

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 3, 2012**

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 3, 2012 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 30, 2011.

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

MAYOR: Allen Bryson

COUNCIL: Don Rodolph, Bob Marcy, Jason Hulin

ABSENT: 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 Jarod Atha

OTHERS: Arnold Adams, Jeremy Brush, David Crabtree, L.R. Sights, Julie Menge, Patch McComas, Nancy Smith, Matt Jett, Jenny Newlik, Brian & Landon Aneshansley, Twila Brown, Kent Powell, Jimmy Johnson, Gene McCullough, Debbie & Nicole Bryson, Jeff Weiford, and others.

Jarod Atha opened the meeting with prayer and Councilman Bob Marcy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 20, 2012
- B. Consider Claims

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Marcy, Rodolph, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS

4A. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 831A REGARDING REPEALING OF ALL EXEMPTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH LODGING TAX COLLECTIONS

City Manager Steve Hewitt said that he had received a request from City Treasurer Debra Blanchard to repeal all exemptions for Lodging Tax. He said other communities have already taken this step of eliminating exemptions.

City Treasurer Debra Blanchard explained the process of exemptions for lodging tax. She reported that there are eleven hotel/motels in Clinton. She said seven have been claiming exemptions. She said that over the past twelve months, \$76,000.00 has been waived as lodging tax. She said a few of the hotel/motels do not understand the exemption process and the City has been working with them. She said they have also been exempting state, city and county taxes. She explained that with the approval of the ordinance the rate would be based on room rate with no exemptions.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said that the \$76,000 could have been included in the budget for the Frisco Center had it not been waived. He said this could help with the need for funding technology needs at the Frisco Center.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Marcy to approve Ordinance No. 831A repealing all exemptions associated with Lodging Tax Collections effective May 1, 2012 with the emergency clause.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Marcy, Hulin, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Steve Hewitt introduced Jeff Weiford of GLMV Architecture to give an update on the progress of the Fire and Police Station projects.

Mr. Weiford reported that the Notice to Proceed had been issued to Colony Construction for the rehab of the Police Station. He said the contract calls allows for 200 days of construction with the project set to be completed by November 19, 2012. He said the project would be in four phases to allow the daily operations of the police station during construction. He said the first progress meeting is scheduled for the first week in May. He also reported that a review of the 90% completed Fire Station plans were reviewed today. He said after the plans are finalized, bids would be ready in forty-five days.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said the final pieces of property should be completed in the next week and demolition of the structures would be scheduled at that time.

Mr. Weiford said if the Fire Station is bid in mid-May and construction time would be approximately one year, he estimated completion in July 2013.

AGENDA ITEM. 7 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Bryson introduced Boy Scout Landon Aneshansley. Landon is working on obtaining Boy Scout badges and had been unable to attend the meeting previously with the troop.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Marcy, Rodolph, Bryson

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.