

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 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, December 14, 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 December 12, 2022, at 4:00 P.M. A notice of an amended agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on December 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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

MAYOR: David Berrong

COUNCILMAN: 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, Mike Smith

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Joshua McGuire, , Chasity Richardson, Gary Jones, Cris Hickerson, Jill Atchley, Johnnie Ward, and others.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the November 15, 2022, Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Claims
- C. Acknowledgement of the receipt of Financial Reports from the month ending 10/31/2022.
- D. Acknowledgement of 2023 Holiday and Regular Meeting Schedule;
- E. Acknowledgement of Sparklight's Notice of Rate Adjustment for Residential & Business Video Services, Effective 12/23/2022;
- F. Approval of Pay Application No. 3 by Walters Morgan Construction in the amount of \$490,480.00 for the PAC Feed Project at the Clinton Lake Water Treatment Plant (17852 CDBG 20)

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. Ordinance No. 1023 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Amending Ordinance 800 of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma; To Allow for the Use of Principal Lease Payment Amounts Thereunder for the Primary Purpose of Hospital Operations and by Unanimous Consent of the City Council, for Loans for Future Municipal Infrastructure Needs; Providing for the Severability Thereof; and Providing for an Effective Date**

Ordinance No. 1024 - **An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Amending Ordinance 800 of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma; To Allow for the Use of Principal Lease Payment Amounts Thereunder for the Primary Purpose of Hospital Operations and by Unanimous Consent of the City Council, for Loans for Future Municipal Infrastructure Needs; Providing for the Severability Thereof; and Providing for an Effective Date** was presented to the Council for review and approval. The Ordinance was presented by City Attorney Ryan Meacham as he explained that when leasing hospital in 1997 the money from the lease was voted by the people to set it back and that it could not be used unless be the vote of the people. The ordinance would allow the City Council to use the principle for operations of the hospital beginning January 1, 2023. This ordinance amends the original ordinance number 800. Councilman Dowdell stated that with further question and information available to him, that he would prefer not to vote on the Ordinance 1024 as it is written and to postpone the Election to March 7, 2022. This would allow time to write an ordinance that will have the community behind it to serve the purpose that it was designed to do in regards to the operations of the hospital. Councilman McComas is in agreement with Councilman Dowdell and suggests that different verbiage will ensure the use of the principal be used for what it is intended. He emphasized to the audience that the hospital is "Paramount" on the Councils focus. Neither Councilman Villanueva or Councilman Lloyd made additional comments. Mayor Berrong stated that the intention of the Ordinance is that the funds are made available for the hospital operations. He is optimistic about the hospital's future.

No action taken.

- B. Resolution 948 – A Resolution Calling for an Election for the Proposed Amendment of Ordinance 800 of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma; To Allow for the Use of Principal Lease Payment Amounts Thereunder for the Primary Purpose of Hospital Operations and by Unanimous Consent of the City Council for Loans for Future Municipal Infrastructure Needs; Providing for the Severability Thereof; And Providing for an Effective Date**

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No action taken.

- C. **Election Proclamation – A Proposition Allowing for the Amendment of Ordinance 800 of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma; To Allow for the use of Principal Lease Payment Amounts from the Lease of Clinton Regional Hospital to be used for the Primary Purpose of Hospital Operations and by Unanimous Consent of the City Council for Loans for Future Municipal Infrastructure Needs**

Election Proclamation – **A Proposition Allowing for the Amendment of Ordinance 800 of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma; To Allow for the use of Principal Lease Payment Amounts from the Lease of Clinton Regional Hospital to be used for the Primary Purpose of Hospital Operations and by Unanimous Consent of the City Council for Loans for Future Municipal Infrastructure Needs** was presented by City Manager Johnston. The proclamation needs to approve as it identifies the proposition wording for the election and is submitted to the Election Board by the specified date.

No action taken.

- D. **Memorandum of Understanding with Sinor Emergency Medical Service (SEMS) Regarding City Employees Driving SEMS' Ambulances**

City Manager Johnston stated that the Memorandum has not been received at the time of the meeting and will bring back at a future date.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the

Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.)

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (According to Audience participation Decorum Guidelines at Clinton City Council Public Meetings effective:2/14/2017)

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: 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 5:43 P.M.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Mayor