



## City Manager's Weekly Report to City Council September 9, 2016

# Council Meeting Preview

by Frank Stovall

Two city council meetings are scheduled for this week. Both meetings are open to the public and all citizens are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the P.S. Bailey City Council Chambers located on the second floor of the M. S. Bailey Municipal Center at 211 North Broad Street. A preview of the items on the agenda is listed below and for a full list of all items on the agenda, please visit the city's web site ([www.cityofclintonsc.com](http://www.cityofclintonsc.com))

### **City Council Work Session: Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:00 PM**

During the work session council will be briefed on procurement requests that will be presented for approval during the regular council meeting. Council will have the opportunity to speak with personnel from the departments that are requesting the equipment, ask questions about the proposals, and discuss any concerns with the proposed acquisitions.

### **City Council Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM**

**Animal Control Issues:** Council will discuss proposed anti-tethering legislation, consider amendments to the City Code in relation to animals, and consider entering into a contract with Laurens County for the provision of Animal Control Services inside the city.

**County Fire Contract:** The City Council will review the annual contract between the City of Clinton and Laurens County which provides fire protection services to an area outside the city limits in exchange for a fee paid to the city by the county to offset the costs of providing the services.

**Annexation and Zoning:** The Planning Commission is recommending that the City Council approve the annexation of a portion of Tallwood Homes and zone the property R-3, or high density multifamily residential.

**Procurement:** The City Council will consider the purchase of a new digger / derrick utility line truck to replace one that has been in service since 1998 and the purchase of a used utility line clearance machine to improve the right of way trimming operation. Both purchases will be financed if approved, and council will be asked to consider authorizing finance resolutions if the purchase of the items is approved. Both items were previously authorized as part of the FY 17 budget.



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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.



## Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

September is Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Each year, the United States Department of Health and Human Services sponsors this observance designed to spread the message that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can recover from alcohol and drug addiction disorders. Visit [samhsa.gov](http://samhsa.gov) for more information.

# Tropical Storm Hermine

Tropical Storm Hermine blew through the city last Friday, bring heavy rains, gusty winds, and some damage to the city. Although the worst of the storm passed to the east of the city, there were some impacts due to the rain and wind.

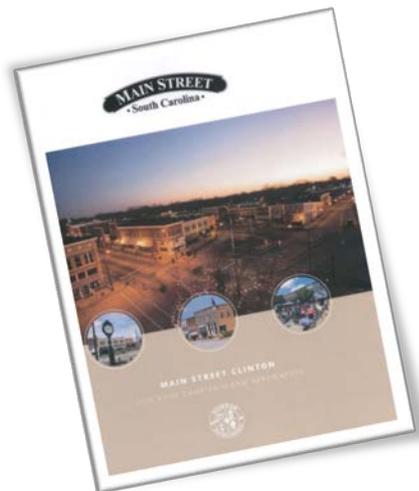
A tree on South Broad Street toppled into a home near the campus of Presbyterian College, causing damage to the structure. The large Oak tree was a street tree located in the South Carolina Department of Transportation Right of Way directly in front of the home.

Other impacts included some limbs down and scattered small power outages. Public Works crews were able to address most of the damage quickly. Street flooding was kept to a minimum thanks to the foresight of the Streets & Sanitation Division which cleared storm water drains of debris prior to the arrival of the storm.



## JUST WHOSE TREE IS IT?

The beautiful trees that line most streets in our neighborhoods are not all within the jurisdiction of the city. Trees located outside the right of way belong to the landowner. Trees in the right of way can either belong to the city or the state, depending on which agency holds the right of way.



*The city's application to the Main Street program includes financial projects, a program budget draft, and other supporting material.*

## City Submits Main Street Application to MASC

The City of Clinton submitted a formal application to the Municipal Association of South Carolina for inclusion in the South Carolina Main Street Program this month.

If approved, the City of Clinton will be part of a three year intensive "boot camp" program designed to set a firm foundation for a new Main Street organization.

The Main Street effort is in response to strategies outlined in the 2015-2019 Economic Development Strategic Plan which identified a need to focus on supporting retail efforts throughout the city and in the downtown area in addition to focusing on luring larger employers to the region.

As part of the 2016 National Citizen Survey, city leaders learned that the majority of our citizens are not satisfied with the condition of our downtown central business district and desire greater offerings in regards to retail, restaurants, and the arts.

The Main Street program uses a nationally recognized four point approach to support retail growth and community vibrancy. The approach focuses on creating a community led support organization, quality promotion of the retail sector, ensuring that historic character is protected through proper design, and strengthening the retail sector through economic restructuring.

## OUR BEST SHOT



## Pedal Power

The first of a series of new bike racks is being installed on West Main Street by Public Works personnel. Additional racks will be installed throughout downtown as part of the current streetscape project.



## Don't Write In It

New sidewalk was poured this week on North Broad Street as part of the current Streetscape project.

## FAST FACTS FROM THE CITIZEN SURVEY

86%

Eighty-six percent of residents reported feeling safe in the downtown and other commercial areas.

74%

Seventy-four percent of residents feel it is easy to travel around our city.

## JOIN OUR AWARD WINNING TEAM!

If you are interested in any of the following open positions, check our website for information on how to apply:

- Street & Sanitation Technician (Part Time)
- Water Plant Treatment Operator (Part Time)
- Water Plant Treat Operator (Class C License or Above) (Full Time)



*Personnel from the Water & Sewer Division are working to install a sewer tap for a proposed Dollar Tree on Jacobs Highway.*

## Highlights of the Week

Office of the City Manager

- The employee health fair this week allowed city employees to get flu shots, have medical workups done, and learn about healthcare opportunities. Providing this service is designed to reduce the instances that employees are out due to illness.
- Preplanning for expanding the city's fiber network into the Clinton Mill community is currently underway. The expanded network will facilitate meter reading and may offer other opportunities for connectivity in the area.

Department of Public Works

- Preventative maintenance cycles are underway on the city's two diesel peak shaving generators.
- A raw water line failure resulted in damage to the permanganate pumping system, but repairs are underway.

Department of Community & Economic Development

- The Design Review Board will take up the exterior renovations proposed for the building at 101 East Main Street. A private developer is proposing to invest nearly \$800,000 in restoring and renovating the building for mixed use.

Department of Public Safety

- The City of Clinton Department of Public Safety has been named the regions Law Enforcement Network coordinator. The purpose of the SC Law Enforcement Networks is to facilitate the sharing of information among local law enforcement organizations and allow for joint enforcement efforts.

Department of Administrative Services

- The city welcomes Serra Graddick to the team. Serra started this week as a Customer Service Representative.

# Upcoming Public Meetings and Events of Interest

**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.

**Saturday, September 24, 2016 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

Laurens County Chamber of Commerce will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Laurens County Clean Up.

**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.