

**MINUTES OF CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Public Works Authority of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 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 September 13, 2019.

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order with the following present;

CHAIRMAN: David Berrong

TRUSTEES: Ernie Dowdell, Bobby Stewart, Chris Jones, Patch McComas

CITY MANAGER: Mark Skiles

CITY CLERK: Lisa Anders

CITY TREASURER: Absent

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

NEWS MEDIA: Gerald Green, Rod Serfoss and Mike Smith

OTHERS: Roland Mower, Paul Rinkel, Max McKinsey, Jeremy Brush, Jake Walton, John Bannen, Mike Abramson, Judy Stewart, Gene McCullough, Jason Hulin, Stephanie Jones, Emma McComas, and others.

Willie Coop of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with prayer and Trustee Bobby Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 3, 2019

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

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Stewart, Dowdell, Jones, Berrong

Nay: McComas

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEM

4A. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH INFRAMARK, LLC

City Manager Mark Skiles explained that Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality requires a Class B water license holder to operate the reverse osmosis plant.

Jeremy Brush, representative of Inframark explained that Severn Trent is now Inframark. He said that Severn Trent has been partners with the City of Clinton since 2010. He said that the reverse osmosis plant had been built at a time when the city needed water but there is no need for water now. He said the cost of reverse osmosis water is more expensive than the cost of Clinton Lake water.

Brush said the plant has not been fully commissioned by DEQ and that Inframark could operate the plant with a zero cost to the City.

Brush said the contract as presented would call for Inframark to complete an evaluation of the equipment and prepare a maintenance plan and maintain records within the first 90 days.

Trustee Stewart said he was confused about the reverse osmosis plant. He asked with the City needed an outside source to operate the plant rather than have a city employee charged with those duties.

City Manager Mark Skiles said the addition of the reverse osmosis plant would be at a zero cost to the City. He said the City can use the economic development fund to cover the cost of mowing the facilities under contract with Inframark. He said this will protect the integrity of the facility and free up staff from the mowing duties so they can focus on the water department.

Chairman Berrong said the current contract runs through 2020 and the Inframark employees work as employees under the City. He said they are managed by the same group as the existing contract. He said this amendment is at no additional cost to the city and will provide professionals by DEQ standards.

Trustee Stewart asked about the paragraph regarding liability for loss. He felt this would leave Inframark unaccountable.

City Attorney Ryan Meacham said the paragraph should be read in its entirety. He said the city's investment in the facility is \$28 million and maintenance must be addressed.

City Manager Skiles said that adequate water is necessary to market the community.

Chairman Berrong said the recently approved water purchase agreement with Butler brings money back to the City. He said this provides a water source for fifty years.

Trustee Stewart asked when the plant will go on line.

City Manager Skiles said a license is required.

Trustee Stewart asked if there is anyone on staff being trained for the job. He said that previously Lonnie Teel had stated that the plant could be operated from a cell phone. He also asked about the poor quality of water in Lincoln addition.

Skiles said the quality of Lincoln Addition's water is not affected by the reverse osmosis plant.

Trustee McComas said it was stated that the amendment was at a no cost to the city and asked if it saves the city money.

City Manager Skiles said the first offer from Inframark was for \$345,000 per year. With the City taking responsibility for the mowing at the three facilities, it has been amended to a zero cost.

Trustee Dowdell said the public does not understand why the plant is not running and why staff is not being trained. He said the reason is that DEQ requires a B license and Inframark can provide that.

Motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee McComas to approve the First Amendment to the amended and restated Water and Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Inframark.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Berrong

Nay: Stewart

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Stewart asked about the Lincoln Addition water line loop that is needed to circulate and eliminate the dead end.

Trustee Dowdell asked about the pothole on Sunset Drive.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee McComas and seconded by Trustee Dowdell to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: McComas, Dowdell, Jones, Stewart, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.