

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

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, February 20, 2024, 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 February 15, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong

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

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard (absent)

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Smith, Angela Nichols

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Shauna Hacker, Joshua McGuire, Danny Tharp, Don Miller, Kevin Rother, Doug Greer, and others.

Temple Diehl, Pastor First United Methodist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Doug Greer, Service Officer, American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Johnston

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the February 6, 2024
- B. Garver Invoice 22W02360-4 Clinton ARPA Water and Sewer Improvements \$78,982.30

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

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

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

A. Nuisance Abatement Process

City Manager Johnston reported that he has found it useful periodically to review in a council meeting what the Oklahoma statutes and the *Clinton City Code* provide for the authority/responsibility to hold property owners responsible for failure to comply with health & safety requirements, with recognition of their constitutional property rights.

Potential nuisances are called to the City's attention in a variety of ways: neighboring property owners, observation by City employees and some repeat offenders. In dealing with this subject great effort and consciousness is paid to being objective and respectful as possible to all parties, focusing on the condition of the property, not the property owner, while being very mindful of all parties' legal rights.

There are four remedies authorized in dealing with these issues: prosecution in municipal court, an administrative hearing conducted by the city manager, a summary abatement process by the City Council, or a lawsuit in district court. None of these remedies result in the City automatically taking ownership of the property, it files a lien on the property for the unpaid costs of abatement, via the County Treasurer. Some owners abate their nuisance before a hearing, some after a hearing, others do not take any action to abate. Information only. No action needed.

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

None.

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 Hill to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:44 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor