

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 26, 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 26, 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 22, 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, Jarrod Nunn, Rod Kinney, Scott Crumley, and others.

Jarrod Nunn, Pastor, Cornerstone Church 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 March 5, 2024, Regular Meeting
- B. Acknowledge Receipt of Permit No. SL000020240022 for the construction of Sanitary Sewer Lines for Exit 65 Project, Facility No. S-10804

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. Resolution No. 974 – Updating the “Standards for the Review of the Tourism Grant Funding Requests” Previously Established by Resolution 974 Adopted March 7, 2017, Based Upon Ordinance 977.**

City Manager Johnston provided the Resolution 974 -- Updating the Standards for the Review of the Tourism Grant Funding Requests Previously Established by Resolution 974 Adopted March 7, 2017, Based Upon Ordinance 977 for review. Based on the grant program being in place for the past 7 years it needed review and potential updating. In consultation with City Attorney Meacham, Mayor Berrong and the Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, the following replacement language for Section 1.7 is recommended:

"The Convention and Visitors Committee shall analyze each application with the purpose of determining whether the proposed meeting or event will foster and promote interest and tourism in the City of Clinton, specifically with regard to the potential economic impact upon businesses within the City of Clinton. The purpose of this grant fund is to subsidize extracurricular activities, including but not limited to athletic events, stock shows, rodeos, theatre events, and concerts, within the City of Clinton. The Committee should not consider organizations or entities rooted in politics, lobbying, labor issues, faith-based organizations, human rights groups, or social organizations with the intent of promoting an inherently religious activity or that particular organization's ideology."

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva that the Resolution 974 -- Updating the "Standards for the Review of the Tourism Grant Funding Requests" Previously Established by Resolution 974 Adopted March 7, 2017, Based Upon Ordinance 977.

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. Approval of the Third Amended Trust Indenture of the Clinton Hospital Authority**

The Third Amended Trust Indenture of the Clinton Hospital Authority was presented to the Council for Review and Approval. City Attorney Ryan Meacham stated that this was an amendment to the indenture to remove the Physician Trustee seat on the Clinton Hospital Authority. This is the only change to the indenture.

Motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the Third Amended Trust Indenture of the Clinton Hospital Authority.

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

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**C. Intrafund Borrowing Agreement between the City of Clinton General Fund and the Clinton Hospital Authority**

The Intrafund Borrowing Agreement between the City of Clinton General Fund and the Clinton Hospital Authority was presented for review and approval by City Manager Johnston. "Intrafund Borrowing Agreement between the Clinton Public Works Authority and the Clinton Hospital Authority" in the amount of \$500,000. He explained that this agreement is necessary to loan money to the Hospital Authority to continue to cover expenses until hospital money that is invested becomes available. When the money is available in June 2024, the loan will be repaid.

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**

None

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

City Manager Johnston stated that the FYE25 Budget preparations have begun. The staff has started the preliminary budgets and information will be brought to the Council in the future.

**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 6:13 P.M.

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Date Approved

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David Berrong, Mayor