

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 5, 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, March 5, 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 March 1, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. with the following present:

**MAYOR:** David Berrong

**COUNCIL:** Stormie Hill, Arthur Lloyd, Ernie Dowdell, Ernesto Villanueva

**MANAGER:** Robert Johnston

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ryan Meacham

**CITY CLERK:** Amy Jones

**NEWS MEDIA:** Mike Smith, Angela Nichols

**OTHERS:** Luis De la Torre, Gene McCullough, Shauna Hacker, Joshua McGuire, Pat & Sue Cornell, Luke Adams, Kent & Beth Dewees, Cheryl McCullers, Cheryl Lowry, Julie Caldwell, Susan Adams-Johnson, Donna Rother, Danny Tharp, Toby Anders, Johnnie & Tina Dixon, Lana Johnston, Jason & Meridith Smith, Andrew Stone and others.

Pat Peters, Pastor, Church of Christ opened the meeting with prayer and Doug Greer, Service Officer, American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of the February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Claims
- C. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports for the Month Ending January 31, 2024
- D. Acknowledge Receipt of DEQ Permit to Construct No. WT000075230153 Clinton Lake WTP Chlorine Gas Storage and Fee Building System Improvements PWSID No. 101828.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell 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, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEMS 3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION(S) REGARDING:**

**A. Request from Johnnie & Tina Dixon, New Owners of the Properties at 405, 405 1/2 and 407 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> Street.**

Mr. Johnnie Dixon presented a plan of action for the structures on the properties at 405, 405 ½ and 407 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street which he has recently acquired from Don Lacy. Dixon has provided the Council with a timeline and scope of work to be completed: the property will be converted from a duplex to a single-family dwelling and the back apartment will become a storage/shop building. Mr. Dixon was here today to ask for an extension of the condemnation to give him time to make the appropriate improvements to the property.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to extend the condemnation to the first Meeting in May and Mr. Anders provide a report of the progress made on the property.

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

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**B. Request from Jason Smith, Potential New Owner of the Property at 1015/1023 W. Gary Boulevard for the opportunity and Time to Rehabilitate this Property.**

Mr. Jason Smith and Mr. Andrew Stone presented a slide presentation on the direction that they would like the property at 1015/1023 W, Gary Boulevard to go. They would like to improve the property and make it “art exhibit” on the outside of the building that would tell the story of Route 66 through graphic art design and to repurpose the current space as destination stop along Route 66 for the upcoming Route 66 Centennial celebration. Mr. Smith stated that he is having a difficult time contacting the second owner of the Midtown Travel Inn and difficulty communicating with him as well. He asks that the Council understand the communication issues with “Roger”, the second owner of the property and consider giving Mr. Smith and Mr. Stone additional time to purchase the property from the owners.

Mayor Berrong thank Mr. Smith and Mr. Stone for their presentation. No action was taken regarding the presentation.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to request bids for demolition of the Mid Town Travel Inn and bring to the first meeting in April.

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

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.):**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Hill thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Stone for the presentation and putting forth efforts to improve the community.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

City Manager Johnston stated that he had met with the Beautification Committee Chairman Steve Weichel regarding the rehab project for the 'green room' of amphitheater in the McLain Rogers Park and expects work to begin 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 Councilmember Dowdell seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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Date Approved

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David Berrong, Mayor