

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 17, 2020**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Councilmen of the Clinton City Council, City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 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, March 13, 2020.

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

**MAYOR:** David Berrong

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

**CITY MANAGER:** Mark Skiles

**CITY CLERK:** Lisa Anders

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Absent

**NEWS MEDIA:** Mike Smith and Rod Serfoss

**OTHERS:** Paul Rinkel, Brett Russell, Max McKinsey, Julie Caldwell, Judy Stewart, Wade Anders, Greg Adams, Gene McCullough, Jason Hulin, Shona Stermer, Toby Anders and others.

Chris Fields of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Councilman Bobby Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 3, 2020

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Stewart, Jones, McComas, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: ACTION ITEMS**

**4A. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

City Manager Mark Skiles explained that this annual proclamation is a requirement of CDBG grant qualifications.

Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve the proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Jones, Stewart, Dowdell, McComas, Berrong  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4B. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST REGARDING ROUTE 66 FESTIVAL ON MAY 23, 2020**

Chamber of Commerce Director Julie Caldwell explained that the Route 66 Festival will be held at McLain Rogers Park on May 23, 2020 beginning at 7 am. The request being presented is for the closing of J.C. Lane from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street to allow for the activities of the festival.

Motion was made by Councilman Stewart and seconded by Councilman McComas to closing the requested street for the Route 66 Festival.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Jones, McComas, Stewart, Berrong  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4C. CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST OF SWAYAM PROPERTIES, LLC FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FAILURE TO MEET BENCHMARKS**

City Manager Mark Skiles explained that the agreement with SWAYAM Properties regarding the Glancy Motel included benchmarks such as beginning construction within two weeks from the notice. That benchmark was not met and he saw no reason to grant an extension. He said staff recommends the extension request be denied. He said City Attorney Ryan Meacham has asked that whatever action the Council takes to be reported to him.

Councilman Stewart asked if any attempts were made by the Glancy Motel owners.

City Manager Mark Skiles said that Code Enforcement Officer Toby Anders had made inspections and there was nothing noted. He also noted that the reason the condemnation had been lifted was to allow the owners to securing funding.

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Stewart to deny the extension request because it has been represented to the City that SWAYAM had financing in place since the initial condemnation hearing and SWAYAM has incurably breached the settlement agreement by failing to commence construction within 14 days of the condemnation removal.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: McComas, Stewart, Jones, Dowdell, Berrong  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 5: TRUSTEE REPORT**

Mayor Berrong said the public expects leadership and that the City is following CDC guidelines.

Councilman Stewart said the American Legion has suspended their dances and the Veteran's Center is on lockdown.

Councilman Jones said that restaurants are continuing business by drive-thru or carry outs only.

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

City Manager Mark Skiles reported that the City has taken action to change what we do in light of the public health hazard. He said that utility payment collection process has been changed but that no city facilities have been shut down. He said the city is following CDC recommendation and if it becomes necessary to shut down facilities, it will be addressed.

**7. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Stewart and second by Councilman Jones to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Stewart, Jones, McComas, Dowdell, Berrong

Nay: None

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