

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 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, December 5, 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 December 5, 2023, at 3:00 P.M.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong

COUNCIL: Ernie Dowdell, Stormie Hill, Ernesto Villanueva, Arthur Lloyd (absent)

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, Shauna Hacker, Joshua McGuire, Bobby Stewart, Valerie Miller, Andrew Stone, Christopher Stone, Jason Smith, Craig Tucker, Valerie Miller, Jeff Johnson, and others.

Jeff Johnson, Pastor, First Christian 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 21, 2023 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Claims
- C. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports for the Month Ending October 31, 2023
- D. Approval of Tyler Technologies invoice #05-441737 in the amount of \$46,313.37
- E. Regular Meeting Date and recognized holidays for the Clinton City Council and Authorities for 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva that the Consent Agenda Items be approved.

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

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

A. Election of Vice Mayor

City Manager Johnston stated that according to the *Clinton City Charter*, Article 2. The Council of the Clinton City Charter it states "...at the first meeting after the time prescribed for the beginning of the terms of newly elected councilmen, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the council shall elect one of its members vice mayor ..."

The Motion was made by Councilmember Villanueva and seconded by Councilmember Hill to elect Councilmember Ernie Dowdell as Vice Mayor.

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

Aye: Hill, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Councilmember Dowdell did not vote.

Mayor declared the motion carried.

B. Presentation by Western OK Cooperative Regarding Redevelopment of the Midtown Travel Inn Property.

Mayor Berrong introduced Andrew Stone and Jason Smith representing the Western OK Cooperative regarding the potential redevelopment of the Midtown Travel Inn property. Smith requested that the Council give the Western OK Cooperative time to develop a plan regarding redevelopment of the Midtown Travel Inn Property. He and Mr. Stone presented ideas of phases to restore the property. The first phase would likely be an Art Application/Mini Plaza representative of the historic Route 66 era and provides visitors "photo opportunities". The motel would be secured and maintained. This would be a community-based art project. Phase II would likely be a Boutique Style Air B n B Upstairs and art gallery downstairs. The Cooperative would need time to acquire the property and implement the phases. Today the Western OK Cooperative is asking the Council to delay the decision of demolition to allow them to get with the current owner and proceed with negotiations to acquire the property.

City Attorney Meacham suggests giving the Western OK Cooperative 30 days to communicate back to the City Manager their progress in acquiring the property.

Information only no action taken.

C. Bid Demolition for Midtown Travel Inn Structures

City Manager Johnston reported on the Bid Demolition for Midtown Travel Inn Structures. He reported that a bid notice was published in the Clinton Daily News on November 8, 2023, and bids were opened on November 30, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Only one bid was received from Midwest Wrecking in the amount of \$58,840.00. Considering the information presented today by the Western OK Cooperative, City Attorney Meacham stated that based on giving them thirty days to work with the owner of the Midtown Travel Inn, the Council should reject the bid at this time.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to reject the demolition bid for Midtown Travel Inn in the amount of \$58,8540.00.

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

Aye: Hill, Villanueva, Dowdell, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

D. Approval of Clinton Agreement ARP-23-0203- Grant Funding for the Chlorine Feed Building at the Lake Clinton Surface Water Treatment Plant.

City Manager Johnston presented for action the approval of Clinton Agreement ARP-23-0203 - Grant Funding for the Chlorine Feed Building at the Lake Clinton Surface Water Treatment Plant. He reported that the Oklahoma Water Resource Board has committed the funds for this grant not to exceed \$1,262,382.00 for the project, with the City/Authority obligated with a local cash match of \$1,262,382.00. PW Director McCullough and he have been working closely with our consulting engineer in order to be prepared to bid this as soon as possible in the new year.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the Clinton Agreement ARP-23-0203 - Grant Funding for the Chlorine Feed Building at the Lake Clinton Surface Water Treatment Plant,

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

Aye: Hill, Villanueva, Dowdell, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

E. Bids for Light Sandblasting and Painting of the Swimming Pool, Kiddie Pool and Plunge Pool, Tile and Other Repairs.

City Manager Johnston presented bids for Light Sandblasting and Painting of the Swimming Pool, Kiddie Pool and Plunge Pool, Tile and Other Repairs as information only today so that the Council would have the highest quality information in front of them. At this time more information and clarification are needed. He suggested the Council table this item until the next meeting at which time action will be necessary in order to get this work completed before the swim season starts Memorial Day weekend 2024 as required by the state health department.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Dowdell to table the Bids for Light Sandblasting and Painting of the Swimming Pool, Kiddie Pool and Plunge Pool, Tile and Other Repairs.

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

Aye: Hill, Villanueva, Dowdell, 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 that Mayor Berrong and Beautification member(s) will be traveling to Woodward to attend a OK Arts Council grant meeting this Thursday.

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 Councilmember Dowdell seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to adjourn

the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor