

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2022**

Minutes of the 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, April 5, 2022, 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 April 1, 2022, at 4:30 P.M.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**CHAIRMAN:** David Berrong

**TRUSTEES:** Patch McComas, Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva (absent)

**MANAGER:** Robert Johnston

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ryan Meacham

**CITY CLERK:** Amy Jones

**NEWS MEDIA:** Mike Smith, Kelcie Hartley-Wolfe

**OTHERS:** Gene McCullough, Samantha Aispuro, Paul Rinkel, Joe Cloninger, Tyler Wolfe, Susana Williams, Jeff Johnson, Michelle Tayler, and others.

Jeff Johnson, First Christian Church opened the meeting with prayer and Joe Cloninger, Chaplain. American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- A. Minutes of the March 15, 2022, Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Claims
- C. Acknowledge the Execution of Purchase Order No. 115328 by Fire Chief Russel and City Manager Johnston for a Budgeted Expenditure in the amount of \$26,295.84 for a New Model 2001 Federal Signal Rotating Siren as Proposed by Chickasaw Communications.

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

**A. Resolution No. EDA 22-01- Ratifying the CEDA’s Updating of the “Economic Growth Incentive Program”;**

Mayor Berrong presented Resolution No. EDA22-01– which authorizes this program yet needed to be updated to clarify the definition of “net tax” for expanding businesses. The Resolution was approved by the Clinton Economic Development Authority today at their meeting about an hour ago and is now presented to the Council for ratification.

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Lloyd to approve Resolution No. EDA 22-01 A Resolution Providing for a Means to Attract Business and Economic Growth within the Clinton Community with the updates presented

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**A. Resolution No. 936 – Electing the Standard Allowance Available Under the Revenue Loss Provision of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Established Under the American Rescue Plan in the Full Amount of the ARPA Grant (\$1,587,092.88) to be used for the General Provision of Government Services**

City Manager Johnston commented that this ARPA funding provides an opportunity to meet some unfunded capital needs. The ARPA guidelines have changed several times in the last year, so staff waited before bringing an action item to the Council. Since the Final Rules went into effect on 4/1/22, the best way to report our use of the ARPA funds allocated to Clinton is as ‘lost revenue’ during the COVID-19 pandemic. The ARPA funds will be used for the general provision of government services after specific appropriation during the FYE23 budget process.

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman McComas to approve Resolution No. 936.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong  
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**B. Resolution 937 – Regarding Fair Housing; the City of Clinton Opposes Discrimination in the Sale, Rental, Leasing, Financing of Housing or Land**

Used for the Construction of Housing or In the Provision of Brokerage Services Because of Races, Color, Religion, Sex or National Origin as Prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Right (Federal Fair Housing Law).

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman McComas to approve Resolution 937 – Fair Housing.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried

### **C. Fair Housing Proclamation**

City Manager Johnston presented the Fair Housing Proclamation declaring the month of April “Fair Housing Month” is considered annually in the spirit and intent of fair housing for all residents of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma.

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Villanueva to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation and declare April Fair Housing Month.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **E. Repairs to Train Tracks at Acme Brick Park**

City Manager Johnston reported that Recreation Director Summer Pennington had been persistently pursuing quotes to repair the train tracks which were damaged by flooding at Acme Brick Park. She succeeded by obtaining three proposals. Since all three proposals address the repairs with slightly different solutions they will be carefully compared and brought back to the Council with a recommendation as soon as possible. The repair companies suggested that the bridge be inspected by an engineer prior to any track repairs commencing to identify any undetected issues be addressed as well. The CED7 has been approached to conduct the engineer’s inspection as soon as practicable so that this matter can be finalized.

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Villanueva to table the decision regarding the proposals for train track repairs until the bridge

inspection had been completed.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.)**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

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

City Manager Johnston stated that a survey crew would be at McClain Rogers Parks next week as the first step in the SORTPO grant-funded "ADA and Active Living Assessment". He also, at the encouragement of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, had submitted a project into the ARPA portal for \$750,000 in grant money to fund repairs to the Lake Clinton earthen dam. The dam inspection conducted in December 2021 revealed some issues to be resolved.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (According to Audience participation Decorum Guidelines at Clinton City Council Public Meetings effective:2/14/2017)**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

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Date Approved

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David D. Berrong, Mayor