



# City Manager's Weekly Report to City Council

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## Week in Review

by Frank Stovall

This week marks the start of some changes to the weekly report, all designed to try to communicate more information out to City Council and the public. Here are the highlights from this week:

- The city continues to execute its mosquito control plan to "fight the bite" and reduce the potential for mosquito born diseases to spread. The plan includes a city wide inventory of swimming pools and a requirement that all pools be treated or completely drained, and periodic spraying of neighborhoods to control mosquitos. The city is taking special precautions to protect bees from the chemicals being sprayed, and any area beekeepers who have not registered with the city should do so by contacting the Department of Public Works.
- The city will be extending fiberoptic cable in the Clinton Mill neighborhood. The cable will allow for the city to remotely read meters in the area, but will have added benefits to the neighborhood because the cable will also be used to provide free wi-fi service to areas around Clinton Mill Park and Martha Dendy Park.
- The annual performance report was completed and integrated into the budget document. This annual report produced in the fall of each year provides information regarding the services we provide and goals and objectives that were completed during the previous year. A copy will be available on the city's website.
- City personnel have completed all the required training as outlined in the city's CMOM report for sewer maintenance, and three members of the sewer team have passed the state's wastewater collection certification exam.



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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](http://www.cityofclintonsc.com) for links to those pages.



### Labor Day

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Labor Day.

- Bailey Municipal Center will be closed
- Public Safety will operate on normal schedule.
- Sanitation Service will be delayed one day for all customers. For example, Monday customers will be picked up on Tuesday, and Tuesday customers will be picked up on Wednesday, etc.

## I26 Commerce Park Update

The I26 Commerce Park is beginning to take shape as the city works to position itself for future opportunities for industrial and commercial job growth.

- The 100,000 sf development ready pad is 60% stabilized. It will need to reach 70% before the project can be closed out.
- The road, named Technology Way by the Planning Commission in August, is 75% complete. All but the final paving is required to complete the road.
- The floor and foundation for the planned 75,000 sf speculative building has been poured.
- Landscaping has been designed.
- Signage has been designed, and city personnel are working on the logistics of locating the sign and providing it with power and water.
- Contract engineers are working on a grant application to fund the expansion and extension of the sanitary sewer system to the 100,000 sf pad.



### SPECULATIVE BUILDING

The 75,000 square foot speculative building currently under construction is part of a partnership between Laurens County, the City of Clinton, Advantage Clinton, and a private developer. The nearly \$3 million construction fund is made up of tax credit funds and private dollars.



*Right of way crews were busy trimming trees away from utility lines along Highway 76. Keeping the rights of way clear reduces outages due to storms, ice, wind, and wildlife.*

## New Right of Way Division Making Headway

As part of the FY 16 and 17 annual operating budget, funding was used to create and equip a new division in the Department of Public Works & Utilities. The Right of Way and Maintenance Division, when fully staffed, will consist of five employees and will be responsible for:

- Maintenance and trimming of electric utility right of ways
- Maintenance and cutting of sewer and water right of ways
- Maintenance of facilities and buildings
- Special projects and small maintenance projects throughout the city.

The division is led by Mike Alexander, former Assistant Division Manager for the Electric Distribution Division and is currently working on trimming utility line right of way from the Carolyn Drive Electrical Substation towards the city.

Right of Way personnel are contacting each impacted landowner and informing them of the trimming plan that could impact their property, and when the trimming will be done.

Right of way trimming will reduce the number of blinks and outages that customers experience.

## OUR BEST SHOT



## Breathe Easy

A new cascade system has been installed at the Department of Public Safety. Firefighters will now be able to refill the air packs and the portable air system to full capacity.



## Solid Rock

New granite curbing installation in downtown is proceeding as scheduled.

## FAST FACTS

62%

Sixty-two percent of residents feel that Clinton is a safe community.

85%

Eighty-five percent of residents report feeling safe in their own neighborhoods

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please call 864-833-7500

[www.cityofclintonsc.com](http://www.cityofclintonsc.com)



*Moe's and Boar's Head Deli are now open in the Springs Student Center on the Campus of Presbyterian College – both restaurants are open to the public.*

## Department Notes

Department of Public Safety

- Communication radios were reprogrammed this week to bring our emergency communications system into compliance with state and federal P25 requirements.
- A new cascade system, pictured at left, was installed. This system allows firefighters self-contained breathing apparatus to be refilled to full capacity and for the city's portable refilling system to be fully pressurized and replaces a thirty year old system that no longer functioned properly.

Department of Community & Economic Development

- 130 derelict vehicles have been removed from the city this year by code enforcement personnel.
- 15 abandoned houses have been demolished by code enforcement personnel this year.
- The city's application for South Carolina Main Street designation was completed and submitted this week.

Department of Public Works

- Basins at the water treatment facility have been cleaned and flocculator maintenance is scheduled.
- The city has completed its annual solid waste report as required by SCDHEC.
- Electric Division personnel have made all of the required connections for the new homes being built in the Hampton Woods subdivision.
- Mr. Brison Taylor has been promoted to Assistant Division Manager for the Water Treatment Division.

Department of Administrative Services

- Personnel continue to focus on training on the new utility billing system which will go into full use this fall.

Office of Human Resources & Risk Management

- The City is currently recruiting for two part time Streets and Sanitation Division employees. Visit the city website for more information.

# Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, September 5, 2016**

City offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

**Monday, September 12, 2016 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016 5:30 p.m.**

The City of Clinton Design Review Board will hold its September Design Review Board meeting in the P.S. Bailey Council Chambers of the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center.

**Monday, September 19, 2016 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

The City of Clinton will host a Community Blood Drive in the West Main Street parking lot in downtown Clinton.

**Monday, October 3, 2016 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Monday, October 3, 2016 thru Friday, October 7, 2016**

The City of Clinton will host Customer Service Week, Fire Prevention Week, and Public Power Week.