

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 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, October 21, 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 October 15, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. An amended agenda was filed the 20th day of October 2025 and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall, October 20, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong

COUNCIL: Stormie Bowen (Hill), Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva

COUNCIL ABSENT:

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Gena Trent, Sean Stephens, Shiann Dawson

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Landon Whitten, Tony Schapansky, Fred Stehr, Donnie Phipps, Shane McMaster, Katie Stewart, Carla Howe, David Howe, Elgin Sperle, Bonnie Sperle, Barbara Brinkley, Barbara Vowell, Rhonda Weil, Dwain Weil, Lee Miller, Bettye Challis, Ray Challis, Jennifer Bonham, Trever Bonham, Kathy Atchley, Bryan Atchley, Virgil Smith, Pat Smith, Allen Weil, Colby Challis, Billy Challis, Brett Russell, Marci Russell, Butch Hargus, Penny Hargus, Troy Calvert, Larry Snider, Pat Snider, Eddy Martin, Larry Thomason, Terry Whitaker, Cindy Whitaker, Deb Nance, Joan Russo, Dobe Russo, Lyle Miller, Rod Serfoss, Brent Hester, Gina Trent, Sean Stephens, Dan Tharp, Susanna Willaims, Luzella Williams, Riley Bryson, John Williams and others.

Troy Calvert opened the meeting with prayer and Bobby Stewart, American Legion Post No. 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from September 16, 2025, Regular Meeting and September 25, 2025, Special Meeting, and September 29, 2025, Special Meeting.
- B. Ratification of City Manager's Approval of the Contract Change Order No. 3 to the Sewer Improvements contract with Krapff Reynolds Construction Company.

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: Bowen, Dowdell, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

- A. Acceptance of Bid **from Selsor Construction** for the Repairs to the Fire Damaged Decorative Column in Front of the Clinton Public Library.

City Manager Johnston reported that a bid notice had been published in the September 27, 2025, Clinton Daily News with sealed bids opened on October 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. for the repairs to the Fire Damaged Decorative Column at the Library. Four sealed bids were received from Selsor Construction, Oakleaf Construction, MACO Construction, and Advanced Construction. Selsor Construction had the low bid \$34,275.00 and he recommends acceptance of this bid.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva the Acceptance of Bid **from Selsor Construction** for the Repairs to the Fire Damaged Decorative Column in Front of the Clinton Public Library in the amount of \$34,275.00.

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

Aye: Bowen, Dowdell, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

- B. Request For Executive Session As Authorized By The Oklahoma Open Meeting Act Section 307(B)4 For Confidential Communications Between A Public Body And Its Attorney Concerning A Pending Investigation, Claim, Or Action If The Public Body With The Advice Of Its Attorney, Determines That Disclosure Will Seriously Impair The Ability Of The Public Body To Process The Claim Or Conduct A Pending Investigation, Litigation, Or Proceeding In The Public Interest – “City v. RHS, et al, Custer Co, CJ -2025-105”.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to Request For Executive Session As Authorized By The *Oklahoma Open Meeting Act* Section 307(B)4 For Confidential Communications Between A Public Body And Its Attorney Concerning A Pending Investigation, Claim, Or Action If The Public Body With The Advice Of Its Attorney, Determines That Disclosure Will Seriously Impair The

Ability Of The Public Body To Process The Claim Or Conduct A Pending Investigation, Litigation, Or Proceeding In The Public Interest – “City v. RHS, et al, Custer Co, CJ -2025-105” and invite in City Attorney Meacham, City Manager Johnston, and via speaker phone Attorney Richard Mullins at 5:38 p.m..

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

Aye: Bowen, Dowdell, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. Reconvene from Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

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

Aye: Bowen, Dowdell, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

D. Any Action Any Action(s) Arising from the Executive Session.

Mayor Berrong gave a report of no action.

E. Transfer from the General Fund to the Clinton Hospital Authority \$125,000 for operating expenses.

City Manager Johnston reports that we received an email from Len Lacefield, CEO and confirmation from Chairman Baker, Clinton Hospital Authority that there is a strong possibility of supplemental funds being needed to meet payroll and other expenses.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the Transfer from the General Fund to the Clinton Hospital Authority \$125,000 for operating expenses.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Bowen, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

F. Agreement Between City of Clinton and International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 5016 FY 2025-2026 and FY 2026-2027

City Manager Johnston presented the proposed agreement between the City of Clinton and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 5016 FY 2025-2026 and FY 2026-2027. He reported that this is a 2 (two) year agreement with the second year of the agreement is subject to budgetary appropriation. It is a document that has been reviewed by both sides and already ratified by the union. It will be effective as of July 1, 2025, and therefore some back pay to the Firefighters will be issued.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the Agreement between the City of Clinton and International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 5016 FY 2025-2026 and FY 2026-2027.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Bowen, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.):

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (According to Audience participation Decorum Guidelines at Clinton City Council Public Meetings effective:2/14/2017)

Mr. Rod Serfoss presented to the Council regarding the M.T. and Helen Gholston Children's Park at Acme Brick Park. He presented maintenance items that need to be addressed.

Mayor Berron thanked Mr. Serfoss for his presentation.

Mrs. Marci Russell represented those citizens who live near and drive the "Old Route 66" Highway. She asked the City leaders to work with the other County and State officials to

find a way to get the road repaired.

Mayor Berrong thanked Mrs. Russell for her presentation and thanked the citizens for supporting Mrs. Russell.

Councilmember Dowdell addressed the audience and stated that he was in support of fixing the road when it is determined to be more clearly the City of Clinton's responsibility. He stated he had met with County and ODOT officials and that it has not been determined who owns the road. The city officials are still investigating this issue and have had meetings with ODOT and discussions with the county.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor