

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 22, 2021**

Minutes of the special 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, June 22, 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 June 18, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:52 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: Kelcie Hartley, Rod Serfoss, Mike Smith

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Paul Rinkel, Brett Russell, Toby Anders, Steve Weichel and others.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider minutes from June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting

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, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

A. **Condemnation of Property Hearings:**

412 East Side Street Owner Isaac Arriaga - Code Enforcement Toby Anders presented information regarding the property at 412 East Side Street owned by Isaac Arriaga. He provided pictures dated June 22, 2021, of the property in question. Notice of violation was sent on 2/14/2020 with failure to comply. On 3/13/2020 the City held an abatement hearing with the previous City Manager and additional time was given to work on property. On April 14, 2021, the City Again sent a violation notice on the property regarding grass, weeds and debris, and a dilapidated structure on May 19, 2021, the City held an

Abatement Hearing and Mr. Arriaga failed to appear. The property has not had active water service since June of 2012. The property is presented today for condemnation. Property owners were not present.

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Lloyd that the City Condemn the property at 412 East Side Street owned by Isaac Arriaga.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

600 N. 18th Owner Cynthia Leann Houchin-Beer- Code Enforcement Toby Anders presented information regarding the property at 600 N. 18th owned by Cynthia Leann Houchin-Beer. He provided pictures dated June 22, 2021, of the property in question. Notice of violation was sent on 4/08//2020 with failure to comply. On 5/13/2020 the city held an Abatement Hearing with the previous City Manager and the owner failed to appear. The City maintained the property for the rest of the season and filed a lien on the property for non-payment of those services. On April 7, 2021, the City again sent a violation notice on the property regarding grass, weeds and debris, and failure to secure. on May 17, 2021, the City held a an Abatement hearing and Mrs. Houchin-Beer failed to appear. The property has not had active water service since May of 2016. The property is presented today for condemnation. Property owners were not present.

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Jones that the City Condemn the property at 600 N. 18th Owner Cynthia Leann Houchin-Beer.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

1733 Walton Road Owners James Blake Mitchell and Jay Todd Mitchell - Code Enforcement Toby Anders presented information regarding the property at 1733 Walton Road owned by James Blake Mitchell and Jay Todd Mitchell. Mr. Anders stated that code violations go back to September of 2006. He reported that in February of 2019, the property became unsecure due to vandalism and the property owners were notified. The property was secured. The owners stated that they were trying to sell the property and had contacted a local realtor regarding selling at auction. Mr. Anders provided pictures dated June 22, 2021, of the property in question. Notice of violation was sent on 4/15/2021 a violation was sent regarding grass and weeds. On May 19, 2021, the City held an Abatement Hearing and the Mitchells failed to appear. The property has not had

active water service since September of 2010. The property is presented today for condemnation. Mr. Anders stated that he was contacted by a realtor today that provided a listing agreement for the Mitchells to sign. Discussion was held regarding action to be taken.

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Jones that the City table the condemnation until the next regular meeting (7/6/21) and give the realtor time to get the property listed; Toby is to contact the realtor and owner.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

B. Resolution 923 - Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority to Provide Partial Funding for Quality-of-Life Enhancements in Clinton.

City Manager Johnston presented information to the Council regarding a matching grant opportunity with the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority for quality-of-life enhancements in Clinton. He introduced Steve Weichel, Chairman of the Beautification Committee. Mr. Weichel talked about possible projects that the \$50,000 could possibly fund: such as the improvement to the tennis/basketball courts at McLain Rogers Park, restriping of westernmost courts at the Tennis Center to include pickle ball striping and portable netting for pickle ball, pickle ball courts at the North end of the Acme Park building, and improvements to the Joe Baker Park basketball court. The grant application has been reviewed carefully as to follow all eligibility criteria. The Resolution is presented so that the application can be submitted for the grant.

Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman McComas to approve Resolution 923 - Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority to provide partial funding for quality-of-life enhancements in Clinton.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. Resolution No. 924 - Approving the City of Clinton, Oklahoma's Policy for the Lapsing of Appropriations at the End of the City's Fiscal Year, Establishing the Treatment of Encumbrances Outstanding at Fiscal Year End, and Establishing

Authority to Provide Supplemental Appropriations in the Following Fiscal Year for Such Encumbrances Re-Approved.

City Manager Johnston presented the Resolution No. 924 that would establish **policy** for the lapsing of appropriations at the end of the City's fiscal year, establishing the treatment of encumbrances outstanding at fiscal yearend, and establishing authority to provide supplemental appropriations in the following fiscal year for such encumbrances re-approved. City Treasurer Blanchard also noted that this is our normal procedure for fiscal yearend; this Resolution would establish the practice as official policy.

Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to approve Resolution 924 - approving the city of Clinton, Oklahoma's policy for the lapsing of appropriations at the end of the city's fiscal year, establishing the treatment of encumbrances outstanding at fiscal yearend, and establishing authority to provide supplemental appropriations in the following fiscal year for such encumbrances re-approved.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Johnston commented that a Burns and McDonnell engineer was at the Clinton Lake Water Treatment Plant to review the punch list for the filter box project and to review progress on the clarifier project. The projects are moving along and approaching completion. He also stated that the 1-year inspection was done on the West High Water Tower this morning. Gene McCullough stated that the hatch had been closed.

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 5:59 p.m.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Mayor