

**MINUTES OF CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

Minutes of the special meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Public Works Authority City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on November 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following present:

CHAIRMAN: David Berrong

TRUSTEES: Ernie Dowdell, Stormie Hill, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham (absent)

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Smith, Nydia Campbell

OTHERS: Luis De la Torre, Shauna Hacker, Joshua McGuire, Bobby Stewart, Don Miller, Brett Russell, Cindy Bowen, Paul Hill, Justin Hill, Temple Diehl, Danny Tharp, Gene McCullough, Nancy Smith, Julie Caldwell, Doug Greer, Blake Shadden, Max McKinsey, Jimmy Laughlin, Landon Littke, Len Lacefield, Dillion Mach, Paige Poeling, and others.

Temple Diehl, Pastor, First United Methodist 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 November 7, 2023, Regular Meeting

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

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, Hill, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act)

A. Report on the Lead Service Line Inventory Project

Public Works Director Gene McCullough reported that the City of Clinton will have until next October to complete its inventory of its water distribution system service lines. He stated that in August 2022 the EPA released "Guidance for Developing and Maintaining a Service Line Inventory" by October 16, 2024. The EPA considers this project a critical initiative aimed at assessing and managing lead pipes within our public water distribution.

Trustees then asked questions. He was asked how long the EPA had been doing this lead pipe elimination. McCullough stated that this has been ongoing since the 1980's. He reported that towns with less than 3000 meters are fully funded for this project. Trustee Dowdell asked if the this effected the quality of the City's water. Public Works Director McCullough stated that our water is very safe to drink. He was asked by Chairman Berrong when the last time the City of Clinton installed lead pipes. McCullough said not since 1987 when their use was prohibited in Oklahoma.

Manager Johnston stated that periodically regulatory mandates, mostly unfunded, come from federal agencies via state agencies such as the DEQ. The staff will work through the process to identify the service and will develop a plan of correction and budget accordingly. He also stated that Gene and himself will be attending the annual Governor's Water Conference next Wednesday and Thursday to learn more about this issue and others as well as any available funding assistance to address mandates.

Information only. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: MANAGER COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Villanueva and seconded by Trustee Dowdell to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, Hill, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Chairman