

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 7, 2020**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Councilmen of the Clinton City Council, City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on Friday, January 3, 2020.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order with the following present:

**MAYOR:** David Berrong

**COUNCIL:** Bobby Stewart, Ernie Dowdell, Chris Jones, Patch McComas

**CITY MANAGER:** Mark Skiles

**CITY CLERK:** Lisa Anders

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ryan Meacham

**NEWS MEDIA:** Gerald Green

**OTHERS:** Paul Rinkel, Roland Mower, Judy Stewart, Brett Russell, Sussan Williams, Russ Meacham, Max McKinsey, Wade Anders, John Bannen and others.

Dan Day of the Ministerial Alliance opened the meeting with prayer and Councilman Bobby Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 17, 2019
- B. Consider Claims

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and second by Councilman Jones that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 (a-b) be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Stewart, Jones, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: ACTION ITEMS**

**4A. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO MIDWESTERN OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION**

City Manager Mark Skiles reported that Chris Jones term on the MOIF board would be completed in February and Jones has agreed to continue to serve another term if the Council chooses to reappoint him.

Motion was made by Councilman Stewart and seconded by Councilman McComas to reappoint Chris Jones to the Midwestern Oklahoma Industrial Foundation.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Stewart, McComas, Jones, Dowdell, Berrong  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4B. CONSIDER, DISUCSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ADJOURNING TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A PUBLIC BODY AND ITS ATTORNEY CONCERNING A PENDING INVESTIGATION, CLAIM OR ACTION PURSUANT TO 25 OS ss 307 (B)(4)**

Motion was made by Councilman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to enter into executive session pursuant to 25 OS ss 307 (B) (4).

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Stewart, Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Berrong  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting in executive session at 5:35 p.m.

**4C. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON DISCUSSION FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to enter back into regular session.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: McComas, Dowdell, Jones, Stewart, Berrong  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting in regular session at 6:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to approve the settlement of #~~CR~~<sup>CV</sup>19-78.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Jones, Dowdell, McComas, Stewart, Berrong  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 5: TRUSTEE REPORT**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Mark Skiles reported that a traffic light technician has been out to adjust the timing on traffic lights.

Manager Skiles said that the Veterans Clinic is nearing completion and will be turned over by the owner on January 17<sup>th</sup> to the Veterans.

City Manager Skiles introduced John Bannen, representative of Inframark. Mr. Bannen was asked to address the water situation regarding taste and odor.

John Bannen said the plant had been turned over to Inframark in October 2019 which is the same time the lake turned over following by an algae bloom in December. He said typically the algae bloom occurs in the spring. He explained the process taken for treating and blending the four sources of water. He also reported that the reverse osmosis plant was operated for 16 days in the month of December.

Councilman McComas said that 2 ½ months of addressing the situation is not acceptable.

Mr. Bannen said that some procedures are in place to change the process.

Councilman Stewart asked why Clinton was the only place affected by the algae bloom.

Mr. Bannen said there is equipment that could be added to the plant to automate the process and that Inframark is taking steps each day to improve the water. He stated that water from Lake Clinton cost less than \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons and that water from the reverse osmosis plant cost \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons due to chemical and power cost.

**7. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman McComas and second by Councilman Dowdell to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: McComas, Dowdell, Jones, Stewart, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.