

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

Minutes of the special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Clinton City Council, City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 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 January 31, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong

COUNCIL: Ernie Dowdell, Stormie Hill, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard (absent)

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Gena Trent, Sean Stephens

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Shauna Hacker, Luis De La Torre, Dillon Mach, Don Miller, Kent and Beth Dewees, Leonard Jackson, Perry Adams, Tommy Snider, Donnie Phipps, Lynn Maloy, and others.

Leonard Jackson, Pastor, HOST Ministries, opened the meeting with prayer and Donald Miller, Post Commander, American Legion Post No. 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting,
- B. Consider Claims
- C. Acknowledgement of the Receipt of the Financial Statement from December 31, 2024
- D. Affirm Actions Taken Under Unforeseen New Business at the January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting – Acknowledge Transfer of Hospital Funds to the CRH Operating Account and the Pre-Authorization of an Extension of a Line of Credit of Up to \$50,000.00 to Pay the Balance Due to TruBridge
- E. Execution of Affidavit Stating No Interest in a Strip or Tract of Land Sixteen and One-Half (16.5) Feet Wide Which Was Erroneously Conveyed to the City of Clinton as Part of the Former Acme Brick Plant Property Acquisition.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva that the Consent Agenda Items be approved.

Mayor David Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS 3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION(S) REGARDING:

- A. An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Title 11 Chapter 9, Section 1 A-3 of the *Clinton City Code*; Establishing New Regulations and Standards for Fencing in Residential and Agricultural Zones

City Manager commented that the Planning Commission had devoted time over several of their meetings to carefully consider and discuss this topic before finalizing their recommendation at a special meeting on January 28, 2025. City Attorney then reviewed their wording and format and made some minor edits for Council consideration & action.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Title 11 Chapter 9, Section 1 A-3 of the *Clinton City Code*; Establishing New Regulations and Standards for Fencing in Residential and Agricultural Zones.

Mayor David Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

- B. Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 1035

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 1035.

Mayor David Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the

Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.):

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS

City Manager Johnston reported that there had been damage at the Acme Brick Park Soccer Fields last weekend with someone using a vehicle to make “donuts” in the grass. The new concession stand building is coming along as well with the interior walls completed, electrical “roughed in” and plumbing being installed in the walls. Also, the picnic tables for the playground area at the M.T. and Helen Gholston Children’s Park were delivered earlier today.

Information only.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (According to Audience participation Decorum Guidelines at Clinton City Council Public Meetings effective:2/14/2017)

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Dowdell seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2025**

Minutes of the special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Clinton City Council, City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 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 January 24, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER,

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong

COUNCIL: Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva

COUNCIL ABSENT: Stormie Hill

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Hope King, Sean Stephens

OTHERS: Shauna Hacker, Debra Blanchard, Cris Hickerson and others.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION(S)
REGARDING:**

- A. Request from the Clinton Hospital Authority for a line of credit from the General Fund in the amount up to \$1,050,000.00.

City Manager Johnston presented the request from the Clinton Hospital Authority for a line of credit from the general fund in the amount up to \$1,050,000.00. Included in this line of credit is the \$50,000 that was approved under new business at the 1/21/2205 Council meeting to cover invoices due to Trubridge. Mr. Johnston provided copies of the line of credit agreement and emails from Mr. Lacefield, CEO of Clinton Regional Hospital. The first draw is requested at \$500,000.00.

Manager Johnston asked City Treasurer Debra Blanchard to provide an overview of the availability of funds. Ms. Blanchard stated that the funds available this week were in the amount of \$300,000.00 and then an additional \$200,000 would be available after February 6, when treasury bills matured. A letter from the Loren Brink, 3rd Avenue West was also included in the information to the Council to shed light as to the need for the line of credit.

Len Lacefield, CRH CEO, presented information regarding the revenue cycle management, use of funds, and revenue estimates. Discussion was held regarding the

request for additional money needed to bridge the gap. Mr. Lacefield stated that Jennifer Sethre has been appointed as the Interim Chief Operating Officer to help with the transition period between the City of Clinton and Rural Hospital Solutions, LLC.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lloyd and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva that line of credit be extended to the Clinton Hospital Authority dba Clinton Regional Hospital in the amount of \$1,050,000.00 with the first draw being \$300,000.

Mayor David Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (According to Audience participation Decorum Guidelines at Clinton City Council Public Meetings effective:2/14/2017)

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilmember Lloyd seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:51 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor