

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING, AUGUST 2, 2011

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Public Works Authority of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, August 2, 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 July 29, 2011.

Chairman Bryson called the meeting to order with the following present:

CHAIRMAN: Allen Bryson

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

CITY MANAGER: Steve Hewitt

CITY CLERK: Lisa Anders

CITY TREASURER: Absent

DEPUTY CLERK: Rhonda Williams

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

NEWS MEDIA: Gerald Green and Jarod Atha

OTHERS: David Crabtree, Jason Hulin, Shane Smith, K.D. Kappel, L. R. Sights, Lydia Garvey, Rusty Whisenhunt and others.

Roland Youngburg of the First United Methodist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Trustee Phyllis Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2011
- B. Consider Claims

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

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Marcy, Jones, Smith, Rodolph, Bryson

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. ACTION ITEMS

4A. CONSIDER BIDS FOR U.S. HIGHWAY 183 WATERLINE RELOCATION PROJECT

Staff had advertised for bids for the relocation of waterlines along U.S. Highway 183 south of Clinton. Three bids were received along with the Engineer's Estimate.

Engineer's Estimate	Evans & Assoc	M & S Construction	Matthews Trenching Co.
\$172,000.00	Okla. City, OK	Haskell, OK	Okla. City, OK
	\$177,835.00	\$100,000.00	\$171,855.00

Motion was made by Trustee Rodolph and seconded by Trustee Marcy to refer the bids to staff and the engineer for review and to award to the best and lowest bidder.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Marcy, Smith, Jones, Bryson

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

4B. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 935 REGARDING WATER CONSERVATION

City Manager Steve Hewitt explained the concern of the drought. He said that 750,000 more gallons of water than average is being consumed in Clinton. He said it is time to look at a reduction process. He said restrictions need to be put in place such as the restriction of landscape irrigating. He reported that upon the implementing of the Voluntary Restriction program, the usage increased. He said that Lake Clinton is down 12 feet and as it becomes more shallow the cost of chemicals increases.

Trustee Rodolph said Clinton is fortunate to have Foss Lake but he felt we should look at the water rate structure. He suggested increasing the rates to the users of 14,000 gallons or more. He said it cannot be expected to collect less revenue than the City is paying out.

Chairman Bryson said that rates have been established with the annual Consumer Price Index adjustment. He said the City has been able to build a reserve with the rate structure of 2/3 water from Lake Clinton and 1/3 from Foss Reservoir. He said the decision needs to be made as to when it is necessary to make changes.

Trustee Jones said the Public Service Company has rates for peak times. He said this could help with conservation.

Trustee Rodolph said he does not want these changes to affect the current base rates.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said the average home uses 10,000 gallons per month. He said 70% of the community uses less than 14,000 gallons per month. He said 8% of the community uses between 25,000 and 80,000 gallons per month.

Trustee Rodolph suggested cutting back on Lake Clinton water in case the drought continues.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said this would create a financial hardship to pull back on Lake Clinton water.

L.R. Sights said he has a substantial investment in the landscaping at his home and he would rather pay more for water and would be willing to pay the extra cost to have the water. He said without a restriction in place, people will feel like watering is allowable.

Chairman Bryson suggested preparing a rate proposal and leave the Voluntary restriction program in place.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said he would like to assemble a team to review the needed cost increases before setting a dollar amount.

Trustee Jones asked how frequently the City receives reading from Foss Reservoir.

Public Works Director Arnold Adams said information is provided daily from Foss.

Assistant City Attorney Ryan Meacham said the ordinance that has been presented is designed to be on the City Code only. He explained that for the policy to be activated it would take Authority action of approval of a resolution. He said the ordinance could be adopted and the resolution not approved until a later date.

Trustee Jones suggested adopting the ordinance and see what the public reaction is to the ordinance.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said if the usage of the extra gallon continues, the City will have water quantity issues later and he said that is the concern of the staff.

Chairman Bryson asked about the shutting down of Lake Clinton.

Public Works Director Arnold Adams said Lake Clinton cannot be shut down. He said there are customers all along that line into town.

Rusty Whisenhunt of Severn Trent explained the ability of the waterline into town.

Chairman Bryson requested staff prepare suggested rates to adjust for a temporary basis for customers using 14,000 gallons or more per month.

City Manager Steve Hewitt pointed out a couple of items in the ordinance that should be amended. In Section 3, the removal of the word "residential" from a and b and eliminate item c. In Section 2, items e and f should be removed as well.

City Manager Steve Hewitt noted that watering at Acme Brick Park and the golf course is done from water wells.

Lydia Garvey addressed the Public Works Authority. She said she is concerned about frivolous watering of lawns like at the banks that have sprinkler systems that waste water on the streets.

Chairman Bryson said the City needs a 30 year plan for water.

Trustee Marcy asked if Foss Reservoir can provide unlimited water.

City Manager Hewitt said there is an agreement between the City of Clinton and Foss Reservoir regarding the supply of water.

Public Works Director Arnold Adams said that currently the City is taking 2 million gallons of water per day from Foss and they have the ability to provide 4 million gallons per day. He said that Foss Reservoir down three feet.

Motion was made by Trustee Rodolph and seconded by Trustee Jones to adopt Ordinance No. 935 regarding Water Conservation as amended.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Jones, Smith, Marcy, Bryson

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

4C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. PW11-01 REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER RESTRICTIONS

Trustee Rodolph recommended tabling the resolution.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said he would bring back a recommendation regard rates and cost of water to the Authority.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Steve Hewitt said he appreciated the conversation regarding water conservation. He said this could be a long term issue and he wanted the City to be pro-active.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Marcy and seconded by Trustee Smith that the meeting adjourn.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Marcy, Smith, Jones, Rodolph, Bryson

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.