MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025

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, January 21, 2025, 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 January 16, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong
COUNCIL: Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva
COUNCIL ABSENT: Ernie Dowdell and Stormie Hill
MANAGER: Robert Johnston
CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard
CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham
CITY CLERK: Amy Jones
NEWS MEDIA: Gena Trent, Hope King, Sean Stephens
OTHERS: Shauna Hacker, Debra Blanchard, Gene McCullough, Jason Smith, Kent Jaggers, Donald Miller and others.

Kent Jaggers, Pastor, First Baptist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Donald Miller, Post Commander, American Legion Post No. 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from January 7, 2025, Regular Meeting
B. Quote from Wisdom Refrigeration for Phase 3 of 3 if the Heat and Air System Retrofitting Clinton Fire Department Building

Motion was made by Councilmember Lloyd and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva that the Consent Agenda Items be approved.

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

Aye: Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

A. Resolution No. 994 - Authorizing The Submittal of a Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) Mini Planning Grant Application with the Commitment of a $5,980.00 Cash Match for Related Engineering Services

City Manager Johnston presented the Resolution No. 994 - Authorizing the Submittal of a Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) Mini Planning Grant Application with the Commitment of a $5,980.00 Cash Match for Related Engineering Services to the Council for review and approval. He stated that this a continuation of engineering agreement with BKL Engineer/Architects which commenced with a plan of improvements for McLain Rogers Park.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lloyd and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve Resolution No. 994 - Authorizing the Submittal of a Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) Mini Planning Grant Application with the Commitment of a $5,980.00 Cash Match for Related Engineering Services.

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

Aye: Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

B. Update from West OK CO – OP, Inc. Regarding the Route 66 Centennial Grant Application to be Submitted

Jason Smith, West OK CO-OP, Inc presented an update regarding the Route 66 Centennial Grant Application. He stated that the West OK Co-op group continues to move forward with the Route 66 Centennial Grant Application. The idea is to attract/pull tourists/people to the community by a mapped art tour. The Co-op is coming back to the City of Clinton today to update the Council regarding the project and that it still seeks the Memo of Understanding that was approved this past summer. Mayor Berrong stated that the MOU would need to be reviewed. City Manager Johnston stated that we will have one more meeting on February 4, 2025 and the Memo of Understanding can be brought to the Council on that date for review and approval if needed.

Information only.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.):

City Manager Johnston presented information that was received this morning regarding

TruBridge invoices totaling approx. $84,000. for services provided to the Clinton Hospital Authority dba Clinton Regional Hospital that are currently past due. The account needs to be brought up to date so services will continue. City Treasurer Blanchard has located approx. $45,000 in hospital funds which have been transferred to the hospital's operating account to pay the first installment on the past due bill tomorrow. He is requesting an emergency line of credit of $50,000.00 also be approved to pay the balance of the past due invoice if the hospital is unable to pay it next week.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lloyd and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to acknowledge that hospital funds in city bank accounts have been transferred to the hospital's operating account to pay the first installment on the unpaid invoices from Trubridge.

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

Aye: Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lloyd and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve a line of credit of $50,000.00 for immediate distribution to the Clinton Hospital Authority if the hospital is unable to pay the invoice.

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

Aye: Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: COUNCIL COMMENTS
None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

City Manager Johnston reported that in the near future there will be more public hearings regarding alleged dilapidated structures. Bids have recently been received to demolish three recently condemned properties: 519 N 4th, 2300 W Modelle – after asbestos abatement is completed, and 1011 Avant.

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 Lloyd seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:57 P.M.

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Date Approved

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David Berrong, Mayor

MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2025

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, January 28, 2025, 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 January 24, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER,

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong
COUNCIL: Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva
COUNCIL ABSENT: Stormie Hill
MANAGER: Robert Johnston
CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard
CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham
CITY CLERK: Amy Jones
NEWS MEDIA: Hope King, Sean Stephens
OTHERS: Shauna Hacker, Debra Blanchard, Cris Hickerson and others.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION(S) REGARDING:

A. Request from the Clinton Hospital Authority for a line of credit from the General Fund in the amount up to $1,050,000.00.

City Manager Johnston presented the request from the Clinton Hospital Authority for a line of credit from the general fund in the amount up to $1,050,000.00. Included in this line of credit is the $50,000 that was approved under new business at the 1/21/2205 Council meeting to cover invoices due to Trubridge. Mr. Johnston provided copies of the line of credit agreement and emails from Mr. Lacefield, CEO of Clinton Regional Hospital. The first draw is requested at $500,000.00.

Manager Johnston asked City Treasurer Debra Blanchard to provide an overview of the availability of funds. Ms. Blanchard stated that the funds available this week were in the amount of $300,000.00 and then an additional $200,000 would be available after February 6, when treasury bills matured. A letter from the Loren Brink, 3rd Avenue West was also included in the information to the Council to shed light as to the need for the line of credit.

Len Lacefield, CRH CEO, presented information regarding the revenue cycle management, use of funds, and revenue estimates. Discussion was held regarding the

request for additional money needed to bridge the gap. Mr. Lacefield stated that Jennifer Sethre has been appointed as the Interim Chief Operating Officer to help with the transition period between the City of Clinton and Rural Hospital Solutions, LLC.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lloyd and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva that line of credit be extended to the Clinton Hospital Authority dba Clinton Regional Hospital in the amount of $1,050,000.00 with the first draw being $300,000.

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

Aye: Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: COUNCIL COMMENTS
None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

None

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 Lloyd seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:51 P.M.

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Date Approved

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David Berrong, Mayor