



City Manager's Weekly Report to City Council

October 14, 2016

Disaster Planning Pays

We started watching the weather when the storm was just a storm and not a category 4 hurricane. As the storm strengthened and grew over the Caribbean, your senior management team began to discuss the city's emergency plan and take steps to prepare for the storm.

When a disaster threatens, your city activates a disaster response plan that is designed to guide decisions made at every level of the organization and is specifically tailored to the type of disaster we may be facing. The plan details out response actions and which departments will take the lead in preparing for the event, managing during the event, and recovery after the event occurs.

The plan also provides for five levels, or operating conditions, that the city works through in the event of a disaster. Each operating condition requires the departments of the city to take certain actions related to the disaster. These actions are similar to the operating conditions that are used by Laurens County and the State of South Carolina.

The city often practices, sometimes with other agencies, how it will respond to a disaster or incident. In the past, the city has conducted disaster drills by itself and with partners such as Presbyterian College or Laurens County School District 56.

In the most recent event, the city activated its emergency plans and raised its operating level. The Department of Public Works & Utilities is primarily responsible for planning for and managing the response of the city to a hurricane. Actions taken include setting up extra phone lines to handle calls during a potential power outage, obtaining additional fuel for city vehicles, preparing city equipment for use during an emergency, procuring additional supplies, and placing employees on standby status.

When the storm struck, the damage to our city was minimal. Only 500 of our citizens lost power during the storm, and all were restored within 90 minutes. While we had very little say in what Mother Nature throws at us, our efforts to prepare in advance sped our response and reduced the time our citizens had to live without electricity.



Frank Stovall, ICMA-CM

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.



Fire Prevention Week

City Council endorses October 9-15, 2016 as Fire Prevention Week to encourage citizens to prepare and practice fire escape emergency plans with their families and their businesses and support the efforts of the Clinton Department of Public Safety fire safety activities.

More information about this celebration can be found by visiting www.nfpa.org.

Clinton Community Cares Partnership

In 2015, the City of Clinton partnered with United Ministries of Clinton to support their existing utility bill payment assistance program. Since October of 2015 the program has helped 210 families and disbursed \$35,898.06 in assistance.

The primary purpose of the Clinton Community Cares Partnership is to assist needy families with financial aid to pay residential utility expenses and is accomplished by directly paying the utility provider on behalf of the customer.

- Program participants must have valid photo identification and a copy of their current utility bill.
- The program will provide assistance once every twelve months, up to five times before age 62, and every year after age 62.
- Participants may be required to attend a class on budgeting offered free of charge.
- The amount of assistance varies depending on the funds that are available to support the program.



WANT TO HELP?

You can donate to the Clinton Community Cares program and help your neighbor each month by donating as little as 50 cents or as much as ten dollars per month. Contact the utility billing office or stop by the Municipal Center to sign up.

Hurricane Matthew

Lending A Hand



Damage to cities like Bennettsville was extensive. City of Clinton personnel went to Bennettsville to assist their employees in restoring power and cleaning up storm damage.

Although Hurricane Matthew didn't pack much of a punch in Clinton, several communities on the coast suffered significant damage.

Several other cities that operate electric utilities, similar to Clinton, suffered significant damage to their city owned municipal electric systems.

The City of Clinton is a member of the South Carolina Association of Municipal Power Systems, also known as SCAMPS.

One of the purposes of SCAMPS is to manage mutual aid programs for the

member utilities. When a disaster, such as Hurricane Matthew, damages a city's electrical system beyond the city's ability to quickly repair the system, other cities send personnel and equipment to work alongside that city's personnel to try to restore power as quickly as possible.

On Sunday, the City of Clinton dispatched two trucks and three public works employees to Bennettsville to assist that city in restoring power. In the past, City of Clinton crews have responded to natural disasters in Laurens, Orangeburg, Rock Hill, and Abbeville.

OUR BEST SHOT



Going Pink

For the month of October, DPS Fire Division Personnel are wearing special pink logo t-shirts to raise awareness during Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Right of Way Making it Right

The city's new Right of Way crew has been very busy improving the condition of our electric lines. At this point, for the first time in nine years, Circuit C-1 has been cleared.

FACTS FROM THE CITIZEN SURVEY

71%

Percentage of citizens who report being satisfied with the air quality in our city.

30%

Percentage of citizens who report being satisfied with our community's built environment.

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



City line workers work to repair damaged electric lines in Bennettsville.

Department Notes

Department of Public Safety

- DPS personnel filed 77 incident reports, served 10 warrants and responded to 17 fire / rescue calls last week.

Department of Community & Economic Development

- This has been a good year for new construction and rehabilitation in Clinton, with three projects on the campus of Presbyterian College, nine new houses under construction, and three downtown renovations in progress.

Department of Public Works

- Water personnel were able to focus on large water meter change-out efforts this week.
- Street and Sanitation personnel are preparing for the annual Arbor Day celebration on November 4th.
- GIS has completed the development of circuit maps to aid in the speed of utility restoration.

- A new tree trimming machine arrived this week and was immediately put to work on the Beard's Fork Sewer Right of Way.
- Over the next few months, personnel from the sewer unit will be using gps to map and locate all sewer manholes.
- Planning for an electric line extension to serve a portion of the I26 Commerce Park along Highway 72 is underway.

Department of Administrative Services

- Personnel attended training programs this week as part of an effort to replace the city's phone system with a new, up to date, system that should improve customer service in the utility billing department.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, October 17, 2016 thru Friday, October 21, 2016

The City of Clinton will host Customer Service Week.

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Municipal Association of South Carolina will hold an Advanced Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government class. There are two classes to available, however; you may only take one course that day. The courses offered that day are Advanced Advocacy and Intergovernmental Relations or Municipal Utility Policy and Administration. Please let Amanda Addison know if you are interested so that she can register you for the class that you choose.

Thursday, October 20, 2016 12:00 p.m.

There will be a Meet and Greet with Dr. Harris Pastides at the Ridge in Laurens.

Saturday, October 29, 2016 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The City of Clinton will host its annual Trick or Treat Spooktacular in downtown Clinton. There will be a costume contest at 5:00 p.m. and trick or treating from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We will also have free rides, candy, and music.

Monday, October 31, 2016

City residents are encouraged to pass out candy for Trick or Treaters that will visit neighborhoods on Halloween night.

Thursday, November 3, 2016 11:30 a.m.

The annual Bring One; Wear One luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church in Laurens. If you would like to attend this event please let Amanda Addison know so she may reserve a seat for you.

Friday, November 4, 2016 8:30 a.m.

The City of Clinton will host a Carolina Living presentation at the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy. A light breakfast will be served. Please let Amanda Addison know if you plan to attend.

Friday, November 4, 2016 2:00 p.m.

The City of Clinton will celebrate Arbor Day by planting two Princeton Elm trees in front of the American Legion.

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.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 11:00 a.m.

The City of Clinton will host the third annual Red Devil Ribeye at the Clinton Department of Public Safety Fire Bay with a luncheon, following the meeting, at the Clinton Community Building.