

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

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, October 18, 2016 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, October 13, 2016.

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

MAYOR: Seth Adams

COUNCIL: Don Rodolph, Jason Hulin, Chuy Rosales, Lucas Martinez

CITY MANAGER: Mark Skiles

CITY CLERK: Absent

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

DEPUTY CLERK: Shona Stermer

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

NEWS MEDIA: Gerald Green and Mike Smith

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Kris Wermey, David Crabtree, David Berrong, Lonnie Teel, Julie Burden, Forrest Valentine, Bobby Stewart, Joe Jefferson, Cheryl Lowry, Michelle Folsom, Joe Hatcher, and others.

Joe Jefferson of the True Gospel Tabernacle opened the meeting with prayer and Trustee Lucas Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 4, 2016

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Martinez, Rosales, Rodolph, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS

4A. CONSIDER PROCLAMATION REGARDING HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Motion was made by Councilman Hulin and seconded by Councilman Martinez to approve the proclamation stating that Halloween Trick or Treat would be on October 31, 2016.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Martinez, Rodolph, Rosales, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

4B. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #2 WITH LONEHICKORY CATTLE, LLC REGARDING THE GOLF COURSE RAW WATERLINE.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Martinez to approve change order #2 with Lonehickory Cattle, LLC for the golf course raw waterline.

Mayor put the motion to roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Martinez, Hulin, Rosales, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Councilman Rodolph asked that the Building Inspector to go into apartments on 23th Street to inspector. Manager Skiles stated that he would check on the legality of a possible inspection.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Lonnie Teel gave an update on the golf course waterline.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 : AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Joe Hatcher read a letter that he wrote and asked that it be included in the minutes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Martinez, Rosales, Rodolph, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Mayor, I thank you for the courtesy to speak before this present council, and ask that I may read my statement. Since my stroke I cook on all few burners most days, then others on one.

Several years ago I sat on the horseshoe and can recall very few times that a citizen came before you to publically extend a greatfull thank you to and for the employees of the city.

For you that do not know me, I was bred, born and raised in this community and am thankful for that. Not only do I have emotional ties to the city but an investment of several million dollars in the residential investment that I and my family have made over the years to make this a thriving community.

My interest these some years since have not weakened but given me cause to offer my help in the investment of this city. Namily , tonight, the acknowledgement of city employees. They are on the for front of daily involvement with the average citizen as well as the future investment of this city.

First and for most to the water, street, waste management and city firemen, that went above and beyond their duties for me to save one of Clintons historic homes. Without them it would have been impossible to save the grand old home and add hundreds of thousands of dollars to the city tax revenue. It would have been destroyed within a few years because of neglect. Bobbie in particular led the crews in assisting me. To be pollitically incorrect it does take a village to make a home and in particular the great employees to make this a city

Secondly to the police department in assisting help keep the property safe as I was traveling between, Washington DC, Oklahoma City and Clinton during the renovation. When I was here and could not sleep from the days frustrations, I would notice the police cars patrolling the property several times through the nights. I also had an incident with one of the workers and the police handled the problem with the upmost professional discretion. In the horrible news we hear of today, they deserve the support and grateful thank you from the citizens of this community as well as the strong back up and support from this council.

Thirdly, I want to thank the assistance of all the employees in trying to help me safely return an imported white golden retriever. He was apparently stolen and people still ask me if I have found him. This is the great personal response of the animal shelter people and all of the city crews. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart to all.

Which brings me to three grave concerns.

1. The large number of vacated and boarded homes in the city. They house vagrant people and are used as distribution places for the huge drug problem this and other cities have. It is a necessity that the city council move much more quickly to remove these blighted homes and drug centers. This has been overlooked far too long. I ask the new council and mayor to expedite the removal of these problems.
2. The removal in the number of these known drug houses should be stepped up to slow down this vicious problem. It is time for the citizens and city officials to unstick their heads from the sands of denial and find out how to help the chief of police as citizens, council and future mayor to assist in the prescribed lawful removal of these seriously affected areas. Namely with in a block of the high school. The chief of police cannot do this without the strong help and support of this city.
3. I am asking the new mayor and council to establish a highway 183 and US 140 commercial investment board to assist the chamber of commerce in bringing some proactive resources to bring new and expanded business and tax payers to this city. I CAN UNDERSTAND THE RELUCTANCE OF SOME BUSINESS TO PREVENT THIS INVESTMENT. You as elected individuals, once elected are charged in the betterment of the entire city, not just your respective areas or beholden to some individuals. I can see the probability of vastly expanded block grants to states and to cities to improve the infrastructures of this great and good country. We and you as leaders of this community need to be planning for these great opportunities, not simply waiting for this to happen. The mayor and council need to be very proactive in this endeavor.

I thank the mayor for this courtesy to speak before this session and look forward to helping make this community the HUB CITY OF WESTERN OKLAHOMA, and ask that my remarks be made a part of the transcript of this meeting.