

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 3, 2017**

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, January 3, 2017 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 Thursday, December 29, 2016.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order with the following present:

**MAYOR:** David Berrong

**COUNCIL:** Don Rodolph, Jason Hulin, Chuy Rosales, Bobby Stewart

**CITY MANAGER:** Absent

**CITY CLERK:** Lisa Anders

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ryan Meacham

**NEWS MEDIA:** Gerald Green

**OTHERS:** Gene McCullough, David Crabtree, Lonnie Teel, Wade Anders, Donald Webb, Toby Anders, Conan Wilson, Evan Fields, Melody Townsend, Michael Ryburn and others.

Chris Fields of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Trustee Chuy Rosales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 20, 2016
- B. Minutes of Public Hearing of December 20, 2016
- C. Consider Claims

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rosales, Hulin, Stewart, Rodolph, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS**

**4A. CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF 304 HAYES, OWNER: FELIESHA HILL**

Building Inspector Toby Anders explained that 304 Hayes had a fire in 2011. He said in the past 6-8 months he had received more calls regarding illegal activity occurring at the property. A Nuisance Abatement hearing was held on August 24, 2016 but the owner did not respond to the notice.

Kenneth Carter said he had recently purchased the property from Feliesha Hill and he would need time to fix it up. He felt like six months would give him enough time.

Councilman Stewart said most of the windows and doors are boarded up which shows some attempt to keep people out. He suggested giving the new owner 30 days to show effort and confirmation of ownership of the property

Motion was made by Councilman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Rodolph to bring this item back to the Council on the February 7<sup>th</sup> agenda to allow the new owner time to make repairs.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Stewart, Rodolph, Hulin, Rosales, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4B. CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF 107 E LOCUST, OWNER: NEW LIFE TEMPLE OF CHRIST**

Building Inspector Toby Anders said that a title search had been performed on the address of 107 E. Locust. He said the property is owned by a non-profit and the City has been mowing the property for a number of years. He reported that a window is out and the roof has a hole in it. Anders recommended condemning the property.

Patricia Roque said the property had been left to her at the passing of Jeanette Murphy but she had no proof of that. She said the window will be boarded up and her plans had been to restore the structure and funding had been raised to cover the cost when it was stolen.

Councilman Stewart said he had a conversation with Henry Caldwell who is a Mason. The Mason building is next door to the property at 107 E. Locust. He said that Caldwell was interested in the land but didn't know who to contact.

City Attorney Ryan Meacham said the property can still be condemned and give the owner 30 days to rectify the issues and then if not addressed, it can be placed in the agenda.

Building Inspector Toby Anders said the roof would need repairs and the window would need repairs.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Stewart to table the condemnation and give the owner of 107 E Locust 30 days and review progress at the February 7, 2017 meeting .

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Stewart, Rosales, Hulin, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4C. CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF 333 SOUTH 15<sup>TH</sup> OWNER: RIGO RODRIGUEZ**

Building Inspector Toby Anders reported that there had been a fire at 333 South 15<sup>th</sup> and has various code violations. He said a Nuisance Abatement hearing had been held on August 24, 2016 and the owner did not appear. He recommended condemning the property and allowing the owner 30 days.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Rosales to proceed with condemnation on 333 South 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Rosales, Hulin, Stewart, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4D. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE DEBRA BLANCHARD TO ACCESS OK GRANTS SYSTEM, DEPT OF COMMERCE, AND ACT ON BEHALF OF MAYOR**

Treasurer Debra Blanchard explained that many of the documents required for grants are now digital documents and require access on-line. She said that following approval by Council for the Mayor to execute, an electronic signature is necessary to complete transactions. By authorizing Debra Blanchard to act on behalf of the Mayor, this would speed up the process.

Michael Ryburn of Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority said documents for OK Grants system with the Department of Commerce require electronic signatures and sometime the elected officials are not available.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Stewart to authorize Debra Blanchard access to the OK Grant System, Department of Commerce acting on behalf of the Mayor of the City of Clinton.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Stewart, Hulin, Rosales, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

None

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

None

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

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rosales, Hulin, Stewart, Rodolph, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.