

**MINUTES OF RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Recreational Authority City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 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 February 13, 2014.

Chairman Seth Adams called the meeting to order with the following present;

MAYOR: Seth Adams

COUNCIL: Don Rodolph, Wheeler Lowry, Mustafa Sami, Jason Hulin

CITY MANAGER: Steve Hewitt

CITY CLERK: Lisa Anders

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

NEWS MEDIA: Gerald Green

OTHERS: Kris Wermey, Gene McCullough, Stephen Jones, Curtis Maloy, Randy Carpenter, Conan Wilson, David Crabtree, Julie Menge, Narci Smith, Mary Helen Jones, Clyde Morgan, Jeremy Brush, Toby Anders, Rod Serfoss, Cindy Box, Kent Miller, Kelly Somner, Annette Reed, Cheryl McCullers, Tina Challis, Debbie Tupper, Russ Meacham, Bret Matlock, Donald Webb, Connie Cummins, Angie Weil, Donna Burton, Toni Nickel and others.

Fire Chief Randy Carpenter opened the meeting with prayer and Trustee Lowry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 4, 2014

Moved by Trustee Hulin and seconded Trustee Lowry, that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 (a) be approved.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Lowry, Sami, Rodolph, Adams

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS

4A. CONSIDER RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR GOLF COURSE

City Manager Steve Hewitt reported that the Golf Advisory Board had met to review staff's recommendation regarding a rate adjustment for the golf course. He said they discussed the subsidy made to the golf course by the city and the Golf Advisory Board voted unanimously to support the recommendation for a modest increase.

Trustee Hulin said he appreciated the Board doing due diligence but he did not understand the direction of the golf course. He said that play has reduced over the past seven to eight years and he realized for one to two of those years there were infrastructure improvements being made. He suggested looking at keeping the rates at the current level or reduced and focus on increasing the rounds of golf played. He noted that there are currently 207 golf memberships

issued.

Trustee Hulin compared that corporate membership of \$630.00 per person to a Single membership. He suggested finding ways to generate more play so as to reduce the subsidy to the golf course.

Chairman Adams suggested comparing the surrounding golf courses to Riverside Golf Course. He said that Clinton charges less than others and yet has a better course. He said the rate of the increase would not affect membership.

Trustee Hulin said the numbers verify that rounds played since 2003/2004 has reduced and the population has not reduced. He said he does not like subsidizing the golf course and recommended looking at a rate reduction and an increase in the membership numbers.

City Manager Hewitt said the last rate increase was in 2010 after the new front nine was completed. He asked how much subsidy the Authority is willing to provide.

Chairman Adams asked if Acme Brick Park is subsidized.

Trustee Rodolph said he is reluctant to increase rates and felt that the golf course should be promoted and offer specials and cut rates which should increase the number of rounds.

Trustee Hulin said he would like to reduce rates to just see if the reduction would bring people in from the surrounding areas.

Trustee Sami said that due to the economy nationwide, the rounds of golf played has reduced and he asked what benefit the \$10,000.00 the increase would generate would provide.

City Manager Hewitt said it would be used to offset the increase in operating cost for fuel and chemicals. He said the Golf Board discussed small increases to cover the CPI each year would be easier to accept rather than larger increases periodically. He said that last year special offers were implemented and it has generated additional play and those offers are still in place.

Trustee Hulin said that an increase would not increase play and he would prefer the course be family friendly and more assessable to median income families.

Motion was made by Trustee Hulin and seconded by Trustee Rodolph to leave the rates at the current rate and look at a reduction at some point.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Rodolph, Lowry, Sami

Nay: Adams

Chairman declared the motion carried.

Golf Advisory Board member Brett Matlock asked if the rates are left alone, what promotes golf.

Trustee Hulin said to continue with increases will continue to see a reduction in golfers.

Matlock said the recommendation was to keep the junior golf membership at the same rate.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 TRUSTEES REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Steve Hewitt reported that Brent Almquest of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation informed him of a bridge that could become available to replace the suspended bridge at the golf course. He said he would continue to explore the details with ODOT.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Hulin and seconded by Trustee Rodolph to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Rodolph, Sami, Lowry, Adams

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.