

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

May 21, 2026

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

Absent: Council Person Pearlie Thomas 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 Motion made by
Council Person Chris McArthur Seconded by Council Person Morgan Pate.

Approval of Minutes from April , 2026, reviewed; no amendments noted.
Motion made by Council Person Chris McArthur second by Council Person
Samuel McCollum.

Public Comments: Dale Woods-Sincere,

Introduced new local home care services for residents needing assistance
(e.g. dressing, meals, errands).

Services are covered by benefits such as Grace and New Chance; many
community members are unaware of their eligibility.

Goals include expanding services to tele-health, pharmacy, and language
translation.

Emphasis on trustworthy, compassionate care and community engagement.

Office located on Main Street; seeking council and community support.

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

Community Events

Ribs and Rides Festival:

- Scheduled for next Saturday; setup begins Thursday.
- Friday night worship at 6:30 PM featuring local leaders and worship groups.
- Saturday: 3 bands, ~50 vendors, car show (capped at 150 cars), special guests (e.g., Tom the Mime from Sea World), trophies and t-shirts for winners.
- Fundraiser: Raffle for a gazebo donated by Hardy Lumber and Barn (\$10/ticket).
- Challenge: Church with most attendees receives a \$500 donation to St. Jude's in their honor.
- Food trucks and vendors will be present both Friday and Saturday.

Departmental Reports

Police Department (Chief's Report)

- **State Audit:**
 - Recent audit by SC Criminal Justice Academy on policies and procedures.
 - Audit was challenging due to missing historical records; town would be liable for any fines or shutdowns.
 - Emphasis on council oversight and proper record-keeping.

- **Record Management System:**
 - Current system (Law trak) will be non-compliant after Dec 31.
 - Plan to join a county-wide system; sheriff's office to cover initial fees for 3 years.
- **Major Incident:**
 - Update on March shooting: Suspect arrested in Washington, D.C., pending extradition.
- **Staffing:**
 - Department currently short-staffed due to medical leave; sheriff's office covering temporarily.
- **Traffic Concerns:**
 - Ongoing speeding issues on Society, Calhoun and Main Streets.
 - Limited enforcement capability due to lack of radar and personnel.
 - Requests for additional assistance from Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Office.
- **Community Programs:**
 - Promotion of Project Lifesaver bracelets for residents with dementia/Alzheimer's (free, via Sheriff's Office).

Public Works & Water Department (Sherry's Report)

- **Grant Awards:**
 - Secured \$87,000 Department of Energy grant for water system improvements (new pumps, motors, controls, area lighting).
 - Grant allows for efficient hiring and purchasing without extensive bidding.
 - **System Maintenance:**
 - All hydrants and valves mapped as per EPA/MPA requirements.
 - Proactive compliance with lead-based line inventory and notification.
 - **Collaboration:** Working with engineering firms and lobbyists for future grants and improvements.
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Financial Report

- **April Income:** \$12,188.41; Year-to-date: \$395,836.35
- **April Expenses:** \$69,274.57; Year-to-date: \$458,852.59
- **Water Income:** \$28,059 (April); \$312,567.54 (YTD)
- **Water Expenses:** \$14,455.98 (April); \$253,674 (YTD)
- **Budget Discussion:**
 - 2026-2027 budget presented; general fund income projected at \$530,000, water fund at \$230,000.
 - Homestead exemption increased from \$15,000 to \$18,000.
 - Utilities and cost-of-living raises factored in.
 - No recent increase in garbage fees, but future increases anticipated.
 - Motion made by Council Person Morgan Pate Seconded by Council Person Chris McArthur

Town Planning & Resident Concerns

- **Annexation Discussion:**
 - Consideration of expanding town limits (pending improved financial status).
 - Some residents outside current limits interested in joining.
- **Disaster Preparedness:**
 - Suggestion to improve local access to sandbags and emergency kits.
 - Discussion of past tornado response and the need for better preparedness for aging/isolated residents.
 - Reminder about Code Red alert system.
- **Facility Use:**
 - Request to use/buildings for equipment storage (e.g., water park equipment, lime/chlorine storage).
 - Discussion of improving storage facilities for town equipment.

Closing Remarks

- **Appreciation:** Thanks to town staff, volunteers, and residents for ongoing contributions and community spirit.
- **Upcoming Family Day:** Planned to celebrate audit success and town progress.
- **Adjournment:** Meeting concluded with reminders about festival participation and ticketing for fundraisers.
- Motion made to adjourn by Council Member Chris McArthur seconded by Council Person Morgan Pate.

Robyn Town Clerk: It was brought to my attention that in the Minutes in April I introduced Adrian Kinney as Kennedy. I do apologize and this is a correction made from Kennedy to Kinney.