

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

Minutes of the regular 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, November 7, 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 November 3, 2023, at 3:00 P.M.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong

COUNCIL: 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, Nydia Campbell

OTHERS: Luis De la Torre, Stormie Hill, Shauna Hacker, Joshua McGuire, Bobby Stewart, Julie Caldwell, Cheryl McCullers, Sherry Morgan, Roland Mowers, Don Miller, Jeff Hunter, Shannon Greear, Shane Harrelson, Brett Russell, and others.

Dan Day, Custer County Sheriff 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 October 17, 2023, Regular Meeting

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

Mayor David Berrong 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. Resolution No.969 - Authorizing OMAG to Distribute Escrow Account Funds in the of \$65,291.55 and Apply to the FYE 24 Worker's Compensation Policy Premium.

City Manager Johnston presented the letter dated October 23, 2023 regarding the Return from 2020-2021 OMAG Worker's Compensation Plan Year.

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to approve he Resolution No. 969 - Authorizing OMAG to Distribute Escrow Account Funds in the amount of \$65, 291.55 and apply to the FYE 24 Worker's Compensation Policy Premium.

Mayor David Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

B. Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Clinton and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #233 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

City Manager Robert Johnston presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2023-2024 which has already been approved by the lodge members and executed by the lodge president and secretary. The City exercised diligence with the utilization of outside legal counsel Margaret Love to represent the City's interest in a brief series of harmonious negotiation sessions. As with any CBA in Oklahoma, much of the agreement is a restatement of existing statutes and our personnel policies. The Agreement will provide for a pay adjustment, an upgrade in uniform components and weapons within the budgeted appropriation.

Mayor Berrong asked if it addressed a salary and pay schedule that will help with recruitment and retain officers. Johnston stated that it should help, as is the intent with any recommendations he makes for all departments regarding improved working conditions, equipment and training opportunities.

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Villanueva to approve the Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Clinton and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #233 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mayor David Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried

C. Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) Healthy Incentive Grant Opportunities.

City Manager Johnston presented information on the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) Healthy Incentive Grant opportunities. He reminded the Council that these grant funds are from a State Trust approved by the voters which was funded by tobacco settlement funds. He stated that there is a total of \$50,000 that could be obtained to be used on projects of our choice. Projects like walking trails and physical fitness. He states that there are specific guidelines with the grant, but the application process does not at this time appear too cumbersome. He presented the information tonight so that the Council would have the opportunity to review it more carefully. Mayor Berrong stated that what he had reviewed looked good. Councilman McComas stated that we should apply for all grants that are available to us. More information will be brought as available.

No Action, information only.

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 Manger Johnston reported that the City is always looking for grants and additional funding sources. He stated he had visited with ODOT Division Engineer Brent Almquist earlier today and was told that the 4th Street/HWY183 bridge project has a projected completion date of July 2024 and that Exit 65 project looks to be on target for bids to opened in November of 2024. Johnston reported that he is also working on the ODOT Transportation Grant again for McLain Rogers Park for the universal access grant. This will be brought back when necessary for Council action. Since the CDBG-PAC grant was recently closed out the City will be looking at projects to apply for the grant again in May of 2024. He reported that we did not receive for the OWRB dm safety grant for the Clinton Lake Dam last year, but we will apply again at a later date. We will be researching the Route 66 Centennial Grants; that information should be rolling out soon.

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 seconded by Councilman Villanueva to adjourn the meeting.

Vice-Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor