

**CITY OF CLAREMONT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA PACKET**



**August 6, 2012  
Claremont City Hall  
7:00 pm**



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**Regular Meeting**

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**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Claremont City Hall**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 5. CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Regular Meeting Minutes –July 2, 2012
- 6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**
- 7. PRESENTATION**
  - A. PJ Stanley Memorial Scholarships
  - B. Catawba County Historical Association
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Text Amendment 12-03 Solar Facilities
- 10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. Youth Council Report
  - B. Fire Department
  - C. Police Department
  - D. Public Works
  - E. Rescue Squad
  - F. Utilities Department
  - G. Planning and Zoning
  - H. Parks & Recreation Committee
- 11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 12. CLOSED SESSION**

### 13. ADJOURN

#### City of Claremont Board & Committee Meetings

<b><u>City Council Meeting</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month	September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Council Chambers 7:00pm
<b><u>Planning Board</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Council Chambers 7:00 pm
<b><u>Appearance Committee</u></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month	August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Claremont Library 6:00 pm
<b><u>Parks &amp; Recreation</u></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month	August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Claremont City Offices 7:00 pm
<b><u>Youth Council</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month	August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Council Chambers 3:00 pm
<b><u>Friends of the Library</u></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month	August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Claremont Library 6:00 pm
<b><u>Seniors Morning Out</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Fellowship Hall 8:30 am
<b><u>Claremont Tailgate Market</u></b> Every Friday Thru Sept. 24th		City Hall Parking Lot 3-6pm

#### **NOTES:**

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date of Meeting:

**To:** Mayor and the City Council

**From:** Doug Barrick, City Manager

**Action Requested: Approval of Minutes**

Approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on July 2, 2012.

**Recommendation: Approve the Minutes**



## **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, July 2, 2012**

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Claremont was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2012.

The following members of the Claremont City Council were present: Mayor David Morrow, Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance, Councilmember Shawn Brown, Councilmember Nicky Setzer, Councilmember Dale Sherrill and Councilmember Dale Setzer.

The following personnel of the City of Claremont were present: City Manager, Doug Barrick, City Attorney, Bob Grant, Finance Officer, Stephanie Corn, Administrative Support Clerk, Mandy Buff, Police Chief, Gerald Tolbert, Police Captain, Gary Bost, Fire Chief, Gary Sigmon, Public Works Director, Tom Winkler and Public Works Lead Supervisor, Garrick Butts.

Others in attendance were: Henry Helton, John Lentz, Andi Bandy, Marcus Bandy, Robert Smith, Susan Tucker, Eric Jones, Andrea Ramsey, Laurie LoCicero, Jack Whitener and Scott Ramsey.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor David Morrow called the Claremont City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted as presented.

### **3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was led by Henry Helton. Councilmember Dale Sherrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor David Morrow reported Claremont's Tailgate Market is doing well. He thanked the people that helped with the sidewalk repairs. Mayor Morrow mentioned the new businesses that have moved into Claremont and he commented on the downtown businesses that have given their store fronts a facelift. Mayor Morrow commented on how nice Hannah's Handbags new store front looked.

### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Regular Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2012** - A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept the regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Closed Session Minutes – July 2, 2012** - A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept the closed session minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

None.

## **7. PRESENTATION**

**A. Rescue Squad** – Mayor Morrow introduced Eric Jones. He is the new Chief of the Claremont Rescue Squad. He is a technical rescue instructor, an EMT and has worked in emergency medical services for several years. Mayor Morrow stated Councilmember Shawn Brown has been elected to serve a two year term on the Board of Directors for the rescue squad. Mayor Morrow stated Certainteed has adopted a street to help keep clean.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance 01-12 Auxiliary Police** – A motion was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown to accept ordinance 01-12 as presented. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Ordinance 02-12 NCDOT Speed Limits** - A motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to make the speed limit on Kelly Blvd. and Heart Dr. 45 mph. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Resolution 01-12 Solid Waste 3 Year Update Support** - A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept resolution 01-12 as presented. Councilmember Dale Sherrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Rail Spur Lease Agreement** – A motion was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown to approve the Rail Spur Lease Agreement as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Budget Transfer** – Monies have been moved in the FY 2012 Budget to cover year end expenses.

## **10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Quarterly Financial Report** – In the FY 2012 General Fund Revenue \$2,392,582 was budgeted and the actual total to date is \$2,513,630. In the General Fund Expenditures \$2,903,962 was budgeted. The actual total to date is \$2,751,989. In the Water/Sewer Revenue fund \$1,082,993 was budgeted. The actual total to date is \$1,026,248. In the Water/Sewer Expenses fund \$1,082,993 the actual total to date is \$1,041,031.

**B. Youth Council** – Susan Tucker stated they are looking at applications and have approved three from Bunker Hill. They haven't received all the funds from the Relay for Life event.

**C. Fire Department**– Chief Gary Sigmon stated they helped out with VBS at the churches. They have finished pressure washing the concrete and the window tint has been installed on all doors and windows. Chief Sigmon and Ray Ball performed fire extinguisher training for the employees at William Sonoma.

**D. Police Department** – Chief Gerald Tolbert reported Sgt. Cozzen stopped a possible Breaking & Entering at Claremont Hardware. Officer David Allen stopped the same subjects at Chastine Furniture on Cutrite Dr. Capt. Gary Bost was involved in a short chase in which Catawba County Deputies assisted and arrested the subject. Officer A. Russell made two arrests for Possession of Cocaine, Drug Paraphernalia, Open Container and No Operators License.

**E. Public Works** – Tom Winkler reported they removed twenty loads of old mulch from the north plant and hauled to the Frances Sigmon ball field. They jetted out and cleaned 375 feet of main sewer line Main Street and washed out two man holes.

**F. Rescue Squad** – Chief Eric Jones reported they are having a cookout on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. He invited Mayor Morrow, City Manager Barrick and all the Councilmembers to attend.

**G. Utilities** – City Manager Barrick reported he sent out 2011 Clean Water Report to all customers and he worked with NCDENR to comply with stage 2 compliance monitoring. They performed 6,133 feet for root control. The McLin plant will be out of compliance for BOD for the month of May. Claremont and Hickory staffs are working to pinpoint the root of the problem and are working to correct this issue. Staff has sent out letters to all regional septic tank haulers and placed the Police on high alert.

**H. Planning & Zoning** – Laurie LoCicero reported it was a slow month. She had one permit.

**I. Parks & Recreation** – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance reported they have a lot going on, the biggest project is Claremont Daze. They still need a Grand Marshall for the Christmas Parade. There is a fundraiser for Cassie Cozzen and there will be a Cassie Cozzen day to help raise money for medical bills. The Veterans Day ceremony will be on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**J. Appearance Committee** – Councilmember Nicky Setzer reported Danny & Randyl Abernathy received Yard of the Month for June.

**K. PJ Stanley Memorial Scholarship Fund** – City Manager Barrick reported Friday is the last day to turn in applications for the scholarship.

**12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** – City Manager Doug Barrick stated the City wants historical photographs of Claremont. He mentioned the improvements on Main Street and encouraged everyone to take the time and look at all of the improvements. He reminded everyone the speed limit is 25 mph between Church Street and the City Park.

**13. ADJOURN** - At 8:10 p.m. Councilmember Shawn Brown made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dale Setzer. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Mandy D. Buff,  
Administrative Support Clerk

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David B. Morrow, Mayor

Attested:

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Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk

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**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2012

**To:** Mayor and the City Council

**From:** Doug Barrick, City Manager

**Action Requested: Citizen's Concerns and Comments**

North Carolina General Statutes require that the City Council allow time at each public meeting for Citizen Input.

