 with \$145,055 coming from the fund balance and \$147,000 from the Local Government Energy Efficiency Loan Program. Total construction cost is \$288,900. Councilman Larry Gann made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #2 as presented and was seconded by Councilman Scott Burton. The motion was moved to carry unanimously.

Budget Amendment #3 was for \$118,696 for the General Purpose Fund which includes \$80,000 for infrastructure, state bonuses and \$10,000 health grant. The amendment also includes \$296 in Federal Projects and \$13,776 for Food Services. Councilman Charles Lyons made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #3 as presented and was seconded by Councilman Scott Burton. The motion was moved to carry unanimously. Councilman Jerry Shattuck indicated that all new revenues are state and federal monies.

Mr. Isabell presented the financial report to Council expressing his concerns regarding the economic conditions and the lower sales tax numbers.

Clinton Regional Planning Commission Report –

Board of Zoning Appeals met on October 13, 2008 and approved a request for a variance setback of 0 feet for a detached carport for Pat Hutchinson at 504 Park Avenue. J. M. Turley was approved a variance for a second driveway at 336 Blockhouse Valley Road.

The Clinton Regional Planning Commission met on October 13, 2008 and approved a final plat for Carraher and Ward LLC for property on Carden Road subject to three road estimates and bond being set. Kimberly Newport requested a use review for a day care center for property located at Sunset Road zoned R-1. The Board denied the use for a day care center. Pat Hutchinson of 504 Park Avenue received final plat approval. The City of Clinton received final plat approval for property located at the I-75 Industrial Park for the new fire hall. ETE Engineering inc. requested final site plan and road improvement plan approval for property located at Harbour Drive. The request was approved.

Clinton Utilities Board Report –

Councilman Charles Lyons reported that the Board met on October 9, 2008 and approved pay vouchers of \$ 8,022,813 for a net income of \$ 318,499. Councilman Lyons reported that CUB has completed their annual audit without any findings. Councilman Lyons noted that the electric department has \$12,150,000 of debt including 8,000,000 million that was borrowed for the meter system. It was also reported that the electric department has \$74,169,105 in assets and water & sewer department \$26,131,854 in assets.

Mayor's Commission –

Councilman Jerry Shattuck reported that the Mayor's Commission has not had a meeting due to the fact the commission is waiting for cost estimates from the architect for playground expense, water park expenses and skate board park expenses.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. City Hall will be closed Tuesday, November 11, 2008 in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday
2. The City Health Fair for city employees will be held from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at the Green McAdoo gym. Members of the City Council are invited to attend.

CURRENT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

2. *CLINTON I-75 FIRE HALL* – Although all the paperwork has been turned in, we haven't received word from the United States Department of Agriculture on a projected timetable.
3. *CHANNEL 95 TIME ISSUE* – We are showing live on Channel 95 tonight and a rebroadcast of this meeting in its entirety will be shown on Channel 95 at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 23, 2008. Thursday's at 7:00 pm following the Council meeting will be the standard time for replay of the Council meetings.
4. *GROWTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE* – Curtis Perez, the City's Zoning Officer, is coordinating the next step in the Growth Plan process in accordance with Tennessee Public Chapter 1101 with the Anderson County Mayor's office.

5. *ROADSCAPES GRANT*

We anticipate beginning the daylily planting sometime soon and City Council will be informed when we get started.

6. *TRAFFIC SIGNAL ENHANCEMENTS I-75*

The traffic signal synchronization improvements should be implemented within the next couple of weeks. The traffic signal at Frank Diggs Drive and Highway 61 is now fully operational.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

ADMINISTRATION

State of Tennessee financial reports reported in the media are looking grim. Like last year, the State's anticipated revenues are coming in much lower than expected. People everywhere are feeling the impact of the global economic situation and we will be no exception. Over the next 45 days, the national election will come to an end and the retail sector will start forecasting for the upcoming holiday season. Hopefully ALL facets of the global markets will start to stabilize. Department heads have been told to tighten their budgets in anticipation of budget constraints and by the December City Council meeting, if not before, City Staff will be addressing these economic concerns with a new revenue analysis and recommendations to weather the turbulent economic issues the entire world now faces.

