MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 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, March 4, 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 February 28, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong
COUNCIL: Ernie Dowdell, Stormie Hill, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva
COUNCIL ABSENT: None
MANAGER: Robert Johnston
CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard
CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham
CITY CLERK: Amy Jones
NEWS MEDIA: Gena Trent, Hope King
OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Luis De La Torre, Kent and Beth Dewees, Steve, Henry Caldwell, Warren Barnett, Troy and Christine Calvert, Danny Tharp, and others.

Sheriff Dan Day 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 February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting,
B. Consider Claims
C. Acknowledgement of the Receipt of the Financial Statement from January 31, 2025
D. Corrected Easement 51B Public Service Company of Oklahoma: 0000-21-012-017-A-000-00

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 STRUCTURES ON PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE HENRY CALDWELL FAMILY: 409 GLENN SMITH, 1017 GLENN SMITH, 1019 GLENN SMITH, AND 1021 GLENN SMITH.

Mayor Berrong called the Public Hearing to order at 5:44 p.m. regarding alleged dilapidated structures on properties owned by the Henry Caldwell Family: 409 Glenn Smith, 1017 Glenn Smith, 1019 Glenn Smith, And 1021 Glenn Smith. Code Enforcement Toby Anders presented the property information and provided pictures of the property condition. Each property was presented separately. Mr. Henry Caldwell and Warren Barnett were present to speak regarding the Caldwell property. Discussion was held regarding the process of condemnation.

The Public Hearing ended at 6:10 pm and Mayor Berrong continued to the regular meeting.

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

A. Condemnation of the Properties Owned by Henry Caldwell Family: 409 Glenn Smith, 1017 Glenn Smith, 1019 Glenn Smith, And 1021 Glenn Smith

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Lloyd to approve the condemnation of the Properties Owned by Henry Caldwell Family: 409 Glenn Smith, 1017 Glenn Smith, 1019 Glenn Smith, and 1021 Glenn Smith; and extend the time for Mr. Caldwell to respond back with a progress update at the June 3, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.

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. Proposal from Legit Productions to Produce One Episode of "The Story of Art in America, Season 5: Route 66 Edition" in Clinton

City Manager Johnston reported that Legit Productions provided an unsolicited invitation for the City of Clinton to participate, with a commitment deadline of 3/15/2025 and a cost of $27,000.00, in the production of one episode of "The Story of Art in America, Season 5: Route 66 Edition". Johnston provided the details of the agreement to the Council members for review and his concerns about prepaying the entire amount. After discussion of the proposal and its relation to the Route 66 Centennial celebration, the council members felt that more information is needed before this contract is approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva for City Manger Johnston to review this agreement more with Legit Productions,

LLC, make a decision based on his review and to move forward after his due diligence to sign the agreement and pay the fee up to $27,000.00.

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 at the next meeting Custer County Emergency Management Director Mike Galloway will present the Custer County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2030 Update and a Resolution to adopt the plan will be on the agenda. Johnston stated that he will be emailing the link for the plan to the Council members for their review before then. 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 6:25 P.M.

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Date Approved David Berrong, Mayor