**Recommendation: Hear Public Concerns and Comments**

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2012

**To:** Mayor and the City Council

**From:** Doug Barrick, City Manager

**Action Requested: PJ Stanley Memorial Scholarships**

The PJ Stanley Memorial Scholarship Committee has reviewed the applications for the inaugural scholarship awards to honor former City Councilman James “PJ” Stanley. The recipients of the fall 2012 awards are:

**Matthew Ross**

2012 Graduate of Bunker Hill High School  
Member of Oxford Fire Department  
Attending CVCC for a Criminal Justice Degree

**Jessalyn Johnson**

2012 Graduate of UNCC in Exercise Science  
Member of the Claremont Rescue Squad  
Attending CVCC for an Emergency Medical Science Degree

**Recommendation:** Allow Brenda Stanley to present the awards

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2012

**To:** Mayor and the City Council

**From:** Doug Barrick, City Manager

**Action Requested: Catawba County Historical Association Presentation**

Melinda Herzog the Executive Director with the Catawba County Historical Association has asked to give a presentation on the status of the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge Improvements and various other programs and events held by the Association.

**Recommendation:** Hear the presentation and ask questions

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2012

**To:** Mayor and the City Council

**From:** Laurie LoCicero, City Planner

**Action Requested: Review Text Amendment 12-03 Solar Facilities**

Attached is the draft text amendment addressing the use of solar facilities that generate electricity. This amendment divides the facilities into 2 categories, major and minor. Minor facilities are the equipment that an individual resident or business will place on their property to generate energy for their own use; this is accessory to the primary use of the property. Major solar facilities, or solar farms, are a primary use, where more than five panels are used to generate electricity to be sold or resold to the market. Minor facilities are an accessory use that will be allowed in all zoning districts in conjunction with a primary use. Major solar facilities are recommended to be allowed in the M-1 Manufacturing and R-2 Residential agriculture districts with conditions.

Our Zoning Ordinance did not specifically address solar power generation. All power generation uses are currently considered an “essential service 3” and must adhere to strict regulations. There is no differentiation between passive power generation, such as solar and wind, and active power generation such as coal-fired or natural gas plants. This text amendment allows for more flexibility regarding solar farms.

**Recommendation:** Review Text Amendment and Provide Feedback for September Approval

**9-3-9 Definitions**

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ESSENTIAL SERVICES. Publicly or privately owned facilities or systems for the distribution of gas, electricity, steam or water, the collection and disposal of sewage or refuse; the transmission of communications; or similar functions necessary for the provision of public services. Radio transmission facilities for use by ham radio operators or two-way radio facilities for business or governmental communications shall be deemed accessory uses and not essential services, provided no transmitter or antenna tower exceeds 180 feet in height. Essential Services are divided into three classes:

- Class 1 Transmission lines (above and below ground) including electrical, natural gas, and water/wastewater distribution lines; pumping stations, lift stations, and telephone switching facilities (up to 200 square feet);
- Class 2 Elevated water storage tanks; package treatment plants; telephone switching facilities (over 200 square feet), substations, or other similar facilities used in connection with telephone, electric, steam, and water facilities; raw water treatment facilities.
- Class 3 Active generation, production, or treatment facilities such as power plants and sewage treatment plants. This does not include solar and wind facilities for electrical production.

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SITE PLAN. A plan, prepared to scale, showing accurately and with complete dimensioning, the boundaries of a site and the location of all buildings, structures, uses, and principal site development features for a specific parcel of land.

SOLAR FACILITY, MAJOR (SOLAR FARM) A facility where a series of ground mounted solar collectors (minimum 5) are place for the purpose of generating photovoltaic power for resale purposes.

SOLAR FACILITY, MINOR. A facility for the production of electrical energy or solar heat that is located on the power beneficiary's premises that is intended to offset part or all of the beneficiary's requirements for electricity or gas and is a secondary use of the premises for other lawful purpose(s).

STORY. That portion of a building comprised between a floor and a floor or roof next above. The first floor of a two- or multi-story building shall be deemed the story that has

no floor immediately below it that is designed for living quarters or for human occupancy. Those stories above the first floor shall be numbered consecutively.

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### **9-3-52 Residential Agriculture District (R-2)**

Intent: The district shall provide for non-urban single-family development as well as agricultural uses. The purpose of the R-2 District is to provide an adequate amount of land for agricultural uses while also making provisions for single-family residential development that is rural in character. Multi-family and commercial uses are not appropriate in this district. Manufactured homes are allowed in the R-2 District only where the Manufactured Home Overlay (MHO) District is present.

