

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING CLINTON CITY COUNCIL THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on March 11, 2019.

Mayor: David Berrong

Council: Jason Hulin, Ernie Dowdell, Chuy Rosales

Absent: Bobby Stewart

City Manager: Mark Skiles

City Clerk: Lisa Anders

City Attorney: Ryan Meacham

Media: Mike Smith, Gerald Green and Rod Serfoss

Others: Brent Almquist, Roland Mower, Wade Anders, Johnny Cornell, Doris Brittain, Julie Burden, Max McKinsey, Donald Webb, Walt Schumacher, Norman Pool, Toby Anders, Keaton Modi, Tom and others.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION ADDRESSING EXIT 65A DESIGN AS PRESENTED BY OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Mayor David Berrong explained that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation had held a meeting on February 28, 2019 to present a proposal for Exits 65 and 65A and had given a two week time period for the submittal of public comment. He said to allow for the Council's comment, a special meeting had been called to consider and take action on Resolution No. 889.

Mayor Berrong also explained that in May of 2016 ODOT had called a public meeting to begin the process for design of Exits 65 and 65A. There were six conceptual designs that were presented by Poe & Associates. Following that meeting, public comments were received. Berrong said during the time between May 2016 and February 2019 there was a change in the content of the plans and a change in engineering firms.

Berrong said he had received a call from ODOT Chief Engineer Bryan Taylor to discuss the plans. Mr. Taylor said that this resolution would not slow down the process of the project.

Walt Schumacher asked that the Council not approve the resolution as presented and to look for the good in the presented plan. He said the east bound entrance is a benefit and he likes the roundabouts. He also recommended keeping the exit number the same so as to prevent congestion.

Brent Almquist said that he is a team player and that ODOT wants what is best for the City. He said this is a great opportunity and that the public comments that are received will be reviewed.

Mayor Berrong said that Councilman Bobby Stewart was unable to attend the meeting due to his wife's surgery.

Councilman Dowdell said he had spoken with many citizens regarding this topic and he made the motion to approve Resolution 889 as presented regarding the plans reviewed by ODOT at the February 28, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rosales.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Rosales, Berrong

Nay: None

Abstain: Hulin

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 7:55 a.m.

RESOLUTION 889

A RESOLUTION OF DISSENT, REGARDING PLANS PROPOSED AT THE FEBRUARY 28, 2019 OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC MEETING FOR INTERCHANGE AND INTERSECTION MODIFICATION

WHEREAS, THE City of Clinton is in complete support and advocates for the modification and modernization of I-40 relating to Exit 65 and the work necessary to keep Exit 65A open and viable ("the Project");

WHEREAS, the staff of Division 5 of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) have diligently worked and considered options, which have been presented to the citizens of Clinton;

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 24, 2016, the staff of Division 5 of ODOT presented the citizens of Clinton with five construction concepts to modernize Exit 65 as well as concepts to keep Exit 65A open;

WHEREAS, The citizens of Clinton were asked to make comments on the five concepts at the meeting, which would be evaluated by ODOT; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens were told that one of the five concepts would be chosen after consideration of the public comments;

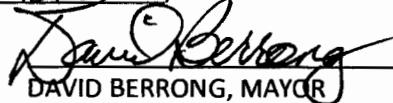
WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 28, 2019 ODOT presented a Project proposal to the citizens of Clinton which differed from the five concepts presented to and commented on by Clinton citizens in 2016; and

WHEREAS, after discussion with the citizens and business owners the City of Clinton does not believe that the Project plans presented on February 28, 2019, resemble any of the five concepts presented in 2016 and is not in the best interest of the citizens of Clinton.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Clinton:

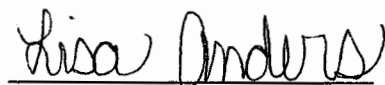
1. The Council believes that the Project plans should be consistent with the concepts presented in 2016; ~~and~~
2. The Council appreciates the ongoing work of the staff of Division 5 of ODOT and believes that the City and ODOT can work together in concert to identify the best plan among the original five concepts that adequately modernizes Exit 65 and keeps Exit 65A open.

Passed and approved the 14th day of March, 2019.



DAVID BERRONG, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LISA ANDERS, CITY CLERK