

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2023**

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, August 15, 2023, 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 August 11, 2023, at 1:30 P.M.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: 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, Holly Wade

OTHERS: Paul Rinkel, Gene McCullough, Brett Russell, Stormie Hill, Danny Tharp, Robert Stewart, Doug Greer, Joshua McGuire, Donnie Phipps, and others.

Gene McCullough opened the meeting with prayer and Doug Greer, American Legion Post 41, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the August 1, 2023, Regular Meeting
- B. Acceptance of Chickasaw Personal Communications' Proposal Dated 8/10/23 for Purchase and installation of Six (6) Digital Siren Controllers (Budgeted Capital Improvement Expenditure)
- C. Acknowledge the Awarding of Two (2) Additional \$2,500.00 OK Arts Council Grants in Support of the Levitt AMP Concert Series.

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, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS 3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

A. Acquisition of Quotes/Bids for Asbestos Abatement at the Recently Condemned Midtown Travel Inn

City Manager Johnston stated that the asbestos report indicates that was found at the Midtown Travel Inn, so abatement is necessary. We plan to obtain estimates for the asbestos abatement to get an idea if it will be an item that will need to be competitively bid by exceeding \$100,000. The owner of the property sold the restaurant portion of the property and has taken no other apparent abatement actions. The property needs to be secured, including the pool. Information only, no action taken at this time.

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 presented information regarding municipal swimming pool repairs that have been identified as the pool season has ended for this summer; the pool needs to be sand blasted and repainted. Vandalism recently occurred at the Acme Brick Park wooden playground. He stated that we are looking at enhanced security cameras and possibly replacement with updated playground equipment.

Progress continues with our hospital situation. The Clinton Hospital Authority met earlier today and reported that transitions are still occurring: twelve employees have been rehired in key areas to begin preparing for the reopening and the emergency room is set to reopen on October 30, 2023. A framed copy of the new hospital license was given to the Hospital Authority at the meeting.

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 McComas and seconded by Councilman Lloyd to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Mayor