#### 1. Permitted Uses.

##### a. Uses permitted by right:

- Single-family dwellings built in accordance with the N.C. Building Code (Manufactured homes are only allowed where the MHO District is present)
- Bona fide farms
- Family Care Homes

##### b. Uses permitted with conditions (see Article F):

- Cemeteries
- Churches
- Essential services 1 and 2
- Government buildings up to 5,000 square feet of gross floor area
- Neighborhood and outdoor recreation
- Parks
- Major Solar Facility/Solar Farm

### **9-3-56 Manufacturing District (M-1)**

Intent: The Manufacturing (M-1) District is established as a district in which the principal use of land is for industrial and warehousing uses which normally seek locations on large tracts where the operation involved does not detract from the development potential of nearby undeveloped properties. Development at district boundaries must provide a compatible transition to uses outside the district. Frontages on major or minor arterials will require formal street tree planting.

#### 1. Permitted Uses.

a. Uses permitted by right:

- Bakeries, wholesale
- Bedding/Carpet manufacturing
- Boat works
- Bottling plants
- Brick, tile & pottery yard
- Building/cleaning/maintenance service
- Cabinet shops
- Canvas goods manufacturing
- Clothing/Textile manufacturing
- Concrete production
- Contractor storage yards
- Electrical equipment manufacturing and repair
- Exterminators
- Farm machinery manufacturing and repair
- Food manufacturing
- Furniture manufacturing and repair
- Greenhouse, Commercial
- Ice manufacturing
- Landscaping and lawn services
- Leather product manufacturing
- Linen/Uniform service
- Monument works/sales
- Nurseries, Agriculture (Commercial)
- Plastic products manufacturing
- Publishing and printing
- Rubber product manufacturing
- Sheet metal shops
- Springs manufacturing
- Stone and clay product manufacturing
- Tobacco products manufacturing
- Warehouses
- Wholesale distribution facilities
- Woodworking shops

b. Uses permitted with conditions (See Article F):

- Amusement facilities, outdoor
- Commercial outdoor kennel
- Essential services 1 and 2
- Parks
- Major Solar Facility/Solar Farm
- Temporary sales of seasonal agricultural products and customary accessory products (example: farmers' markets, Christmas tree/pumpkin sales)

- Truck terminals

<b>ARTICLE F</b> <b>CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN USES</b>
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<b>9-3-108 Electronic Gaming Operations</b>
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Electronic Gaming Operations are permitted in the B-3 Highway Business district provided:

1. No more than ten (10) machines/terminals/computers for gaming operations may be permitted per licensed location.
2. Each Gaming Operation shall have a business license from the City and shall pay all applicable fees set forth in the City's fee schedule.
3. No portion of a zoning lot on which a gaming operation is located may be within five hundred feet of another Electronic Gaming Operation or a residential zoning district, or one thousand five hundred feet of any religious institution, elementary school, middle school, high school, recreation center or park.
4. Gaming operation may only operate between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM.
5. No electronic gaming operation at any time shall be operated or supervised by a person less than eighteen (18) years of age.
6. No person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be permitted to play, use, or otherwise operate electronic machine, terminal, computer or other electronic device permitted under this section.
7. Any violation of any of the City's Code of Ordinances shall be grounds for revocation of the license.

<b>9-3-108 Major Solar Facility/Solar Farms</b>
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Major solar facilities are permitted in the R-2 Residential Agriculture and M-1 Manufacturing districts provided:

1. Major solar facilities in M-1 district must meet all setback, parking, and buffer requirements for that district
2. Major Solar Facilities located in R-2 district must meet the buffer requirements of and M-1 use abutting residential district.
3. Major Solar facilities located in R-2 district must meet the setback requirements of M-1 district.
4. Solar power electrical generation structures shall not exceed 25 feet in height.
5. Panels shall be located and situated so glare is not offensive to traffic or residences.
6. All components of a solar farm must meet all applicable Building, Electrical and Safety codes.

