



City Manager's Weekly Report to City Council November 4, 2016

City Council Meeting Preview

City Council will meet on Monday, November 7th, at 6 PM in the P.S. Bailey Council Chambers inside the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center. The meeting is open to the public and the public is invited to attend. Highlights from the agenda include:

- **Procurement Actions:** Several procurement items will be reviewed by City Council during the meeting including grading and site preparation work on West Corporate Center Drive, a new mini-excavator for the Department of Public Works & Utilities, and the selection of a financial advisory firm for the city. The West Corporate Center Drive project will result in a graded and ready for development site on I-26 and West Corporate Center Drive of approximately 3 acres and is funded by a grant.
- **Intergovernmental Partnerships:** City Council will consider authorizing the City Manager to enter the city into the mutual aid network for water and wastewater utilities, making additional resources available to the city in the event of an emergency or disaster that impacts the water and wastewater utility system. City Council will also consider authorizing the continuation of the highly successful Victim's Advocate and Assistance partnership between the City of Clinton, the City of Laurens, and Laurens County.
- **Temporary Suspension of Blue Laws:** City Council will consider second reading of a measure that will temporarily lift the Sunday Sales prohibitions for the City of Clinton. This action will extend the current easing of restrictions already in place.
- **Animal Tethering:** City Council will also consider the First Reading of a Standard of Care Ordinance that provides limitations on the types of tether used and the conditions in which an animal may be tethered, but does not place a time limit on tethering.

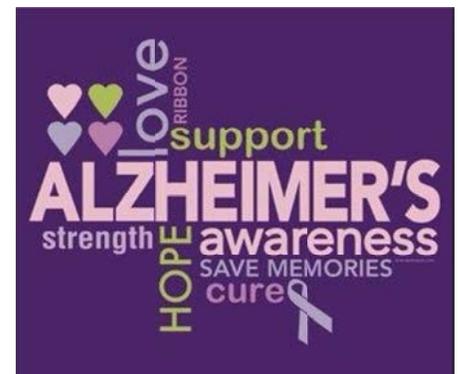


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City Manager

Frank Stovall has served as the City Manager of Clinton, South Carolina, since 2011. Each week, the staff of the Office of the City Manager produce this report in order to keep elected officials and the public informed about happenings in our city.

You can keep up with happenings in our city by following the city manager's blog, twitter account, and the city's Facebook pages. Visit our website at www.cityofclintonsc.com for links to those pages.



Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

The City endorses November as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month to recognize individuals, families and caregivers dealing with the devastating effects of Alzheimer's disease, the researchers who are seeking a cause and cure and the education programs and support services provided by Alzheimer's organizations.

To learn more about Alzheimer's Disease Awareness you can visit www.alz.org

City Celebrates Arbor Day

For the second year in a row, the City of Clinton celebrated Arbor Day at Pine Haven Park. This year, in partnership with the community group Clinton Canopy, the city planted two Princeton Elms along Willard Road, to extend the line of elms that were planted for Arbor Day last year as part of an effort to improve the landscaping and appearance of the Willard Road gateway into the city.

The partnership with Clinton Canopy resulted in the city being declared a Tree City by the National Arbor Day Foundation. A city that is named a Tree City must meet exacting standards for promoting greenspace, managing trees in the city, and budgeting for proper care of municipally owned trees.

In addition to Tree City USA, Presbyterian College has taken steps to meet the requirements of the Tree Campus USA program and the city's utility system is working on meeting the requirements of the Tree Line USA program.



WHAT IS CLINTON CANOPY?

Clinton Canopy is a community organization made up entirely of volunteers that works closely with the city to support programs and efforts that improve greenspace and expand the urban forest.

In-Migration Meeting A Success



On Friday, November 4th, nearly fifty residents of our community participated in the in-migration briefing held at Presbyterian College. The event, brought to the city by the Center for Carolina Living, was designed to spur conversations and ideas about how the city could do a better job of recruiting and retaining affluent retirees from other parts of the country.

During the briefing, participants learned that cultural and recreational amenities are critical to the success of any effort to recruit population growth.

Clinton has the potential to recruit new residents due to its climate, lower state and local tax rates, lower than average cost of living, and the fact that it is a smaller, rural, college community.

One key to growing population is growing a tourism based economy, because many people relocate to the places they like to visit.

OUR BEST SHOT



Halloween

Good weather made the Halloween trick or treating a fun event for all. Here the sun sets on kids as they trick or treat along Maple Street.



Well Deserved

Streets and Sanitation Technician Pettis Tucker was recognized by the Clinton Canopy group for his efforts in maintaining the landscaping throughout the city.

FACTS FROM THE CITIZEN SURVEY

32%

Percentage of citizens who report being satisfied with the opportunities to participate in social events.

44%

Percentage of citizens who report being satisfied with feeling connected to the community and each other.

JOIN OUR TEAM

Visit cityofclintonsc.com for information on how to apply to be part of our team

CURRENT OPENINGS:

Water Treatment Plant Operator: Full Time

Water Treatment Plant Operator: Part Time



DPW&U Streets & Sanitation Division personnel spruce up Pine Haven Park

Department Notes

Department of Public Safety

- DPS personnel filed 89 incident reports, served 6 warrants and responded to 15 fire / rescue calls over the past week.

Department of Community & Economic Development

- Department Staff attended the annual retail trade show in Atlanta as part of the city's efforts to recruit new retail opportunities to our city.
- Dollar Tree, on Jacobs Highway, has poured the floor slab and will soon begin to go vertical with construction.

Department of Public Works

- The DPW&U Safety Team is currently investigating a lost time accident in the Water and Sewer Division. This internal team of front line personnel conducts investigations of accidents in the department and recommends policy or practice changes to reduce the likelihood of the accident occurring again.

- Electric Division began installing the streetlights along North Broad Street that were removed during the streetscape construction.
- Electrical Division is preparing to install Christmas lights downtown over the next few weeks.
- Leak repaired on Gary Street and Thornwell Street.
- Annual DHEC Sanitary Survey review will be in mid-November.
- 700 feet of sidewalk has been replaced since July 1, 2016.

Department of Administrative Services

- Utility Billing personnel are working to revise policies for managing accounts for users who have passed away.
- 385 Demand Side Management Switches have been installed. This exceeds the 2016/ 2017 goal by 28%

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, November 7, 2016 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Clinton will hold its November City Council meeting in the P.S. Bailey Council Chambers of the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center.

Thursday, November 10, 2016 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The Laurens County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Oyster Roast. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

Friday, November 18, 2016 2:00 p.m.

The City of Clinton Audit Sub-Committee will hold a meeting at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center.

Saturday, November 26, 2016

The City of Clinton will host Small Business Saturday with a Clemson Carolina Tailgate event downtown. More details to come soon.

Thursday, December 1, 2016 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The City of Clinton will host the annual City of Clinton Tree Lighting Ceremony. Please join us this year as we celebrate the season.

Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

The City of Clinton will host the annual City of Clinton Christmas Parade. We are currently taking applications for parade entrees.