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**MEDLIN NAMED DIRECTOR OF CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES**

The City of Clinton is proud to announce Michael (Chris) Medlin as the City's Public Works and Utilities Director. Medlin, whose entire adult life has been devoted to working with public utilities, brings a breadth of experience to the position. In the late 1990's, he worked for the City's Public Works Department before working with the Fayetteville Public Utilities Commission, where he led a construction crew installing new water and sewer lines. Medlin went on to spend over a decade with Sampson County Public Works where he started reading water meters and worked his way to leading a utility crew. In 2013, Medlin returned to the City's Public Works Department as Distribution and Collection System Manager overseeing the City's water and sewer lines. When longtime City employee and former Public Works Director Jeff Vreugdenhil retired in 2017, Medlin was appointed to an interim role managing a large portion of the City's public works operation. In addition to working for the City of Clinton, Medlin serves as the Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) for the water systems in Autryville and Stedman.

Medlin holds a host of utility related certifications and recently received a scholarship from the American Public Works Association to attend the Municipal County Administration Course at the UNC School of Government in Chapel Hill. He is enrolled currently in the course which is one of the longest and most intensive programs offered by the School of Government for in-service local government professionals.

Medlin is respected widely for his ability to adapt quickly to situations and improvise pragmatic solutions to complex problems. Under Medlin's interim leadership, the Public Works and Utilities Department has expanded use of electronic work order systems, reduced dependence on outside contractors, modernized the City's cemetery files, and expanded use of vehicle tracking software all resulting in greater efficiency and cost savings. Through his years with the City, he has earned respect by leading from the trenches. Medlin was instrumental in the City's response to Hurricane Florence working days around the clock to clear debris and locate and fix a massive water leak.

Medlin will officially start in his new role on October 22.



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