7. Active solar systems shall be designed to blend into the architecture of the neighboring buildings and landscape or screened from view.
8. In the event a solar farm ceases operation as an ongoing business entity, the site must be restored to its former state of development. A plan for decommissioning shall be filed with the City. A fine of up to \$50.00 per day may be assessed each day that the site is not restored beyond the approved deadline for final removal.

**Department, Committee & Manager Reports**

Date of Meeting: August 6, 2012

**To:** Mayor and the City Council  
**From:** Doug Barrick, City Manager

**Action Requested: Allow Departments, Committees & Manager to report on monthly activities and take questions.**

**Item 10**

- A. Youth Council Report
- B. Fire Department
- C. Police Department
- D. Public Works Department
- E. Rescue Squad
- F. Utilities Department
- G. Planning and Zoning
- H. Parks & Recreation Committee

**Item 11**

City Managers Report

**Recommendation: Take Reports**



## CLAREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

2850 FIRE HOUSE LANE  
CLAREMONT, NC 28610  
828/459-9296 FAX 828/459-9732

July 2012

The Claremont Fire Department responded to 22 calls for the month of July 2012 and 175 year to date.

Man hours spent on fire calls for the month totaled 89.93 .

The average member responses to calls this month 8, and for the year 7.

Average response time to calls 4 min. 00 seconds till the first engine was on the scene for structure calls.

Training for the month totaled 210 hours for the department.

There were 1 business inspections for the month.

The Fire Prevention Office performed 2 programs this month, installed 0 smoke detectors and replaced 4 smoke detector batteries.

### **Updates on projects and fire department information:**

Respectively submitted,  
Gary Sigmon, Fire Chief



*Claremont Police Department  
Monthly Service  
July 2012*

Calls Answered	846	Citations Served	20
Felonious Crimes	6	Warnings	54
Misdemeanor	22	Business Escorts	55
Accidents (PI)	0	Funeral Escorts	3
Accidents (PD)	3	Animal Calls	3
Warrants for Arrest	2	Vehicles Impounded	0
Subpoenas Served	0	Alarms Answered	23
Open Businesses	12	Motorist Assistance	29
Property Checks	1194	Part-Time hours	162.5
Court Hours	1.5		

**Noted Events during the Month**

1. Sgt. Cozzen investigated an assault which occurred at Pierre Foods.
2. Cpl. Buff is investigating two counts of B&E to vehicle at Pierre Foods.
3. Sgt. Long made an arrest for Possession of Marijuana.

**\*\*\*\*NOTES\*\*\*\***

Mark Hays and Cody Jarvis have completed their training and are now ready to work as patrol officers.

*Respectfully Submitted  
Gerald R. Tolbert  
Chief of Police*

**CLAREMONT PUBLIC WORKS  
MONTHLY REPORT  
JULY 2012**

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

<u>24</u>	WATER TURNED ON
<u>19</u>	WATER TURNED OFF
<u>45</u>	METERS RE-READ
<u>1</u>	WATER LEAKS
<u>0</u>	WATER TAPS
<u>0</u>	SEWER TAPS
<u>3</u>	DIRTY WATER COMPLAINTS
<u>850+4</u>	JET SEWER LINES/ MANHOLES

**MAINTENANCE DEPT.**

<u>751</u>	LEAF BAGS TAKEN TO LANDFILL
<u>5.23</u>	TONS OF ROUGH TRASH PICKED UP
<u>96</u>	HRS. CHIPPING LIMBS
<u>295</u>	HRS. MOWING
<u>46</u>	HRS. BUSH HOG
<u>42</u>	HRS. CLEAN STORM DRAINS
<u>85</u>	HRS. CLEAN CURB & GUTTERING
<u>5</u>	# OF WHITE GOOD PICKUPS

