

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

Minutes of the special 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, August 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 August 16, 2024, at 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong

COUNCIL: Stormie Hill, Ernie Dowdell, Ernesto Villanueva

COUNCIL ABSENT: Arthur Lloyd

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Sean Stephens

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Shauna Hacker, Doug Greer, Luis De La Torre, Danny Tharp, and others.

Dan Day, Custer County Sheriff 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 August 6, 2024, Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of Street Closure on September 28, 2024 – Frisco Avenue Between 4th a& 8th Streets, Inclusive of the side streets between Avant and Gary Boulevard for the Clinton Fall Festival.
- C. Ratify the Execution of the “Bill of Sale and Transfer of Ownership” by Police Chief De La Torre of a K-9 Referred to as “Momma Bear” to the Clinton Police Department.

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, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

- A. Request for Executive Session for confidential communications with its attorneys concerning initiating legal proceedings regarding Estate of Butch Thomas Herndon vs. City of Clinton, Case No. CIV-23-86-F, if the Councilmembers, with the advice of its attorney(s), determine that disclosure will seriously impair its ability to process the action in the public interest, pursuant to 25 Oklahoma Statutes. § 307.B.4 and A.G. Opinion 05-29

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

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

B. Reconvene from Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:24 p.m.

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

Aye: Dowdell, Hill, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. Action(s), if any from Executive Session

Mayor Berrong gave report of no action.

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 stated that there will be another organizational meeting Monday August 26, 2024, at 6 PM in the city council chambers regarding refurbishment of the M.T. & Helen Gholston Park.

Information only.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (According to Audience participation Decorum Guidelines at Clinton City Council Public Meetings effective:2/14/2017)

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: 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 6:26 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor