

Town of Clio Council Meeting
101 Calhoun Street
6:00 PM Clio Community Center

April 16, 2026

Present: Mayor Adam Pate, Councilman Pearly Thomas, Council Person Morgan Pate, Council Person Samuel McCollum.

Guest Presenters: Nicole Gibson (Well Vista Medication Assistance Pharmacy), CareSouth Carolina representatives, Adrian Kennedy (County Council candidate)

Absent: Council Person Chris McArthur, Council Person Morgan Pate Town Clerk Robyn Williamson -Jacobs due to family sickness.

Called to Order: Mayor Adam Pate

Prayer: Mayor Adam Pate

Approval of the agenda: Agenda were reviewed and approved adding Nicole Gibson (Well Vista Medication Assistance Pharmacy), Care South Carolina representatives, Adrian Kennedy (County Council candidate),

Motion made by Council Person Samuel McCollum second by Council Person Pearlie Thomas

Approval of Minutes from March 19 , 2026, reviewed; no amendments noted. Motion made by Council Person Samuel McCollum second by Council Person Pearlie Thomas.

Public Comments:

Medication Assistance Pharmacy (Well Vista)

- **Presenter:** Nicole Gibson
- **Program Overview:**
 - Free prescription medication program for uninsured South Carolina residents.
 - Eligibility: No insurance (includes Medicaid, Medicare, VA), income up to 300% of federal poverty level (e.g., \$47,880 for one person, \$99,000 for a family of four).
 - Offers free prescriptions, over-the-counter meds, and diabetic supplies (with provider's prescription).
 - Medication is mailed directly to recipients in 90-day supplies.
 - No term limit for participation; ongoing eligibility as long as criteria are met.
- **Community Outreach:**
 - Will attend local events, health fairs, and town meetings to spread awareness.
 - Willing to conduct workshops in Clio.
 - Noted low program usage in Marlboro County despite high health disparities.
- **Example:** Even individuals with no income or those who are homeless can qualify, with documentation from a host or shelter.
- **Contact:** Information and business cards provided; Spanish-language materials available.

Care South Carolina Resource Center & Pantry

- **Announcement:** Care South Carolina plans to open a pantry and resource center in town, with a preview event proposed for the mayor.
- **Model:** Inspired by Garland's "Third Wednesday" pop-up resource initiative.
- **Goal:** Bring essential resources (food, diapers, DSS workers) directly to the community.
- **Timeline:** No set date for the building, but interim pop-up events are planned.

Housing for Veterans

- **Inquiry:** Ms. MaryGlispy asked about building small (250 sq ft), stick-built accessory dwellings for veterans.
- **Response:** Town open to the idea if homes meet residential codes and zoning requirements; proposal needed with location and density details.

County Council Candidate Introduction

- **Speaker:** Adrian Kennedy (District 8 candidate)

- **Remarks:** Shared campaign progress and ideas; discussed possible community events and insurance issues related to a proposed stop-and-go event.

- **Mayor's Community Events & Announcements**

Community Events

- **Award:** Town received the Care South Community Partnership Award for collaborative efforts.

Grants & Financial Progress

- **Department of Energy Grant:** Nearly \$87,000 awarded for sewer plant electrical upgrades (e.g., control switches, pumps, air conditioning, door repairs).
- **Audit Update:** Town's financial audits are now current; first on-time audit in years expected in July, unlocking eligibility for new grants.
- **Treasury Funds:** Previously withheld funds released following audit completion.

Festivals & Events

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Prayer on Main: May 2, 6:30 PM at Town Hall.
 - Big Hats and Bowties: May 2.
 - Ribs and Rods Festival: May 29-30, with over 40 vendors, 13 BBQ contestants, and more than 35 cars registered. Last year's event drew over 200 cars and visitors from hours away.
 - Night of Worship: Church with most attendees wins a \$500 donation to St. Jude's in their name.
- **Community Engagement:** Request for Spanish-language outreach and radio ads for events.
- **County Support:** Mayor highlighted need for Marlboro County to reinvest hospitality tax revenue into local festivals, as done in neighboring counties.

Financial Report (April 2026)

- **General Fund Revenue:** \$119,910.67 (YTD: \$376,292.67)
- **General Fund Expenses:** \$44,868.15 (YTD: \$382,222.75)
- **Net Position:** Negative \$5,930, a significant improvement from previous deficits of \$40,000–\$50,000.
- **Water & Sewer Revenue:** \$32,944.15 (YTD: \$284,508.07)
- **Water & Sewer Expenses:** \$7,760.34 (YTD: \$239,144.76)
- **Net Position (Water & Sewer):** In the green.
- Motion made by Council Person Samuel McCollum second by Council Person Pearlie Thomas.

Departmental Updates

Police

- **Property Checks:** Offered for residents on vacation.
- **Investigation:** Ongoing case of a young boy's shooting; close to resolution.

Water & Sewer

- **Operations:** Leaf and limb pickup ongoing; diesel costs up due to high prices.
- **Infrastructure:** Replacement of aging water meters underway.
- **Billing Issues:** Some residents did not receive water bills; investigation into mailing and postage concerns; flexible late fee policy during disruptions.

Facilities & Community Clean-Up

- **Old Police Building:** Discussion about using the building for storage by town staff; plans to clean and paint the exterior.
- **Blight Reduction:** Audit completion enables application for CDBG grants to demolish derelict structures, with costs recouped via tax bills. Some property owners have already complied with clean-up notices.

- **Unfinished business: None**
- **New Business: None**
- **Adjournment:** Meeting concluded with expressions of gratitude to attendees. with a motion to adjourn motion made by Council Person Pearlie Thomas second by Samuel McCollum; all in favor meeting was adjourned.

Signed By Town Clerk: _____

