

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 2011**

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, April 5, 2011 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 March 31, 2011.

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

MAYOR: Allen Bryson

COUNCIL: Steve Jones, Don Rodolph, Bob Marcy, Phyllis Smith

CITY MANAGER: Steve Hewitt

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, Mary Helen Jones, Rusty Whisenhunt, David Crabtree, Alan Burgtorf, Charles & Sherry Touchstone, Mike Smith, Cheryl Lowry, John & Sherry Boyles and others.

Dave Gerbrandt of the First Mennonite Church opened the meeting with prayer and Councilwoman Phyllis Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 15, 2011
- B. Consider Claims

Moved by Councilman Marcy and seconded by Councilman Jones, that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 (a-b) be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Marcy, Jones, Smith, Rodolph, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS

4A. CONSIDER BIDS ON TWO POLICE UNITS

City Manager Steve Hewitt explained that staff had advertised for the purchase of two police units but no bids were received. He said staff would be contacting the dealerships regarding availability of units.

4B. CONSIDER REQUEST TO APPLY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE GRANT WITH OKLAHOMA ARTS COUNCIL

City Manager Steve Hewitt explained that the Local Government Challenge Grant is a matching grant of \$5,000 that funds that Art in the Park. He explained it would be included in the 2011-2012 budget.

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Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the request to apply for the Local Government Challenge Grant with the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Smith, Jones, Marcy, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4C. CONSIDER ARMORY BUILDING INSURANCE REPLACEMENT PLAN WITH OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL ASSURANCE GROUP

City Manager Steve Hewitt explained that Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group is the insurance company for the City's property insurance. They have insured the Armory Building for Functional Replacement Cost that is based on the use of the building and our need for replacement pending damage or destruction. He said the cost to the City to insure the facility is more affordable.

Motion was made by Councilman Marcy and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the Armory Building insurance replacement plan with Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Marcy, Smith, Rodolph, Jones, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4D. CONSIDER EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PRELIMINARY PLATT FOR 13TH AND AVANT STREET PARK HOUSING PROJECT

City Manager Steve Hewitt explained that he had been approached by a developer to use the park at 13th and Avant as a potential housing tract. He said there is a genuine concern regarding housing in Clinton and he asked for feedback regarding this project. He said he did not want to rush into anything but wanted to create discussion for looking for affordable housing.

Councilman Rodolph said he thought the City Manager had some good ideas but he would like for this to be something that could be discussed at the upcoming Ward Two meeting scheduled for next Tuesday. He said he wanted to hear from the people living in the area.

Mayor Bryson noted that this project in no way affects other potential housing projects.

4E. CONSIDER SALES TAX/USE TAX AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION BY OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION

City Manager Steve Hewitt explained that the City of Clinton has agreements with the Oklahoma Tax Commission regarding collection of sales tax and use tax. He noted that the tax rates have changed due to the fourth cent sales tax expiring.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Marcy to approve the Sales Tax/ Use Tax Agreements for administration by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Marcy, Smith, Jones, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4F. CONSIDER PROCLAMATION DECLARING WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD ON APRIL 10-16, 2011

Mayor Bryson explained that the proclamation for Week of the Young Child would benefit several groups that work with children.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the Mayor signing the proclamation regarding declaring April 10-16, 2011 as the Week of the Young Child.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Smith, Jones, Rodolph, Marcy, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. HOPE Project update

City Manager Steve Hewitt reported that originally the HOPE Project consisted of a \$500,000 grant, \$75,000 from the owner and the City committed \$25,000.00. Hewitt said that several unknowns still exist in the project but currently \$8,751 needs to be transferred to cover final obligations. He recommended committing up to \$15,000 to cover current needs and any additional expenses incurred during the next few months. He said he is working on plans for the management of the rental program.

6. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Smith addressed the Council on the behalf of Charles and Sherry Touchstone who own Sherry's New and Nearly New Store. He explained that the license for Second Hand dealers/Pawn Brokers are renewed by April 30th but this year a letter accompanied the notice regarding a requirement for bonding. He said this business would not be able to meet the requirements as established in the City Code.

Mayor Allen Bryson instructed Mr. Smith to visit the City Manager Steve Hewitt to review the section of the Code Book and look into a resolution.

City Manager Hewitt said he was sure that an agreement could be worked out. He understood that there are grey areas in the City Code. He said staff was following the City Code but realizes that the code needs to be adjusted to fit our community.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Marcy to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Marcy, Jones, Smith, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.