

**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF CLINTON CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020**

Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on March 18, 2020.

**Mayor:** David Berrong

**Council:** Ernie Dowdell, Bobby Stewart, Patch McComas, Chris Jones

**City Manager:** Mark Skiles

**City Clerk:** Lisa Anders

**City Attorney:** Absent

**Media:** Rod Serfoss, Jarrod Atha and Mike Smith

**Others:** Paul Rinkel, Debra Blanchard, Anita Fransen, Julie Caldwell, Morgan Bonnarens, Keith Washington, Max McKinsey, Brett Russell, Roland Mower, Ray Hammons, Toby Anders, Jeremy Pool, Ethan Pool and Jason Hulin.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 900  
REGARDING CITY OF CLINTON'S COVID-19 VIRUS POLICY**

Mayor Berrong presented four examples of approved declarations from various communities regarding declaring emergencies. He presented and reviewed state statutes regarding declared emergencies. He said the declaration would be necessary should federal assistance be available for any financial damages.

Councilman Jones said he felt it was the city's responsibility to educate the public rather than mandate. He asked about restaurants and the spacing of tables. He referred to the declarations of Yukon and Guthrie and their encouragement for "take out" or "drive-thru".

City Manager Mark Skiles said that information is on the City's website and Facebook.

Mayor Berrong asked about gyms and exercise facilities mentioned in other declarations. It is not mandating closure.

City Manager Mark Skiles said he was reluctant to shut down Acme Brick Park since kids are out of school. He said there had been an issue with regard to kids under 14 year of age being at Acme without adult supervision.

Morgan Bonnarens, Parks/Recreation Director, said there had been a decrease in the number utilizing Acme Brick Park over the past couple of weeks.

Mayor Berrong used an example of closure of a city facility as the public pool during stormy conditions.

City Manager Skiles said he has the authority to close a facility. He announced that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Custer County.

Councilman Jones said if his actions were wrong, he would rather error on the side of caution.

Following a discussion regarding specific of city facilities, it was decided to not tell business to shut down but to make recommendations and to use common sense.

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve Resolution 900 pending the approval of the City Attorney.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Jones, Stewart, McComas, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Stewart to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Stewart, McComas, Jones, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**City Council of Clinton, Oklahoma**  
**Resolution 900 Declaring State of Emergency**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to be a global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared an infectious disease national emergency declaration to combat COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, There have been Forty Four (44) confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Oklahoma, including Custer County; and

**WHEREAS**, health professionals and researchers have determined that COVID-19 is spread by human contact and interaction; and

**WHEREAS**, avoidance of human contact through methods such as social distancing is believed to stop the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of COVID-19 is a disaster affecting life, health, and safety of Clinton residents and non-residents alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Oklahoma statutes Title 63 O.S. 24-683.1 and Title 63 O.S. 24-683.2 permit the City Council, as the governing body of the municipality of Clinton, Oklahoma to proclaim through this resolution that a state of emergency exists within any area of the City of Clinton; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE CITY COUNCIL, OF CLINTON, OKLAHOMA BY THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, BE IT RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED:**

SECTION 1: A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Clinton, Custer County, Oklahoma.

SECTION 2: Meetings of all Clinton City Council meetings and Authority meetings will continue. These meetings will remain open to the public with efforts made to protect the health of attendees with attention given to social distancing at meetings.

SECTION 3: The City of Clinton will not issue new permit for any public or private event on any City street, sidewalk, facility, park, or property.

SECTION 4: All in-person gatherings of fifty or more people for social, spiritual and recreational purposes including, but not limited to community, civic, public leisure, faith-based, or sporting events, parades, concerts, festivals, conventions, fundraisers and similar activities are strongly discouraged until further notice,

SECTION 5: Restaurants, bars and other privately owned gathering places are highly encouraged to limit the number of patrons such that at least six (6) feet of space is available to each patron. Such facilities are further encouraged to transition to “take-out” or “delivery” options.

SECTION 6: Local gyms and exercise facilities are encouraged to discontinue all group activities and to significantly increase and enhance facility cleaning regimens.

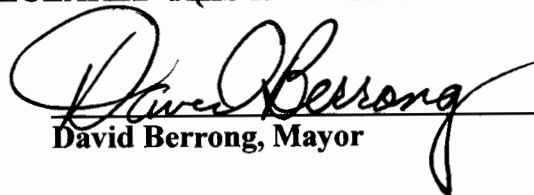
SECTION 7: Acme Brick Park Indoor Exercise Facility will be closed until further notice.

SECTION 8: No new reservations for usage of City facilities will be permitted until further notice.

SECTION 9: This Resolution of Emergency will continue until further notice.

SECTION 10: This Resolution shall become effective at 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 20, 2020

**RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**

  
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David Berrong, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lisa Anders, City Clerk