Finance Report: Vickie Fagan reported that as of September 30, 2008 Total Available Funds were 28% and Total Expenditures and Appropriations were 26%. Ms. Fagan reported that local sales tax for the month was understated due to the fact that the sales tax for the month was not received until the beginning of the next month. It was also noted that the Contribution from the County for the fire trucks has been received. Revenues from recreation and court departments were 13% and 16 % respectfully. Section III of the report had General Government at 26% of projections and Public Safety at 27%, Public Works 23% and Recreation 30% of projections.

CODES ENFORCEMENT / BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

October is Fire Prevention Month and we will have a full report on the activities of the Clinton Fire Department at the November City Council meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The second annual Clinton Police Department Family Night was again a huge success. Our thanks to all the participants who helped with this family event.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. In the Public Works Department, crews are wrapping up the mowing season and preparing for fall leaf collection which starts October 27th. There will be three rounds of leaf collections this year. The schedule for leaf collection will be published in *The Courier News* and can be found at the city's website: www.clintontn.net.
2. Construction crews have been preparing five badly damaged streets for resurfacing. The resurfacing will be completed by the end of the month.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. FIRST READING OF NEW ORDINANCE

B. SECOND & FINAL READING

C. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 628 – Acceptance of Public Streets and Street names located within the City of Clinton – Franklin Price Boulevard – Councilman Jerry Shattuck made a motion to approve Resolution # 628, and Councilman Charles Lyons seconded the motion. The motion was moved to carry unanimously.

Resolution # 629 – A Resolution Adopting an Identity Theft Policy – Councilman Larry Gann made the motion to approve Resolution # 629 and was seconded by Councilman Jerry Shattuck. The motion was moved to carry unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR –

Mayor Winfred Shoopman presented Katherine Smith for placement on the Library Board to replace Whitney Clement. Councilman Jerry Shattuck made the motion to approve Katherine Smith for a position on the Library Board and was seconded by Councilman Larry Gann. The motion was moved to carry unanimously. Mayor Shoopman reported that

Becky Rosenbalm has submitted her resignation from the Library Board and he would have a recommendation at the next Council Meeting.

VISITORS –

Joey Smith Co-Chair for Clinch River Antique Festival thanked the City for its support of the event. Mr. Smith noted that even with the tough economic environment the Festival experienced record sales.

Leon Jaquet of the Anderson County Veteran's Services Officer explained to Council that he had received a letter from the Merchants Association asking him to adjust the time or the route for the Veteran's Day Parade and inquired Council's feelings toward the request. Mr. Jaquet spoke with County Mayor Rex Lynch and Mr. Lynch had spoken with several merchants that were willing to close their businesses for the duration of the parade. The parade has been scheduled for 1:00 pm and has been advertised for 2 months. Mr. Jaquet noted that he could change the route but changing the time would require more advertising. Mayor Shoopman inquired whether the bands had committed yet. Mr. Jaquet noted that he did not have confirmation as of yet for the bands. Mayor Shoopman noted that the City tries hard to work with the merchants in downtown but parades are few and far between. Councilman Scott Burton felt that the parade would bring more people downtown and therefore would be good for the merchants. Mr. Jaquet read a portion of the letter quoting that the merchants felt that when people were asked to move their vehicles they would just keep going. Mayor Shoopman expressed the importance of our Veterans and felt that a few minutes for a parade were not asking too much. Councilman Jerry Shattuck indicated that he did not have enough details to make a recommendation and feels that the City Manager and staff should coordinate the details. Mayor Shoopman noted that he would like to see the parade go as planned. The consensus of Council was for the City Manager and staff to coordinate the details. Mayor Shoopman inquired as to who the contact person for the Merchant's Association. Mr. Jaquet noted that it was Donna Raines. Mayor Shoopman planned to contact city staff to resolve any issues regarding the parade.

John Winters of 706 Charles Seivers Blvd. noted that many people have issues with skate boarders and would like to see a safe place for kids to skate. Mr. Winters got cost estimates for converting one of the tennis courts at Lakeside Park of approximately \$31,000 and noted that with community help it would cost the City very little to none at all. Mr. Winters requested that Council make a firm commitment to a skate board park. The consensus of Council was that every effort would be made to have a skate board park. Councilman Jerry Shattuck noted that he has architects working on plans and estimates for the park. Councilman Shattuck also noted that the Mayor's Commission had unanimously approved their commitment to have a skate board park over a year ago. Councilman Scott Burton noted that he would be more comfortable waiting until December after reviewing the budget to see what is available and what can be done.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mayor Winfred Shoopman adjourned the Council meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Winfred Shoopman

Attest:

Vickie L. Fagan, City Recorder