

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 7, 2014**

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 7, 2014 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 Friday, January 3, 2014.

The oath of office was administered by City Clerk Lisa Anders to Jason Hulin, Wheeler Lowry and Mustafa Sami.

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

**MAYOR:** Seth Adams

**COUNCIL:** Don Rodolph, Wheeler Lowry, Jason Hulin, Mustafa Sami

**CITY CLERK:** Lisa Anders

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**DEPUTY CLERK:** Rhonda Williams

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ryan Meacham

**NEWS MEDIA:** Gerald Green and Rod Serfoss

**OTHERS:** Randy Carpenter, Kris Wermey, Gene McCullough, Stephen Jones, Curtis Maloy, Danny George, Conan Wilson, Julie Menge, David Crabtree, Dusty & Ali Mayfield, Brennan Hendershot, Mike Ward, Josh Froman and others.

Roland Youngberg of the First United Methodist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Councilman Mustafa Sami led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 17, 2013
- B. Consider Claims

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Rodolph, Lowry, Sami, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS**

**4A. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO MIDWESTERN OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION**

City Manager Steve Hewitt explained that Chris Jones term would be expiring in February and an appointment needs to be made to fill the remaining term of Bob Marcy.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Hulin to appoint Mustafa Sami to fill the unexpired term of Bob Marcy.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Hulin, Lowry, Mustafa, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Sami to reappoint Chris Jones to the MOIF Board.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Sami, Lowry, Hulin, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4B. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO GO TO BID ON OIL AND GAS LEASE ON CEMETERY PROPERTY**

City Manager Steve Hewitt reported that the current oil and gas lease on the cemetery property will expire on February 14, 2014. Staff is requesting authorization to go to bid to release the 30 acres of cemetery property.

Motion was made by Councilman Rodolph and seconded by Councilman Lowry to authorize staff to go to bid on Oil and Gas lease on Cemetery property.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Lowry, Sami, Hulin, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

**4C. CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM ADVENTURE SIGN REGARDING LED COMMUNITY SIGN**

City Manager Steve Hewitt introduced Mike Ward and Josh Froman of Adventure Sign. He explained that they had presented a concept and would like to report to the Council.

Mike Ward of Adventure Sign explained that they are looking for a partner town to install two LED message centers with the right to the city at 50% of the time and 50% to be sold for advertising. He said that Adventure Sign would handle the installation and update of the messages. He said the City would be responsible for providing the land, utilities and insurance. He explained this would be a ten year contract and at the end of ten years the City would own the sign. He said he hoped to negotiate another ten year contract with updates and continue. He said the proposed site is at the Gary Freeway and Modelle intersection. He said that Adventure Sign currently has this same agreement with Claremore and Clinton is the second community to be presented this agreement.

Councilman Rodolph said the City is not in the advertising business. He said radio and newspaper provide information and make announcements on behalf of the city as well as a city website. He said if the City Manager feels a message center is necessary he should put it in the budget.

Mr. Ward said the message boards would require an investment of \$85,000.00 and they would be responsible for soliciting advertising for the sign. He explained that this is the most effective way to brand a city by use of an outdoor sign.

Mayor Adams asked with Adventure Sign was open to absorbing the cost of the electrical and insurance.

Mr. Ward said he could look at it and said that an amendment to 60/40 or 70/30 would probably result. He said that Clinton is at the bottom of the demographics for this type of offer. He said he has to look at the affordability for the advertising business.

Councilman Hulin asked if Clinton is at the bottom of the demographics why Clinton is only the second town to be presented this offer.

Mr. Ward said it is based on population. He said the advertising would not be offered to businesses outside Clinton and his company would assume the risk for selling of advertising. He said he looks at price of sign and the cost to advertisers.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said the cost of insurance has not been determined. He said only the concept of the proposal has been reviewed. He said that other cities do have digital message centers and the reason this has not been included in the Capital Budget is due to the cost of the sign.

The items died for the lack of a motion.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO 5.COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Rodolph asked when the Fire Department would be moving to the new station.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said it would be a couple of weeks before the tile will be installed. He said they can start moving but thought it would take 30 days once the keys are received. He said an Open House would be scheduled.

Councilman Hulin asked about the professional engineering/ consultants claims on the claims list.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said that is for the report regarding the Canute transmission line. That is necessary for the EDA grant application being compiled through SWODA.

Councilman Rodolph asked if there is an update of the Canute negotiations.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said he is not aware of an update.

Councilman Hulin also asked about a claim for fees for transportation for the After School program for snow tubing

Kris Wemy said Acme coordinates with Clinton Public Schools for transportation for the After School program activities. He said that Acme has a van for the daily pickups.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Steve Hewitt reported that hopefully in 2014 the City will receive the Armory building. He said the plans are for the After School Program to be headquartered there so the program can be expanded.

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

Curtis Maloy asked about the housing development on West Modelle.

City Manager Hewitt said the city is concentrating on the housing development on Commerce Road. He said he would like to finish a few projects before starting new ones.

Maloy said the progress is slow on the Commerce housing development. He asked how the sewer is being handled.

City Manager Hewitt said that Engineer Joe Ridley is preparing a review and the City has not yet received the DEQ permit for that project.

Maloy asked about the high pressure gas line on the Industrial property.

Councilman Rodolph pointed out that it is identified on the plot map presented earlier in the meeting.

Maloy asked if the City has a yard sale permit.

Councilman Rodolph said the city has enough permits but not a yard sale permit.

Mr. Maloy said there should be a penalty for people putting out advertisements on utility poles and not removing them after the event. He also commented that the community sign should be placed so as not to obstruct vision of traffic if approved.

Mr. Maloy suggested contacting FarmRail to confirm there is room on the City's property for a spur.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Hulin, Sami, Lowry, Adams

Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.