

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

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 3, 2026, 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 30, 2026, at 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong

COUNCIL: Erin Adams, 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: Gina Trent, Sean Stephens, Shiann Dawson

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Kent and Beth DeWees, Dan Tharp, Dillon Mach, Riley Bryson, Luis De La Torre, Brent Hester, Joe Cloninger, Jesse Belvin, Toby Anders, Brett and Marcy Russell, Sam Calvert, Shane Harrelson, Mark and Esther Switzer, Anita Fransen, Colin Wieder, DJ Woodall, and others.

Jesse Belvin, First Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer and Joe Cloninger, American Legion Post No. 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting,
- B. Consider Claims
- C. Acknowledgement of the Receipt of the Financial Statements dated December 31, 2025
- D. Acknowledge the Ordering of Two New Police Units from McKinsey Motor Company (Capital Improvement Fund Expenditure)

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: Adams, Dowdell, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 3. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ALLEGED DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE – 1121 LEE AVENUE, E 40’ OF LOT 2 AND W 35’ OF LOT 3 BLOCK 5, CLINTON HILLCRES SECOND ADDTION

Mayor Berrong called the Public Hearing to order at 5:36 P.M to address the alleged dilapidated structure – 1121 Lee Avenue, the East 40’ of lot 2 and W 35’ of lot 3 block 5, Clinton Hillcrest Second Addition. Code Enforcement Toby Anders presented power point presentation regarding the above stated property. He stated that a structure fire had occurred, and the property had not been maintained since that date. Notices were sent on January 6, 2026, January 20, 2026 and published in the *Clinton Daily News* on January 23, 2026. It was discovered that the owner is deceased; the daughter was contacted and given 10 days to respond. She had not responded as of the date of the meeting. There was not anyone present to speak about the property.

Mayor Berrong ended the Public Hearing and resumed the regular meeting at 5:38 p.m.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION(S) REGARDING:

A. Condemnation of Public Nuisance (Dilapidated Structure) at 1121 Lee Avenue, E 40’ of Lot 2 and W 35’ of Lot 3, Block 5, Clinton Hillcrest Second Addition

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the condemnation of the alleged dilapidated structure – **1121 Lee Avenue, E 40’ Of Lot 2 And W 35’ Of Lot 3 Block 5, Clinton Hillcrest Second Addition** and give the owner 30 days to respond to this condemnation notice.

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

Aye: Adams, Dowdell, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried

B. Payment Request No. 8 from Krapff Reynolds Construction Company Project No. S-2505 Invoice No. 26010 in the Amount of \$85,177.76 for Clinton Sewer Improvements Project Associated with ODOT Project Agreement #31842(04) I-40 Exit 65 Improvements

Public Works Director Gene McCullough presented the Payment Request No. 8 from Krapff Reynolds Construction Company Project No. S-2505 Invoice No. 26010.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve Payment Request No. 8 in the amount of \$85,177.76

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

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

Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. Change Order No. 7 Junction Box Krapff Reynolds

Public Works Director Gene McCullough explained Change Order No. 7 for the contract with Krapff Reynolds in the amount of \$64,920.00. This is to construct new junction boxes to re-route a storm sewer on the south side of Oliver Avenue around a new sanitary sewer manhole. ODOT has reviewed and approved this change order.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$64,920.00.

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

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

Mayor 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

City Manager Johnston commented regarding the City's response to the extraordinary snowfall early last week: the Public Works crews did excellent work in getting the streets cleared and the trash collected with minimized delays. He also noted that there will be another public hearing and agenda action item at the next meeting for an apparently dilapidated home. Johnston also recognized very recently retired Fire Chief Brett Russell after 27 years of faithful service to the City of Clinton. Councilman Dowdell and Mayor Berrong also commented favorably on Russell's service.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (According to Audience

participation Decorum Guidelines at Clinton City Council Public Meetings effective:2/14/2017)

None

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

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor