

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 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 17, 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 February 12, 2026, at 4:00 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,

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Dan Tharp, Riley Bryson, Luis De La Torre, Brent Hester, Don Miller, Troy and Christine Calvert, Toby Anders, Matt Coe, and others.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from February 3, 2026, Regular Meeting,

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 – 501 N 9TH, LOTS 27-28 BLOCK 3 (1/2 INT EA) CLINTON RED PLUME ADDITION, OWNERS RONALD J. HAYWOOD AND JESSICA LEANN MUSICK.

Mayor Berrong called the Public Hearing to order at 5:38 P.M to address the alleged dilapidated structure – 501 N 9th, Lots 27-28 Block 3 (1/2 Int EA) Clinton Red Plume, owners Ronald J. Haywood and Jessica Leann Musick.

Code Enforcement Officer Toby Anders narrated a power point presentation regarding the above stated property. Notices were sent on January 6, 2026, February 2, 2026, and published in the *Clinton Daily News* on February 3, 2026. The house is not secured and abandoned. There was not anyone present to speak about the property.

Mayor Berrong ended the Public Hearing and resumed the regular meeting at 5:43 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION(S) REGARDING:

A. Condemnation of Public Nuisance (Dilapidated Structure) at 501 N 9th, Lots 27-28 Block 3 (1/2 Int EA) Clinton Red Plume, owners Ronald J. Haywood

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the condemnation of the alleged dilapidated structure – 501 N 9th, Lots 27-28 Block 3 (1/2 Int EA) Clinton Red Plume Addition, owners Ronald J. Haywood and Jessica Leann Musick and give the owners 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. Resubmittal of Centennial Grant for Fire House

City Manager Robert Johnston reviewed the resolution and grant application documents which were approved on 9/25/25 for the "Way Finding – Signs of Renewal" and the "Firehouse 66" Projects. Although neither project was funded, because the Firehouse 66 project scored higher Andrew Stone and Johnston concur that the City would be best by applying for it only this cycle. Johnston requested that the Council approval the resubmittal of the Firehouse 66 project by 2/27/26 after some updating.

Discussion was held regarding the grant process.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the Resubmittal of Centennial Grant for Fire House.

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.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 commented regarding the work completed to date on the ODOT I-40/Exit 65 project. Utility relocation work on Oliver Avenue is expected to be completed soon which will be the final component of the City's utility relocation obligations.

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

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor