

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 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, September 3, 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 29, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Smith, Sean Stephens

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Shauna Hacker, Kent & Beth Dewees, Robert Stewart, Bobby Stewart, Dillon Mach, Luis De La Torre, Kent Jaggars, Danny Tharp, Chris Jones, Ken Baker, Len Lacefield, Lacey Lacefield, Tyler Bridges, Mark Miner, Julie Caldwell, Natalie Simpson, Chris Hickerson, Janice Merrill, Chasity Richardson, Kevin Wolters, Anita Ford, Stephanie Drum, Brenda Jennings, Stefanie Bustos, Janae Chittum, Bobby Stewart, Toby Anders, L.R. Sights, Billy & Cheryl McCullers and others.

Kent Jaggars, Pastor, First Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Bobby Stewart, Adjutant, American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the August 20, 2024, Regular Meeting and August 27, 2024 Special Meeting.
- B. Consider Claims
- C. Acknowledge Receipt of the Financial Statement for the Month Ending July 31, 2024.
- D. October 2024 Internet Only Rate Increase Notification from Bluepeak.
- E. Authorize the 2024 CHS Football homecoming Parade on Frisco Avenue Beginning at 3:30 pm on Friday, October 4, 2024.

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. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ALLEGED DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE AT 336 S. 14TH STREET.

Mayor Berrong called the Public Hearing regarding alleged the dilapidated structure at 336 S. 14th Street to order at 5:48 p.m. Toby Anders, Code Enforcement presented commentary and pictures regarding the structure at 336 S. 14th Street. He reported that the house had a structure fire on December 20, 2023. Owners were properly notified and notices were properly posted on the structure. No contact by the owner has been made to the City regarding the notices and the owner failed to appear at the hearings. Mayor Berrong asked if there was anyone in the audience that was present to speak regarding the property. No representative was present.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to move from Public Hearing to Regular session at 5:51 p.m.

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 4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION(S) REGARDING:

A. Condemnation and Order of Abatement of the Property at 336 S. 14th Street – Harley Parvin, Owner.

The information that was presented in the Public Hearing was reviewed and considered by the Councilmembers regarding the Condemnation and Order of Abatement of the Property at 336 S. 14th Street – Harley Parvin, Owner

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the Condemnation and Order of Abatement of the Property at 336 S. 14th Street – Harley Parvin, Owner.

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 of Extension of Time to Complete the Rehabilitation of the Condemned Structures at 405 & 407 S. 10th Street.

A letter from Johnnie and Tina Dixon Requesting an Extension of Time to Complete the Rehabilitation of the Condemned Structures at 405 & 407 S. 10th Street was presented to the Council. Toby Anders, Code Enforcement has been monitoring the progress of property. The letter received outlines the progress of the property. The additional renovation is to become active again during the months of September and October with the replacement of windows, plumbing, electrical and replacing walls in the house. They state that their goal is to complete renovations by the end of the year and ask for consideration for the extension of time. Mayor Berrong recognizes Kent and Beth Dewees, nextdoor neighbors to the property, and asked for comment. Mr. Dewees stated that he has seen the work being done at the residence and is happy with the progress being made.

Motion is made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the Request of Extension of Time to Complete the Rehabilitation of the Condemned Structures at 405 & 407 S. 10th Street and bring back for review in December of 2024.

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. Approval of Line of Credit Agreement with the Clinton Hospital Authority doing business as *Clinton Regional Hospital*

Len Lacefield, CEO at Clinton Regional Hospital, presented the request for a Line of Credit Agreement with the Clinton Hospital Authority doing business as *Clinton Regional Hospital* in the amount of \$750,000.00 with an initial draw of \$250,000.00 at 5% interest rate for one year. Mr. Lacefield provide a brief overview of the status of the hospital. He stated that it is anticipated that this line of credit will help to get through the next 30, 60, 90 days to cover overhead as the billing issues are worked through.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the request for a Line of Credit Agreement with the Clinton Hospital Authority doing business as *Clinton Regional Hospital* in the amount of \$750,000.00 with an initial draw of \$250,000.00 at 5% interest rate for one year term.

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 NO. 5 NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.):

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Johnston stated that you will notice a new piece of playground equipment has been installed at McLain Rogers Park at 13th and Opal and there was also some vandalism to the park as well. He also reported that the work at the soccer building is moving forward. Rod Serfoss continues to lead the effort on the refurbishment of the M.T. and Helen Gholston Park at Acme playground equipment; work days have been set for October 25, 26, and 27.

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, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:06 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor