

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 19, 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 19, 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 15, 2022, at 4:30 P.M.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: David Berrong

TRUSTEES: Patch McComas, Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Smith, Rod Serfoss, Kelcie Hartley-Wolfe

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Paul Rinkel, Joel Miller, Don Miller, Julie Burden, Steve Weichel, Connie Burden, Donna Rother, Brenda Salcido, Tyler Wolfe, Susana Williams, Jason & Meredith Smith, Brett Russell, Jimmie Evans, Annie Park, Valerie Miller, and others.

Joel Miller, First Christian Church opened the meeting with prayer and Don Miller, Post Commander. 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. Acknowledge Receipt of DEQ Permit N0. WL000020220072 – Water Line Construction Related to Twin Oaks Ridge Subdivision

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Lloyd 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. 938 Scheduling of Municipal Elections

The motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to approve the Resolution 938 for the purpose of electing officers (Councilmen for Wards Two & Four, and Mayor-at- Large) of the City of Clinton.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

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

Chairman declared the motion carried.

B. Potential Summary Abatement- Pursuant Section 5-1-9 of the Clinton City Code

- i. Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Abatement of the Accumulation of Junk & Debris on the Property Located at 120 S. 11th Street**
- ii. Finding that a Nuisance does/does not exist and directing abatement within a specified time.**

Mayor Berrong stated that the Public Hearing regarding the proposed summary abatement of the accumulation of junk & debris on the property located at 120 S. 11th Street and asked if Virginia Paulsen was present.

Ms. Paulsen addressed the Council, stating that her property was “cleaned up” and the carport was cleaned out, fencing taken down. She stated that she was moving out to the country. When this property was emptied it would be put up for sale. She stated that they had been working through a family death in the past year and that the vehicles had belonged to her late father.

Councilman McComas stated he appreciated their efforts and asked Code Enforcement Anders if he had been by the property to check on progress. Code Enforcement Officer Anders stated that there had been improvement with cleanup to the property, yet that there were items still on the porch and carport.

The motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to table this item until May 17, 2022, and at that time look at the cleanup progress made by the property owner.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

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

Chairman declared the motion carried

C. Presentation from Western OK CoOp Representatives Regarding Route 66/Downtown Clinton Redevelopment/Enhancement Opportunities.

Mayor Berrong recognized Jason Smith, Annie Park and Andrew Stone representing the Western OK Coop. Comments were made by all three and a video presentation of some ideas they were working on was presented to the Council. Smith stated that the Coop wanted the Council and Community to know what their ideas were for improving the community. Also, that they would like to partner with other groups and/or the City to keep from duplication of efforts. They are anticipating having several improvements completed before the Route 66 Centennial Celebration in 2026. They meet on the first Monday of each month at 5:15 PM at 615 Frisco; anyone can attend and share their ideas.

Councilman Dowdell thanked the group for the efforts/improvements that they have made so far in Clinton and he looks forward to seeing these ideas move forward. The Mayor thanked the group for their presentation.

Information only, no action.

D. Interlocal Agreement with CED7 to Complete a Bridge Safety Report for the City of Clinton of the Railroad Bridge at Acme Brick Park

City Manager Johnston stated that the agreement was needed with CED7 because we are not a County with an ongoing agreement with CED7. The inspection is needed before we move forward with bids for train track repairs to possibly identify any additional repairs needed with the bridge.

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman McComas to approve the Interlocal Agreement with CED7 to complete a bridge safety report for the City of Clinton of the railroad bridge at Acme Ball Park.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman 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

Mayor Berrong wish Kelcie and Tyler Wolf best wishes as they are moving back to California. Tyler is the IT personnel for the City of Clinton and Kelcie is a reporter for the Clinton Daily News.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Johnston stated that the City will be starting its mowing season very soon and that contract mowing will be part of our effort. The Twin Oaks Ridge Subdivision is moving along and encourages citizens to drive out by it to see the progress. Also, he referred to the actions CEDA is undertaking for asbestos abatement, demolition of the north building and fencing of the south half of the Glancy/Pop Hicks properties. This is work that needs to be done as part of the redevelopment of these historic properties and for the City to be a good example by taking care of its own properties.

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

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Dowdell 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 6:21 P.M.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Mayor