

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL, PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY, SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY, AIRPORT AUTHORITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY

JUNE 3, 2021

Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Clinton City Council, Public Works Authority, Solid Waste Authority, Hospital Authority, Industrial Authority, Airport Authority, Economic Development Authority, and Recreation Authority of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in City Hall on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on June 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Berrong called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with the following present;

MAYOR: David Berrong

TRUSTEES/COUNCILMEN: Ernie Dowdell, Chris Jones, Art Lloyd, Patch McComas (absent)

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham (absent)

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Rod Serfoss

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Brett Russell, Roland Mower, Tracy Yoder and others.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE VARIOUS PRELIMINARY ANNUAL BUDGETS FOR TH FISCAL YEAR ENDING IN 2022 FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON AND ITS SUBORDINATE ENTITIES.

City Manager Johnston thanked those who were present and for their input in this important process. To date, this has been very much a team effort with the financial staff and department heads making significant contributions. Johnston noted that City Treasurer Blanchard had recently completed 30 years of service with the City and was very helpful in the budget development process and city finances in general. He then asked Blanchard to update the Council about sales tax, use tax and other General Fund revenues. Discussion was held regarding the City's recent use & sales tax trends which Blanchard explained in detail. Johnston also mentioned other revenue sources; there is no new revenue recommended at this time although incremental adjustments on user fees such as cemetery, hangar, and golf course fees were justified and could make the final budget. Approximately \$1.5 million has been budgeted to be "put aside" for the Gary Blvd Project/Exit 65 through via reducing operating & capital budgets and designating ten percent of available fund balance towards this project. We will live within our means, continue to maintain regular services and complete some capital improvement projects.

Specific comments were then made regarding areas in the various authorities/funds, as follows:

The Capital Improvement Fund has been "skinnied" down somewhat to help reach the 1.5 million; planned expenditures were prioritized and focused on projects that were more likely to be completed in this budget year. As a companion effort to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) update which SWODA has just began, multi year budget planning is intended going forward. The CDBG PAC Project, tractor that was ordered for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and replacement of certain sewer mains will be in the PWA capital projects. Utility revenue is CPI adjusted as usual. In the Solid Waste capital projects we to upgrade a couple of the solid waste trucks which have become high maintenance since we began hauling to the Weatherford transfer station; we are considering the feasibility of replacing only the cab and chasses might be a better strategy as the packer bodies have fewer issues. These break downs are more disruptive than preferred.

He asked Airport FBO Tracy Yoder to speak to the Council regarding the Airport and the current status of grants. Tracy stated that we have 5 grants with 3 agencies to complete 3 projects runway rehab, hangar apron, and T-hangar apron.

The City will front the funding and then be reimbursed from the grants. Tracy feels confident that all grants will be moving forward. Robert reminded the Council that the airport has no excess revenues and a zero fund balance while periodic economic impact analyses show significant value in having our airport.

He continued with information regarding the Recreation Authority and stated that this is another area that supports the quality of life for the citizens of Clinton but has its own financial challenges. He stated that that is key that we hire a course maintenance person to protect our investment and that we develop a multi year equipment replacement strategy.

The Industrial Authority which includes the Frisco Center was discussed by the Council. Johnston commented that the goal this year is to increase the use of the conference center. It has events frequently by Western Equipment and Bar-S yet we need more events coming out of the pandemic.

City Treasurer Blanchard stated that the ED-Sales Tax 513 is a revenue holding fund for projects such the L & S Land Development loan for the new residential subdivision and abatement/redevelopment projects such as the Glancy Motel project.

The Economic Development Authority did not have any comments by director, Roland Mowers. It was noted that this Authority covers the sales tax sharing and current minimal expenses of the director.

The Hospital Authority reflects the interest earnings of the money set aside from the lease of the hospital and that is approximately four hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

Johnston then commented regarding General Fund Expenses. The items of Employee Health Insurance Program was creatively addressed in a new manner with additional employee input. The filling of new and/or positions which were not restored after previous cuts or in response to the retirement of longtime employees will commence soon. Identifying opportunities for cross training or sharing employees can be done as needs will be another priority. We intend to continue with the fire apparatus and police unit rotation as significant, necessary General Fund commitments.

Mayor Berrong stated that there have been many adjustments for long term projects that require our future planning for 3-4 years ahead. He encouraged the Council members to ask any questions regarding the budget between now and June 15th as necessary.

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

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote.

Aye: Dowdell, Jones, Lloyd, McComas, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Mayor