

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 3, 2014**

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, June 3, 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 Friday, May 30, 2014.

Mayor Seth Adams called the meeting to order with the following present:

**MAYOR:** Seth Adams

**COUNCIL:** Don Rodolph, Jason Hulin, Mustafa Sami

**ABSENT:** Wheeler Lowry

**CITY CLERK:** Lisa Anders

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ryan Meacham

**NEWS MEDIA:** Gerald Green

**OTHERS:** Randy Carpenter, Kris Wermey, Conan Wilson, Julie Menge, Jeremy Brush, Donald Webb, Shona Stermer, Danny George, Gene McCullough, Cheryl Lowry, Mary Helen Jones, Dave Thorpe, Rod Serfoss, Mr. & Mrs. L.R. Sights, Billy Challis, Robert Johnston, David Berrong and others.

Fire Chief Randy Carpenter opened the meeting with prayer and Councilman Sami led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 20, 2014; Public Hearing of May 6, 2014; and Special meeting of May 27, 2014
- B. Consider Claims

Motion was made by Councilman Hulin and second by Councilman Sami that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 (a-b) be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Sami, Rodolph, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS**

**4A. CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM RETAIL STRATEGIES**

City Manager Steve Hewitt introduced Matthew Petro of Retail Strategies. Mr. Petro presented a powerpoint presentation. He explained that recruiting retail and collecting sales tax is important. Retail Strategies was described as two companies combined into one. He explained the Decision Data and Retail Specialist. The process was described as using in-market analysis and data bases to prepare a strategic plan. He said the purpose is to increase the quality of life and sales tax collections.

Petro said normally a three year contract is prepared. Areas of concentration were: Develop and execute a plan for I-40 exits; Identify areas for Development and Redevelopment; Increase quality of life – Entertainment Recruitment and Advise on City incentive request.

Petro said that currently his company is working in Woodward, Dell City and Edmond. He said that the most success normally comes in year two. He said Retail Strategies wants to partner with the City and not just sell something.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said he wanted to know the thought of the Council and he needed feedback from the Council.

Councilman Hulin said currently Clinton is in a time of transition and he recommended waiting until a new City Manager has been appointed and working with the Chamber of Commerce to figure out how to move forward. He said he researched Retail Strategies and found that they do business with Chambers of Commerce.

Petro said he currently works with seven different cities and other associates do work with Chamber of Commerce also.

Mayor Adams said he thought it would be good to emulate successful cities and this should be considered.

Councilman Sami said he was familiar with another company that provides the same service and commented that they did what would take five employees to do and commented that cities to not have the contacts necessary.

Councilman Rodolph said he likes the concept but felt like the selection process for hiring a City Manager should be completed. He said that once the manager has been hired, the City would be in touch.

**4B. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT, HIRING, APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, RESIGNATION OR DESIGNATION OF DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER INCLUDING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY 25 O.S. ss307B(1)**

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Sami to enter into Executive Session and include City Attorney Ryan Meacham and City Clerk Lisa Anders.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Sami, Hulin, Adams  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting in Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Hulin to enter into regular session.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Hulin, Sami, Adams  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting in regular session at 6:25 p.m.

No action was taken.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 5.COUNCIL REPORT**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Steve Hewitt thanked the staff and City Council as this would be his last Council meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 : AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Cheryl Lowry asked about the removal of cedar trees at the cemetery that are causing traffic issues and suggested that the water restriction hours be adjusted to allow more day light time for hand watering.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Sami, Hulin, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.