

MINUTES OF SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY MEETING APRIL 2, 2024

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Solid Waste Authority City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on March 29, 2024, at 4:00 pm.

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. with the following present:

CHAIRMAN: David Berrong

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

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

OTHERS: Crystal Bennett & Patrick Connell - Republic Services.

Manager Johnston noted that the solid waste authority has contracted with the company now known as Republic Services to dispose of solid waste ever since our landfill closed. For several years Republic operated a transfer station near at the wastewater treatment plant which is now closed. Our collection vehicles now haul solid waste to the Weatherford transfer station. As a result, we have been in conversations with Republic regarding the city's best options going forward. One option that has not been given much recent consideration is privatizing the solid waste collection and disposal services. Two Republic Services representatives are here today to explain that option.

Crystal Bennett and Pat Connell reviewed an Opportunity Summary whereby Republic would take over this essential municipal function. They emphasized Republic's business focus is entirely on solid waste, with many years of experience, greater efficiencies, the solid waste authority being able to eliminate its: employee-based expenses and liabilities, capital expenditures in order to focus on other municipal functions.

The transition time would be four months, with some flexibility in the final contract terms. Standard contract terms most often include: quarterly curbside bulk waste pickup instead of the operation of a convenience center, changing to weekly all poly cart service for residences, 2, 4, 6 or 8 cubic yard dumpsters for commercial/industrial customers on a multi-day weekly schedule, the hiring of three current solid waste employees, service within the city limits only at the contract rate, with customers within a 2 mile radius paying a separate rate on a five year contract with a five year option with a 5 percent annual CPI adjustment.

Discussion ensued regarding the specifics of this Opportunity Summary and related matters, such as whether a Request for Proposals (RFP) was mandatory. No decisions were made after the instructional session ended.

Chairman Berrong recessed the meeting at 5:22 P.M.

Chairman David Berrong reconvened the meeting at 5:37 p.m. with the following present:

CHAIRMAN: David Berrong

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

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Angela Nichols

OTHERS: Luis De La Torre, Gene McCullough, Shauna Hacker, Joshua McGuire, Danny Tharp, Toby Anders, Jason Smith, Andrew Stone, and others.

Kent Jagers, Pastor, First Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Mayor Berrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 5, 2024
- B. Consider Claims
- C. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Report from the Month ending February 29, 2024.

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

Chairman Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

A. Agreements with Republic Services for Solid Waste Management Services

Manager Robert Johnston stated that it is contract renewal time with Republic Services. He stated that there is no action to take tonight.

No action taken.

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

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TRUSTEE REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: MANAGER'S REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Vice-Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Date Approved

David