

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 21, 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, June 21, 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 June 17, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**MAYOR:** David Berrong

**COUNCILMEN:** 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:** Nydia Campbell, Chuck Ramsey

**OTHERS:** Gene McCullough, Paul Rinkel, Don Miller, Brett Russell, Pat Peters, Julie Caldwell, Jennifer Bonham, Jason Hulin, Billy Goodwin, Jim Horsburgh, and others.

Pat Peters, Pastor Church of Christ 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 June 7, 2022, Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes of the Economic Development Authority 5/03/22 Regular Meeting
- C. Acknowledge Receipt of Month Ending 5/31/2022 Financial Report
- D. Action Associates' Request for Funding

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. Presentation by Dobson Technologies Inc. Representative(s) Regarding its Clinton “Fiber to The Home (FTTH)” Plan**

Mayor Berrong introduced Jim Horsburgh representative for Dobson Technologies, Inc to present information regarding its Clinton “Fiber to the Home (FTTH) Plan.

Mr. Horsburgh reported to the Council that this is a five million dollar project that Dobson is investing in the City of Clinton, and it is hoped to be completed by quarter one of the 2023 on the residential side. The franchise agreement with the City is one of the necessary steps to move forward with the project. He stated that the cost of service to the customer will be in the range of \$60-\$120 dollars for monthly packages.

**B. Ordinance No. 1019 – Granting a Non-Exclusive Permit to Dobson Technologies, Inc. for the Construction and Operation of a Cable System.**

City Manager Johnston reported that the proposed ordinance was closely based on Ordinance 1010 which was approved for a comparable franchisee last year. The ordinance in front of Council reflects minor changes requested by Dobson to match up with what they will be offering. City Attorney Ryan Meacham said the ordinance was ready to approve with the minor changes identified.

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Villanueva to approve the Ordinance No. 1019 - An Ordinance of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma Granting a Non-Exclusive Permit to Dobson Technologies, Inc. For the Construction and Operation of a Cable System.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

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

Mayor declared the motion carried

**C. Emergency provision of Ordinance No. 1019**

City Attorney Meacham stated that this provision was not needed. No action taken.

**D. Resolution No. 939 – Approving the FYE 23 Budgets of the Clinton Public Works Authority, Clinton Economic Development Authority, Clinton Hospital Authority, Clinton Recreational Authority, Clinton Airport Authority, Clinton Industrial Authority and Clinton Solid Waste Authority.**

City Manager Johnston. reported that these budgets were developed by staff in conscious recognition of the significant opportunity the Gary Freeway Extension/Exit 65 Project

presents to our community and the local cash commitment of approx. \$6.6 million dollars to be paid to complete this project. This impacts the various budget funds as some capital improvements and other expenses will need to be deferred until this financial obligation is satisfied. The Resolution No. 939 approving the FYE 23 proposed budget is presented for approval by the Council.

Mayor Berrong Mayor Berrong thanked the City Manager and staff for preparing a reasonable budget for the upcoming year asked again if the Council had any questions regarding the budget and would like to make a comment. Councilman Dowdell did state that he recognizes the hard work by City Manager Johnston, Treasurer Blanchard and Staff. He did state that he did miss the budget workshop that had been held in past years.

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman McComas to approve Resolution No. 939 – Approving the FYE 23 Budgets of the Clinton Public Works Authority, Clinton Economic Development Authority, Clinton Hospital Authority, Clinton Recreational Authority, Clinton Airport Authority, Clinton Industrial Authority and Clinton Solid Waste Authority.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried

**E. Resolution No. 940- Declaring Certain Clinton Economic Development Authority (CEDA) Assets to be Surplus Property and Authorizing the Disposal of Same**

City Manager Johnston reported that as we move forward with the abatement and probable demolition of the Glancy Motel and Pop Hick Properties there are certain items, mainly old motel furnishings, in the motel rooms and on the properties that need to be declared surplus and disposed of before asbestos abatement could commence.

The motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Lloyd to approve the Resolution No. 940 Declaring Certain Clinton Economic Development Authority (CEDA) Assets to be Surplus Property and Authorizing the Disposal of Same

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried

**F. Acceptance of Bid for Asbestos Abatement of the Former Glancy Motel and Pop Hicks Restaurant Structures**

City Manager Johnston stated that a bid notice was published in the local newspaper for asbestos abatement of the former Glancy Motel and Pop Hicks Restaurant Structures. Bid specifications were provided to prospective bidders upon request. Sealed bids were submitted to City Clerk Amy Jones and bids were opened at 10:00 a.m. today. Properly submitted were received from: Chestnut Environmental Action Inc.- \$291,952.00; Snyder Environmental - \$296,093.00; Crystal Creek, LLC - \$268,820.00; and Strong Hold Environmental, LLC - \$269,150.00 (30% down). As the bids were reviewed by the Council, it was noted that asbestos abatement was imperative to redeveloping these properties and that costs were increasing so this must be done.

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Villanueva to accept the bid from Crystal Creek, LLC in the amount of \$268,820.00.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried

**G.Appointment to Board and Commissions**

Mayor Berrong stated that there are several seats on appointive boards up for renewal in July. He has visited with each of the incumbent board members to see if they are willing to serve another term on the identified Boards or Committee. They are all willing to serve another term:

**Planning and Zoning Board 3 Year Term**

Michael Heerwald – 7/1/2025

Donna Rother – 7/1/2025

**Board of Adjustments – 3 Year Term**

Kenneth Bragg – 7/1/2025

Brian Aneshansley – 7/1/2025

**Personnel Board – 6 Year Term**

Sharon Hull -7/1/2028

**Beautification Committee – Three Year Term**

Jimmy Evans – 10/17/2024

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman McComas to approve the reappointment of all of the incumbents recommended by the Mayor.

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 reported on several items: several grant opportunities were identified during the budget process but only the ones with funding in-hand were included in the budgets; The grant for the new Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is moving forward as we are anticipating a meeting soon with Clyde Morgan of SWODA and the Planning and Zoning Board. The CIP will be a 5-year plan and should be very useful in developing future capital improvement budgets. A Project Agreement with ODOT for the Gary Boulevard Extension project was just received and is being reviewed in anticipation of future Council action. The Fire Department will be addressing its air conditioning needs which were identified in the new capital improvement budget a little sooner than anticipated as a compressor failed over the weekend. Additionally, he reported of the receipt of a letter dated June 10 from the IRS notifying the CPWA that the IRS had closed their examination of the 2014 Bond Issue with “no change”.

**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, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

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Date Approved

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David D. Berrong, Mayor