

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 18, 2009**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 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 August 14, 2009.

Mayor Allen Bryson called the meeting to order with the following present;

MAYOR: Allen Bryson

COUNCIL: Mark Hendrickson, Bob Marcy, Terry Wheeler

ABSENT: John Jordan

CITY MANAGER: Grayson Bottom

CITY CLERK: Lisa Anders

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Rhonda Williams

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

NEWS MEDIA: Gerald Green and Mike Smith

OTHERS: Arnold Adams, David Crabtree, Charles Fry, Mary Helen Jones, Steve Jones and others.

Councilman Mark Hendrickson opened the meeting with prayer and Councilman Bob Marcy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 4, 2009

Moved by Councilman Wheeler and seconded Councilman Hendrickson, that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 (a) be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Wheeler, Hendrickson, Marcy, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS

4A. CONSIDER REQUEST OF JAMES THOMPSON FOR LUMP SUM PAYMENT FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS FROM OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

City Manager Grayson Bottom explained that the City Council serves as the Retirement Committee for the City of Clinton with the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund. He said that when an employee elects to have their benefits paid to them in a lump sum that request must come before the Retirement Committee. He reported that James Thompson is a vested employee who has chosen early retirement and has elected to receive his benefit as a lump sum payment. Bottom said that staff has contacted OMRF to consult their recommendation on the request. Jodi Cox, OMRF representative, recommended approving the request.

Motion was made by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Hendrickson to approve the request of James Thompson for Lump Sum payment for retirement benefits from the Oklahoma

Municipal Retirement Fund.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Wheeler, Hendrickson, Marcy, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4B. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO GO TO BID FOR TWO POLICE UNITS INCLUDING EQUIPMENT

City Manager Grayson Bottom explained the budget included the purchase of two police units with the rotation out of two existing units. He said the City has the option of purchasing the vehicles from the state contract.

Councilman Marcy asked who is notified when we advertise for bids.

City Manager Bottom said the bid notice is published in the newspaper and staff reviews the state contract price.

Councilman Wheeler asked what opinion the Police Department has regarding the Chargers purchased last year.

Police Chief Crabtree said the Charger has a better gas mileage, the maintenance cost to this point has been zero and the Dodge out performs the other vehicles. He said basically there are two providers for law enforcement vehicles and that is Ford and Dodge.

Councilman Wheeler asked what vehicles would be rotated.

Chief Crabtree said one vehicle has 100,000 miles and the other has 70,000 but they have had continued problems with it.

Motion was made by Councilman Hendrickson and seconded by Councilman Marcy to authorize going to bid for two Police units including equipment.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hendrickson, Marcy, Wheeler, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4C. CONSIDER EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

City Manager Grayson Bottom said for the past two years \$20,000 has been budgeted for the purchase of Christmas decorations. Previously ground and building decorations have been purchased for the various city facilities. This year the recommendation was presented to purchase wreaths for the decorative street lights on Frisco. He said it is anticipated that 16 more poles will be installed along Frisco so the wreaths will be for the addition. The recommendation also included purchasing garland for the south end and back of the Frisco Center.

City Manager Bottom explained that the Candy Cane Factory decoration had previously been placed at the Frisco Center but is planned to be located at McLain Rogers Park. Bottom said there has

been discussion of a Christmas carnival and it was thought this would be a good start to the decorations. Along with the Candy Cane Factory decorations, it was recommended to purchase a train and horse carriage for placement at McLain Rogers Park.

City Manager Bottom said this would split the decoration funding among three different locations.

Steve Jones asked about decorations along Highway 183 and said the electrical on the new poles would have to be changed if decorations were planned for that location.

Motion was made by Councilman Marcy and seconded by Councilman Hendrickson to approve the purchase of Christmas Decorations.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Marcy, Hendrickson, Wheeler, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4D. REVIEW AND DISCUSS SIGN ORDINANCE

City Manager Grayson Bottom said that a draft sign ordinance had been presented to Council some time back. He said comments received on the draft were regarding the notification period being changed from 10 days to 30 days and the question was discussed if the adoption of the ordinance would be to replace or add to the existing ordinance. Bottom said he would prefer the new ordinance to replace the existing ordinance.

Councilman Marcy asked if there has been a problem with the existing ordinance.

City Manager Bottom said there is a problem with hand-painted signs in city limits. He said the number has been reduced but that non-professional signs deteriorate faster. He felt that the new ordinance would help to improve the presentation of the City.

Councilman Hendrickson said some of the existing signs look like clutter and he was concerned about the electronic signs. He felt it is a safety issue regarding the time frame of the changing of the message. He explained that the clutter issue could be addressed through limitation of size, height of sign and the placement of signs.

Councilman Marcy asked who would enforce the ordinance.

City Manager Grayson Bottom said the enforcement would be the responsibility of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mayor Bryson said the ordinance would be placed on the September 15th agenda for consideration.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Grayson Bottom reported that grass is spreading at the Golf Course and Acme Brick Park. He said the goals have been delivered, fields are laid off and goals will be placed for the soccer season. He said the back field will not be ready for this season but that 16 soccer fields are at Acme Brick Park.

City Manager Grayson Bottom reported that Phase I of the Golf Course is complete. He said Tripp David would return next week to determine the opening date for the golf course. He said it

would be a joint decision regarding establishing the date.

Bottom reported that the fountain at the golf course is working and that Cart Path #10 is in place. He said the bathrooms on the course have been remodeled.

Public Works Director Arnold Adams said work has begun on the problem areas at the ball fields at Acme Brick Park.

Councilman Marcy said he had received comments regarding handicapped parking particularly at Homeland.

City Manager Bottom said the city does not have jurisdiction on private property so the citizens would need to notify Homeland of the situation. He said the public parking is patrolled by the City and handicapped parking requirements are enforced.

Councilman Marcy said that he has been pleased with the operation of the public pool this summer and the fact that it will remain open through Labor Day.

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Wheeler and seconded Councilman Marcy, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Wheeler, Marcy, Hendrickson, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.