

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING CLINTON CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held at Clinton City Hall on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on December 15, 2011.

Vice-Mayor Bob Marcy called the meeting to order with the following present;

MAYOR: Absent

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

CITY MANAGER: Steve Hewitt

CLERK: Lisa Anders

TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

NEWS MEDIA: Jarod Atha and Gerald Green

OTHERS: Jason Hulin, David Crabtree, Julie Menge, Pat Smith, Curtis Maloy, Brian Aneshansley and others.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: PROJECT PRESENTATION BY ROUTE 66 MUSEUM REGARDING CITY FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT

City Manager Steve Hewitt introduced Route 66 Museum spokesperson Brian Aneshansley.

Brian Aneshansley explained that a renovation of the exhibit gallery of the Route 66 Museum is being planned. He said the Clinton museum is the only self-funded museum in the state. He said the plans are to keep the same footprint of the building and incorporate more storage. He said the museum has been an icon for the past fifteen years and the plan is to renovate and make the facility an icon for the next fifteen years. He reported the estimated cost for the project at \$380,000.00. Collections of \$280,000 to \$290,000 have been obtained through grant funds and funding from Friends of the Museum. He said support from the City is being sought.

Vice-Mayor Bob Marcy asked about the schedule start date for the project.

Aneshansley reported that effective January 4, 2012 the museum will be closed and exhibits will be pulled out. He said the interior will be painted, new lighting installed, and the renovation completed with the opening date set for April 10, 2012. He said upon the opening of the museum, an admission increase of \$1.00 per person will be implemented. He said the fundraiser for the project was started two weeks ago.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said the Museum is asking for pledges. He said there could be a discussion of ways for the City to become involved. He mentioned the City helping front the cost and look at \$5,000 to work through Economic Development. He said as pledge funds are paid, the City could be paid back.

Councilman Rodolph said that visitors to the museum generate sales tax. He said that original donors to the museum should be contacted regarding additional donations.

Brian Aneshansley said the list of original donors has been split between board members and will be contacted. He said new industries will also be contacted.

City Manager Steve Hewitt suggested placing this item on the January City Council meeting to discuss the usage of Economic Development funds to get back pledges.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Jones for the City Manager to prepare an agreement with the City Attorney for criteria of support and contribution to the Route 66 Museum renovation project.

Vice-Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Jones, Smith, Marcy

Nay: None

Vice-Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Jones to adjourn the meeting.

Vice-Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Smith, Jones, Rodolph, Marcy

Nay: None

Vice-Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.