

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 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 17, 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 September 17, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:41 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 (absent)

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Mark Lantz, Sean Stephens

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Shauna Hacker, Bobby Stewart, Mark Miner, Julie Caldwell, Amanda Arvizo, Isaac Alvarado, Ana Alvarado-Torres, Berenice Zavala-Ramos, Lucy Moreno, Carol Coutino, Gustavo Ramos, Chuy Torres, Joshua McGuire, and others.

Temple Diehl, Pastor, First United Methodist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Don Miller, Post Commander, American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting

B.

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. Ratify City Manager's Execution of Purchase Orders for H&H Shooting Sports for Pistols, Rifles & Associated Equipment to be Used by the Clinton Police Department, for Chickasaw Personal Communications for Handheld Radios to be used by the Clinton Police Department and for McKinsey Ford for a 2024 F250 Command Vehicle to be Used by Clinton Fire Department (Capital Improvement Expenditures)

City Manager Johnston presented the agenda item to ratify his execution of purchase orders beyond his spending authority: for H&H Shooting Sports for pistols, rifles & associated equipment to be used by the Clinton Police Department, for Chickasaw Personal Communications for handheld radios to be used by the Clinton Police Department and for McKinsey Ford for a 2024 F250 Command Vehicle to be used by the Clinton Fire Department (Capital Improvement Expenditures). The quotes were received right after the last regular meeting, and purchase orders were issued as these items may take several months to be delivered and/or subject to price increases. Police Chief De La Torre and Fire Chief Russell both had previous engagements and were not able to attend the meeting to answer any questions.

Motion was made by Council Member Dowdell and seconded by Council Member Villanueva to approve the ratification of the City Manager's Execution of Purchase Orders for H&H Shooting Sports for Pistols, Rifles & Associated Equipment to be Used by the Clinton Police Department, for Chickasaw Personal Communications for Handheld Radios to be used by the Clinton Police Department and for McKinsey Ford for a 2024 F250 Command Vehicle to be Used by Clinton Fire Department (Capital Improvement Expenditures).

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 for Executive Session, Pursuant to Section 307(B) 1 of the OK Open Meeting Act for the Purpose of Discussing the "Mutually Agree Upon Process, Form, Criteria and Format" for the Performance Evaluation of the City Manager Robert B. Johnston.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva for Executive Session, Pursuant to Section 307(B) 1 of the OK Open Meeting Act for the Purpose of Discussing the "Mutually Agree Upon Process, Form, Criteria and Format" for the Performance Evaluation of the City Manager Robert B. Johnston with

Johnston and City Attorney Meacham to be included. Mayor David Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote

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

Mayor declared the motion carried and the Executive Session commenced at 5:44 PM

C. Reconvene from Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:02 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.

D. Any Action(s) Arising Out of the Executive Session

Mayor Berrong gave a 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 progress is continuing on the installation of additional playground equipment at the McLain Rogers Park and on the refurbishment of the M.T. and Helen Gholston Children's Park at Acme Brick Park. The new soccer goals have been delivered and are being assembled for use. In addition, he stated that work is being planned for the much-needed replacement/relocation of the Animal Control/Welfare Facility which is presently at the landfill. Grant funding opportunities are being explored in anticipation of some action in the near future.

Information only.

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 6:06 P.M.

Date Approved

David Berrong, Mayor