

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF CLINTON CITY COUNCIL, CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY, CLINTON HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, CLINTON SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, CLINTON RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY, CLINTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND CLINTON INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008

Minutes of a special meeting of the Mayor/ Chairman and Council/Trustees of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held at the Frisco Center on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, 6:00 P.M.. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Clinton City Hall on May 22, 2008.

Mayor/Chairman Lynn Norman called the meeting to order with the following present:

Trustee/ Council: Terry Wheeler, Bob Marcy, Allen Bryson

City Manager: Grayson Bottom

City Clerk: Lisa Anders

Others: Arnold Adams, Gene McCullough, D'Lese Travis, Vicki Ratke, David Crabtree, Brad Aneshansley, Debra Blanchard, Wade Anders, and Rhonda Williams.

2. REVIEW OF 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

City Treasurer Debra Blanchard said she would make the changes to the budget discussed at the previous meeting all at one time. She said the amount for the file server listed in the Capital Improvement Fund will be increased to \$10,000.00.

City Manager Grayson Bottom said he had been working on the payroll numbers. He said the budget includes an increase of \$242,000.00 which is approximately 5% increase. He said last year step increase implements for the Police and Fire Department were budgeted at a rate of \$175,000.00. He said to fully implement the step increment system city wide the addition would be \$242,000.00. He said the stated amount does not include the proposed 4% increase to exempt employees. Bottom said the Consumer Price Index for this year is 4.1%.

Mayor Norman asked about playing catch up with personnel other than Police and Fire in portions.

City Manager Bottom said while he has been here salary increases have never been above the CPI rate. He said while doing the salary review he found that the Solid Waste Drivers were grossly underpaid.

Councilman Marcy asked if there would be an advantage to not doing all the increases this year.

City Manager Bottom said there is no reason to not doing all the increases this year.

Councilman Marcy said the benefit package must be considered.

City Manager Bottom said the \$242,000 is spread among the General Fund and all the enterprise funds.

Mayor Lynn Norman said items to be considered for review are Acme Brick Park and the Northeast Quadrant waterline system. He asked which the waterline system is scheduled for the fourth quarter plans. He said he would like to see it moved up in the year.

City Manager Bottom said the time frame is based on grant approval for the project. He said the project is estimated at \$350,000 and the CDBG grant is \$200,000. He said the money would be spent in the fourth quarter.

Public Works Director Arnold Adams said the work would be done in the winter and would take approximately one year to complete.

City Manager Bottom said the City could apply for addition CDBG grants for streets.

Councilman Bryson questioned if Acme Brick Park II alternate fields are not completed and he understood that the golf course improvement need to be made, he said he thought the funding for Acme should remain on project at Acme Brick Park. He said the Golf Advisory Board has presented a plan and he agreed that it does need to be completed but unsure as to the manner.

City Manager Bottom said the number for the road including the dirt work to be done by the county is included in the budget.

Councilman Bryson reviewed that \$200,000 has been earmarked for the golf course and the estimated cost of the project is \$668,000 so \$468,000 would have to come from this budget. He was concerned since the course would be closed for nine months and the budgeted subsidy for the golf course is already \$90,000.00.

Councilman Bryson said the three main projects for this budget year are the northeast quadrant waterline, the Wal-Mart access road and Acme Brick Park Phase II and looking for \$468,000 did not seem like a conservative budget. He said if there is not enough funding for the completion of the alternate baseball field, he felt this would restrict the original plans if all the ball fields are not in a single location.

City Manager Bottom said baseball runs for 1 ½ months and softball runs from April to October and softball generates more revenue. He said the service road will have funding from a grant and the golf course funding and Acme Brick Park Phase II can be combined. He said there would be little change in completion numbers provided by the City Treasurer. He said the alternate field grading, irrigation and grass is already included. He said the Contingency Fund could be used in the General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund.

Mayor Norman said he was not comfortable not including the alternate fields. He said the bulk of funding is coming from taxpayers and the money should be spent on completing the alternate fields.

Councilman Bryson said if any money is left over he thought it should be used to re-do the exercise room or something on Acme Brick Phase I.

Mayor Norman said Trip Davis had explained why the improvements need to be done to the golf course now but he felt the public needs to be educated also.

City Manager Bottom said the last date to still be able to implement the improvements for this year would be in July and the entire course would not be closed; only the front nine holes would be closed until April of 2009.

City Treasurer Debra Blanchard said the transfer of funds to be made to the Recreational Construction Fund regardless of the project. Both projects, Acme Brick Park and golf course improvements would be funded from the same fund.

City Manager Grayson Bottom estimated that fencing for both alternate fields would run \$25,000 and lighting of one field would be \$150,000, electrical would be \$30,000 grandstands for both fields would be \$30,000 and scoreboard would be \$5,000 per field.

Councilman Terry Wheeler said he felt the golf course improvements need to be done now. He asked what the cost would be if the project were delayed.

Councilman Bryson said \$300,000 is committed. He suggested exploring ways to utilize the committed funds now during the meeting with Trip Davis next week.

City Manager Bottom said the program can be broken down but at a cost.

Councilman Mark Hendrickson joined the meeting.

City Manager Bottom said the city will be receiving a grant in October that will pay for three fishing docks at Acme.

Councilman Marcy said he would rather wait until the June 4th meeting with Tripp Davis before committing to which project for this budget year.

Councilman Hendrickson suggested waiting to see what the citizens want but have a plan in place.

Treasurer Debra Blanchard said Contingency would be increased to \$550,000 from \$200,000 and the decision on the project could be delayed until a later date.

Councilman Bryson said if the funds for the golf course improvements are increased to \$670,000 that this should take care of 7 of the 10 year commitment. He said this is like advancing funds to the golf course from future years. He said the golf course is an asset to the city and we are running the risk of damage.

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City Manager Grayson Bottom said all of these projects can be done with a stand still budget.

Councilman Hendrickson said all salaries with the exception of the City Manager are included and approved in the budget as presented.

Motion was made by Councilman Hendrickson and seconded by Councilman Marcy to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.