**PERSONNEL**

<u>14</u>	OVERTIME HOURS
<u>6</u>	TRAINING HOURS

**PARK**

<u>5</u>	# OF TIMES RE-STOCK BATHROOMS
<u>8</u>	# OF TRASH PICKUPS

**OTHER**

jetted out and cleaned 850 feet of main sewer line on main street  
and washed out & cleaned four man holes

worked with NC DOT on reworking the ditch lines on penny & Kelly

started renovating the rest rooms at the city park

Claremont Rescue Squad

2748 S. Oxford St.

Claremont, NC 28610

1. We responded to 67 total calls, 60 were hot. Our average response time was 5:55. We have had a couple of responses to Lake Lookout in the past few weeks. Total calls that we have ran for the year, 570.
2. Our last Early Bird drawing is Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup>, we will start the month long drawing on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
3. Reminder of the meeting on August 9th and the meal we are having at the Rescue Squad. The Mayor, City Manager and all Councilmen are invited. We will be eating at 7:00 p.m.
4. We did a training class on Sports Medicine with the Head Trainer from Bunker Hill High School on pt. care for an injured athlete. This training was to help us get prepared for the upcoming football season. Mr. Creamer showed how to stabilize a football player who is injured and still in his helmet and pads, he also showed how to remove the helmet and pads with basic hand tools.
5. Some of the upcoming training that we are going to have at the squad includes, The EVD Trailer class, pool training for the injured swimmer and extrication training/review.



# CITY OF CLAREMONT UTILITY SYSTEM MONTHLY UPDATE July 2012

The City of Claremont operates a Utility System that includes two water receiving vaults, two 300,000 gallon elevated water storage tanks, five sewer pump stations, two waste water treatment plants, and roughly 25 miles of sewer and water lines. The two treatment plants are permitted to handle 400,000 gallons of waste water per day with 300,000 allocated to the McLin Creek plant and 100,000 to the North plant. The City of Claremont purchases all of its water from the City of Conover and contracts the operation of the waste water treatment plants with the City of Hickory. This report is intended to give a snapshot of the monthly activities of the utility system.

**Claremont Water & Waste Water Customer Profile & Usage**

Month	Residential Water Customers	Residential Water Usage	Residential Active Sewer	Commerical & Industrial Customers	Commerical & Industrial Usage	Commerical & Industrial Active Sewer
January In	613	1,958,600	497	114	2,796,100	83
January Out	172	615,000	10	17	214,500	3
February In	612	2,169,200	495	114	2,569,500	83
February Out	174	691,400	10	17	222,200	3
March In	618	2,089,300	501	114	3,126,700	83
March Out	174	630,900	10	7	164,400	3
April In	614	1,916,200	498	114	3,022,000	83
April Out	173	525,600	10	17	241,000	3
May In	617	2,055,500	501	113	3,838,300	80
May Out	174	635,100	10	17	605,900	3
June In	613	2,440,300	497	109	3,838,300	80
June Out	174	605,900	10	17	221,800	3

**Claremont Water Usage vs Water Purchased**

Month	Purchased from Conover	Billed by Claremont
October 2011	9,749,500	7,854,200
November 2011	7,645,500	6,918,200
December 2011	8,499,500	5,669,500
January 2012	8,217,500	5,584,200
February 2012	5,306,500	5,652,300
March 2012	7,315,000	6,013,900
April 2012	8,725,000	5,704,800
May 2012	8,156,500	7,134,800
June 2012	9,759,500	7,106,300

## **System Activities**

- Continuing to evaluate regional options for wastewater treatment
- Began an evaluation of the McLin WWTP
- Sent one person to Waste Water Collections School and Exam

## **McLin Creek WWTP**

<b>McLin Creek WWTP- June 2012 - NPDES Compliance</b>				
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Limitation</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Average</b>
Flow, GPD	300,000	72,000	202,000	131,000
BOD mg/l	8.0mg	4	33	14
TSS mg/l	30mg	4.0	17.6	8.5
Fecal Coliform	200ml	1	6000	20
Ammonia-Nitrogen, mg/l	2.0mg	.62	24.5	12.4
Dissovled Oxygen, mg/l	5.0mg	6.5	7.9	7.5

<b>McLin Creek WWTP Flow, Gallons per day</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Average</b>
June 2012	72,000	202,000	131,000
May 2012	58,000	331,000	151,000
April 2012	63,000	177,000	122,000
March 2012	91,000	268,000	133,000
February 2012	64,000	181,000	126,000
January 2012	72,000	186,000	125,000
December 2011	52,000	290,000	142,000
November 2011	83,000	348,000	148,000
October 2011	69,000	183,000	126,000
September 2011	89,000	299,000	152,000
August 2011	61,000	205,000	142,000
July 2011	93,000	292,000	154,000
June 2011	109,000	238,000	147,000

## **NCDENR LETTERS & NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS**

- The McLin Plant will be out of compliance for BOD for the month of June. Claremont has sent notice to the state in an attempt to waive fines for the months of April, May, and June.

## North WWTP

North WWTP- June 2012 - NPDES Permit Compliance				
Parameter	Limitation	Minimum	Maximum	Average
Flow, GPD	100,000	44,000	76,000	55,000
BOD mg/l	30.0mg	5.1	8.1	7.2
TSS mg/l	30mg	7.2	10.4	9.0
Fecal Coliform	200ml	2	13	6
Ammonia-Nitrogen, mg/l	4.0mg	0.11	4.99	1.45
Dissovled Oxygen, mg/l	5.0mg	6.6	8.2	7.7

North WWTP Flow, Gallons per day			
Month	Min	Max	Average
June 2012	44,000	76,000	55,000
May 2012	23,000	143,000	49,000
April 2012	36,000	94,000	65,000
March 2012	48,000	89,000	64,000
February 2012	44,000	82,000	61,000
January 2012	34,000	89,000	63,000
December 2011	42,000	131,000	72,000
November 2011	45,000	143,000	65,000
October 2011	29,000	76,000	53,000
September 2011	36,000	102,000	54,000
August 2011	12,000	240,000	64,000
July 2011	9,000	247,000	102,000
June 2011	9,000	160,000	101,000

## NCDENR LETTERS & NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS

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None

## Claremont Waste Water Collections System

No Issues for the Month of July



# Claremont Planning Report

## July 2012

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### Zoning Permits Issued

- June 25- 3110 N. Lookout St.- Carport
- July 2 – 2929 N. Oxford St. – Interior renovations and change of occupancy
- July 15 – 2980 Cloninger Dr – Sunroom addition
- July 30 – 2943 N. Lookout St. – Front porch addition

### Code Enforcement

- Monitored sign issues

### Planning Board Work

- Planning Board met in June and July to draft language addressing solar facilities

### Other Work

- Answered numerous zoning/planning questions
- ABC Permit Zoning Compliance for new 7-11(former Shell Station)
- June 15 – attended Air Quality Conference at Lenoir-Rhyne University
- June 22 – attended Unifour Planners' Forum
- July 2- met with Mary George from Catawba County regarding County portion of Lyle Creek Greenway
- July 20 - Attended Carolina Thread Trail meeting
- July 31-Aug 1 – attended National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) workshop

*City of Claremont*  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 23, 2012**

**Senior Citizens Programs:** Susan told the committee about the programs that the Senior Citizens Breakfast is having and some of the plans for the future. She is somewhat disappointed in the attendance; however, she understands that the heat has kept many away. She went on to tell about the Senior Citizens Coffee Hour working with the Social Services Seniors Morning Out. The Coffee Hour meets once a month. In July there will be a picnic at the City Park. Canasta still has a low enrollment, but she keeps on promoting it.

**Halloween Spook Night in the Park:** Roger Shook stated that we are looking for a number of groups to set up a station to attract people to their activity. Letters will be going out to the schools' drama teachers in late August encouraging them to have their students participate in this event in using their imagination. He stated that we need to offer some type of monetary award to the schools for their programs. This will be explored into to see how we can put this in the budget. Tim Lowrance is looking into getting a wagon for a Hay Ride through the cemetery.

**Disc Golf:** Nathan Lane, the newest member of the committee, stated that a course will be going up at Francis Sigman Park and that he will be looking at the City Park to see what can be done there. He stated that the White Oak Park is too small to have a good course. It is stated that before we make any program plans, we need to develop a bridge to get from one side of the park to the other crossing the large drainage ditch. The layout of the course will be done in the next few weeks.

**Park Grant:** Henry reported that we are waiting for the State committee to meet for the second round to see how we make out. They will meet in July and should hear something in August. He stated that he wrote to all of the committee to explain the need of their consideration so we can put a restroom facility in the park. He heard back from Monroe Pannell where he stated that he did not vote for our project because it was in his home area. Henry investigated and found the committee has been instructed not to vote on projects in their home area.

**Christmas Parade:** Tim is still working on getting a person for the Grand Marshall. Henry suggested getting some Bunker Hill Band members to compose a 1776 Color Guard with a drum and flute. Lisa Travis stated that she would talk to the band director. Her son is a member of the band and he liked the idea.

The major discussion on the Christmas Parade was the route. Starting on Oxford Street was one possibility with Centennial Blvd being another possibility. The units would line up on the east end of Centennial Blvd and come down Highway 70 going west. The major concern was the distance for the walking units. The committee is suggesting locations where the bands could meet and come out into the parade as well as other walking groups. Lisa stated that the bands like a long marching route which will

allow them to play more. The route issue was tabled since we have a few months to get everything worked out.

**Veterans Sub Committee Report:** The committee is suggesting having the Veterans Day ceremony on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11 at 1:30 PM. Many of both committees feel that we could get more attendance by having it on that Sunday. The Veterans Committee already has a speaker, Bill Richard. He is the Department Commander of the North Carolina American Legion. Sunday is a good time for him. The committee is working to get 75 to 100 veterans with motorcycles to create our own "Roaring Thunder". There will be other changes in the program format, but basically the same as in the past. The committee will be asking Mayor Morrow to be a part of the program.

**Capital needs progress:** The committee went over the list of capital needs, item by item. Some of the items have been completed or partly completed. Henry stated that this is July the first month of the new budget year and these projects will take a little time in completing. A new item was added to the list. It was felt that water should be taken down to the picnic shelter number one. Another suggestion was to place metal on the gable ends of the shelters. Painting will last one to two years where the metal will last for a longer time. This will save the City some money in the future. A suggestion was made to use the same type metal that was put on the roof. It would be less costly than getting vinyl siding. This report will be a part of each month's agenda until all projects are completed.

**Claremont Daze:** Everything is in place for the two day festival. There are some minor projects that need to be confirmed. All of the music groups are ready to perform. Promotion material is at the printers and will be ready in mid August. Tim and Shawn are getting their ideas ready for their radio promotion. As we get closer to the date the committee will begin to assign different members to certain activities.

**New Ideas:** It was suggested that next year the committee hold a Youth 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Different routes were suggested to make it short, but fun. The committee members picked up the idea and came up with ideas to have families use their golf carts and/or 4 wheeler. One suggestion was to use the lawn mower. All units would be decorated for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The young people could ride their tricycles. Everyone was asked to play with the idea.

Another request was to add more activity to the City Wide Yard Sale. There is plenty of room for a few more activities. We would not have to close Main Street. The idea is to attract more people to come to Claremont for the Yard Sale.

**New Members:** Tim Lowrance has recruited two new members for the committee. They are Michael Pope and Kris Sigmon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Special Events Coordinator

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**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**STATISTICAL REPORT**

*Month: July 2012*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>Number Sessions</b>	<b>Total Attendance</b>
City Park Reserve	n/a	4	60*
Senior Citizen BK	55	1	30
Canasta	4	1	5
P & R Committee	12	1	9
Movie night	n/a		-
Coffee Hour O' Cup	56	1	60*
Youth Council	-	-	-
Optimist Club	-	-	-
Tailgate Market	13	4	27#

July was a very hot month which affected the attendance for a number of programs. The Optimist Club ended their summer program as well as the Youth Council. \*With the 4 reservations for the use of the City Park, only one gave an attendance. \* This number is the same group. The Seniors Coffee Hour was held in the City Park around singing and a cookout. # is the attendance for the vendors. The citizens coming to make a purchase have its peek time and then there is time when there is no one. The market has seen the temperature up as high as 104 degrees plus there has been rain each week for 20 to 30 minutes at about 4:45 to 5:15. These two weather conditions prevent many citizens to come make a purchase.