

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 6, 2015**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 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 Thursday, January 2, 2015.

The Oath of Office was administered by City Clerk Lisa Anders to Seth Adams, Don Rodolph and Lucas Martinez.

Mayor Seth Adams called the meeting to order with the following present:

**MAYOR:** Seth Adams

**COUNCIL:** Don Rodolph, Wheeler Lowry, Jason Hulin, Lucas Martinez

**CITY MANAGER:** Mark Skiles

**CITY CLERK:** Lisa Anders

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**DEPUTY CLERK:** Shona Stermer

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Absent

**NEWS MEDIA:** Gerald Green and Corianna Fairchild

**OTHERS:** Kris Wermey, Jeremy Brush, John Banne, Gene McCullough, Toby Anders, David Crabtree, Conan Wilson, Mary Helen Jones, Joyce Kenney, Jim Holmès, Donald Webb and others.

Ed Cox of The Edge Church opened the meeting with prayer and Councilman Lucas Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 16, 2014
- B. Minutes of Public Hearing on December 16, 2014
- C. Consider Claims

Motion was made by Councilman Hulin and second by Councilman Lowry that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 (a-c) be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Lowry, Rodolph, Martinez, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS**

**4A. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 837 REGARDING LICENSE PERMITS AND INSPECTION FEES**

Building Inspector Toby Anders presented a proposal to increase license permits and inspections fees. He said the rates have not been adjusted in at least the past eight years. He said the cost of some permits do not cover the cost of time and expenses.

Councilman Hulin asked if the City is losing money.

City Manager Mark Skiles said the changes are user fees and if the people who are required to pay do not then the public subsidizes. He said these permits and fees require staff time.

Councilman Rodolph said now is not a good time to raise rates and suggested further review.

Councilman Lowry said eight years is too long. He said his business reviewed fees annually and from the information presented there has been research completed.

Councilman Martinez said he was concerned about the timing and would like more research.

Councilman Hulin said he would like to see cost of service to justify any possible raise in rates. He said it might be that some of the rates need to be increased more than proposed.

Building Inspector Toby Anders said he could provide numbers and estimate time for generating licenses.

**4B. CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY AT 500 NORTH 15<sup>TH</sup> – OWNER: LARRY ROLLINS**

Building Inspector Toby Anders presented information on property at 500 North 15<sup>th</sup>. He said it is unsecure and has not had water service since December 2009. Proper notification has been sent to the property owner with no response. Anders recommended condemning the property.

Councilman Hulin asked if the owner is deceased.

Anders said that the abstract office has completed a title search and the property is owned by a sole owner and the taxes are current.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Lowry to proceed with the condemnation of property at 500 North 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Lowry, Hulin, Martinez, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4C. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO MIDWESTERN OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION**

City Manager Mark Skiles explained that the City of Clinton has five seated on the Midwestern Oklahoma Industrial Foundation board. Two terms will be expiring in February and Steve Hewitt needs to be replaced to complete his unexpired term.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Martinez to reappoint Jason Hulin and appoint Wheeler Lowry and Mark Skiles to the MOIF board.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Martinez, Lowry, Hulin, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4D. CONSIDER INCREASE TO OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE FEE**

City Manager Mark Skiles reported that Oklahoma Natural Gas had contacted the City regarding the franchise fee. Due to a “favored nations” clause in the franchise agreement, the City of Clinton has the option to raise the franchise fee from 3% to 4%. He said in comparing to other communities, Weatherford has an agreement with a different company and Elk City has not been contacted about this option.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Martinez to decline the option to increase the franchise fee with Oklahoma Natural Gas.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Martinez, Hulin, Lowry, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

City Manager Skiles explained that staff was not recommending the increase but it was necessary for the Council to take action on the option.

**AGENDA ITEM NO 5.COUNCIL REPORT**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Mark Skiles reported that the demolition of a condemned property had been completed today.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 : AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councilman Lowry and seconded by Councilman Hulin to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Lowry, Hulin, Martinez, Rodolph, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.