

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 18, 2021**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Clinton City Council, City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 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 May 14, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m. with the following present:

**CHAIRMAN:** David Berrong

**TRUSTEES:** Patch McComas, Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Chris Jones

**MANAGER:** Robert Johnston

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ryan Meacham

**CITY CLERK:** Amy Jones

**NEWS MEDIA:** Melissa Javorsky, Mike Smith

**OTHERS:** Paul Rinkel, Brett Russell, Jonathan Imes, Lana Johnston, Doug Greer, Bo Vowell, Russ Meacham, Desiree Meacham, Kat Meacham, Tyler Bridges, Eugene Jefferson, Gene Ray, and others.

Bo Vowell, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Pastor opened the meeting with prayer and Doug Greer American Legion, Post 41 Service Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider minutes from May 4, 2021.
- B. Economic Development Authority Minutes May 4, 2021

Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Dowdell that Consent Agenda Items be approved.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Jones, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mayor Berrong read aloud proclamations recognizing an individual and a team from Clinton High School that are first time state champions: Katherine (Kat) Meacham as the state champion for the class 5A discus throw and the Clinton High School Men's Soccer Team as 4A state champions.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Planning and Zoning Board action regarding application by Carlos Martinez to amend present zoning ordinance to allow Medical Marijuana to be grown as a use permitted on review.**

The Council reviewed the minutes from the May 11, 2021 Planning and Zoning Board and the application from Carlos Martinez to amend present zoning ordinance to allow Medical Marijuana to be grown as a use permitted on review.

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Jones to affirm the action of the Planning and Zoning Board to disapprove the application from Carlos Martinez to amend present zoning ordinance to allow Medical Marijuana to be grown as a use permitted on review.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Jones, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

**B. Supplemental Budget Appropriations for General Fund, 511 Debt Service Fund, and Capital Improvement Fund.**

City Treasurer Debra Blanchard present supplemental budget appropriations for the General Fund, 511 Debt Service Fund, and the Capital Improvement Fund. She stated this is sales tax transfers, Cares Act Funds, and ambulance fee transfers that are transfers each year.

The motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee McComas to approve the supplemental budget transfers for the General Fund, 511 Debt Service Fund, and the Capital Improvement Fund as presented.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Jones, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

**C. Employee Health Insurance Program for FYE 22**

City Manager Johnston presented the Employee Health Insurance Program for the FYE 22. He stated that Blue Cross Blue Shield is the only insurance company that would give the City of Clinton a quote this year. He reported to the Council that the program being presented has a base option paid for by the City with 3 additional options that the employee can “buy up” to participate in. City Manager Johnston stated that three other seasoned employees served as an ‘employee benefits committee’ to give additional input regarding the City’s options. He said that the establishment of an official Employees Benefits Committee should be considered. City Manager Johnston stated that he felt this was a good and fair program for the City and the Employees.

The motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the Employee Health Insurance Program for FYE 22.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Jones, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Dowdell commented that he appreciated the transparency of budget process from City Manager Johnston and City Staff.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

City Manager Johnston stated that there was an article in the local newspaper regarding the American Rescue Plan and funding from this plan. He stated that the City is awaiting information on how this money will be received and what it can be used for. It appears that it will be infrastructure based. He stated that City Staff is working on getting the FYE 22 Budget ready for review by Council. He also reported that this season's abatement hearings started yesterday with only 5 out of about 25 responsible parties appearing with another 25 invited to come in tomorrow afternoon. Further action may be required at future council meetings regarding these properties.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Jones, Lloyd, McComas, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Date Approved

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David D. Berrong, Mayor