

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 4, 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, August 4, 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, July 31, 2020.

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

**MAYOR:** David Berrong

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

**ACTING CITY MANAGER:** Gene McCullough

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ryan Meacham

**DEPUTY TREASURER:** Shona Stermer

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

**OTHERS:** Paul Rinkel, Donnie Phipps, Gary Kluckner, Pat Peters, Rhonda Williams

Pat Peters opened the meeting with prayer and Trustee Bobby Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- A. Consider Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2020
- B. Consider Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting on July 22, 2020
- C. Consider Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting on July 31, 2020

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Stewart, McComas, Jones, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

**4A. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 911 FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ESCROW FUNDS BY OMAG**

City Treasurer explained that the City has an escrow balance relating to our OMAG Workers' Compensation Plan. The escrow can be applied to a payment for any coverage plan that the City has with OMAG or the City can leave it on deposit at OMAG where it will continue to earn interest. The City's escrow balance is \$4,974.00

Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to approve the City's escrow balance with OMAG be applied to a payment for our Workers' Compensation Plan.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Jones, Dowdell, McComas, Stewart, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4B. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENT AND PURCHASE OF HANDGUNS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Chief of Police, Paul Rinkel, explained that the lifespan of handguns are 10 years. The Police Department's handguns are 20 years old. Rinkel stated that he would like to take their confiscated guns and purchase all new handguns and new holsters. Currently, the Police Department has some 40 caliber and also 45 caliber handguns. He stated the total price would be \$13,500; \$428.50 per handgun and \$200 per holsters. Also, Rinkel stated that the handguns all need to be the same caliber and his plans is to purchase all 9 mm handguns.

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve the budget amendment and purchase of handguns for the Police Department.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: McComas, Stewart, Jones, Dowdell, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4C. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION OR RELOCATION OF UTILITIES ON THE I40B WASHITA RIVER BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

City Treasurer, Debra Blanchard, stated that an invoice from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and a copy of the right-of-way encroachment agreement, which was approved in May of 2019, was discovered in the administration offices.

The invoice was for the City's obligation of the relocation of utilities on the I40B Washita River Bridge Construction Project. Per the agreement, the City's financial obligation shall be no less than 20 percent of the total costs. The invoice is \$ 80,340.35.

City Treasurer stated that she did not have knowledge of the invoice and it was never presented to the Finance Department for payment. Blanchard also stated the invoice was never presented to City Council for approval. Also Blanchard stated that this is not the way the City of Clinton handles business.

Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to approve the payment of \$80,340.35, to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, for the City's obligation of the relocation of utilities on the I40B Washita River Bridge Construction Project.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Jones, Dowdell, McComas, Stewart, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4D. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF CLARIFIER AT WWTP PROJECT**

Acting City Manager, Gene McCullough, stated that in December 2019, the City received a change order for \$ 2,378.00. McCullough stated that although this change order has already been completed and paid for, executed by the previous city manager and the amount was well within the city manager's spending authority, we recommend a City Council approval for any changes to a contact entered into by the City Council.

Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Dowdell that change order #1 for the refurbishment of the clarifier at WWTP Project be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Jones, Dowell, Stewart, McComas, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 5: TRUSTEE REPORT**

None

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

Acting City Manager, Gene McCullough, stated that he would like to thank the public for having patience with the staff during the time the City Hall has been closed due to Covid-19.

McCullough stated he appreciates staff and all their work they have put in during this time. Acting City Manager stated a very special thanks to Debra Blanchard and Rhonda Williams for all the hard work they have put in to help him during this time also.

**7. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman McComas and second by Councilman Dowdell to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: McComas, Dowdell, Jones, Stewart, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.