**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**
**MAY 6, 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, May 6, 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 May 2, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

## AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. with the following present:

**MAYOR:** David Berrong
**COUNCIL**: Stormie Hill, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva
**COUNCIL ABSENT**: Ernie Dowdell
**MANAGER:** Robert Johnston
**CITY TREASURER**: Debra Blanchard
**CITY ATTORNEY**: Ryan Meacham (absent)
**CITY CLERK:** Amy Jones
**NEWS MEDIA**: Gena Trent, Sean Stephens
**OTHERS:** Gene McCullough, Luis De La Torre, Kent and Beth Dewees, Troy and Christine Calvert, Toby Anders, Don Miller, Dillon Mach, Kristen Sawatzky, Talitha Adler, Brendan Price, Chris Roland, Cris Hickerson, Justine Caler, Craig and Charlen Meacham, Robert Stewart, Kelly Burley, Jennifer Sethre, Kent Jaggers, 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 April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting,
B. Consider Claims
C. Acknowledgement of the Receipt of the Financial Statement from March 31, 2025
D. Authorize Payment of $6,255,272.00 to ODOT by 5/31/25 for the City's Cash Participation in Project Agreement #31842(04) -I-40 Exit 65 Improvements.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Lloyd 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. Amendment No. One to the Asset Purchase Agreement with Rual Hospital Solutions.

City Manager Johnston presented Amendment No. One to the Asset Purchase Agreement with Rural Hospital Solutions. He stated that this amendment would be updated to include the new lines of credit and to move the closing date up to no later than July 31, 2025, from the previous November 7, 2025.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Lloyd to approve the Amendment No. One to the Asset Purchase Agreement with Rual Hospital Solutions

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. Line of Credit No. 5 in the amount of up to $1million to Clinton Hospital Authority

City Manager Johnston stated that this the Line of Credit No. 5 in the amount of up to $1million to Clinton Hospital Authority and was discussed in the Publics Works Authority Meeting as well. The combined line of credit from the General Fund and Public Works Authority will equal $2 million dollars.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lloyd and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve the Line of Credit No. 5 in the amount of up to $1million to Clinton Hospital Authority as requested.

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

Aye: Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: Hill

Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. Application No. 7 in the Amount of $293,645.00 by Walters-Morgan for Clinton Lake WTP Chlorine Building.

Pay Application No. 7 in the Amount of $293,645.00 by Walters-Morgan for Clinton Lake

WTP Chlorine Building was presented for review and approval.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Lloyd to approve the Pay Application No. 7 in the Amount of $293,645.00 by Walters-Morgan for Clinton Lake WTP Chlorine Building.

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

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

Mayor declared the motion carried.

D. Change Order No. 1 by Krapff Reynolds Construction Company in the Net Deduct Amount of $11,658.00 for Clinton Sewer Improvements Project Associated with ODOT Project Agreement #31842(04) I-40 Exit 65 Improvements

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Motion was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Lloyd to approve the Change Order No. 1 by Krapff Reynolds Construction Company in the Net Deduct Amount of $11,658.00 for Clinton Sewer Improvements Project Associated with ODOT Project Agreement #31842(04) I-40 Exit 65 Improvements.

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

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

Mayor declared the motion carried.

E. Ballot for the Election of Two OK Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) Trustees

City Manager Johnston presented the Ballot for the Election of Two OK Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) Trustees. He stated that there are seven very capable candidates; he recommended voting for Lindsay Grigg-Moak, City Clerk, El Reno (Incumbent) and Vickie Patterson, City Manager, Broken Bow (Incumbent) for the three-year term starting July 1, 2025.

Motion was made by Councilmember Hill and seconded by Councilmember Lloyd the Ballot for the Election of Two OK Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) Trustees and mark votes for Lindsay Grigg-Moak, City Clerk, El Reno (Incumbent) and Vickie Patterson, City Manager, Broken Bow (Incumbent) for the three-year term starting July 1, 2025.

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

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

Mayor declared the motion carried.

F. Report on the Planned Construction of a New Animal Welfare Facility.

Mayor Berrong asked City Manager Johnston to give a report on the planned construction of a new animal welfare facility. City Manager Johnston stated that it is budget season for the City of Clinton, and that the inadequacies of the current animal welfare shelter – it is 40 years old, too small, in poor condition and located at a now relatively remote location at the former landfill. He met Kelly Burley of Best Friends Animal Society, who will speak in a moment, at last fall's OML conference in Tulsa and obtained useful information from him via several communications. He has also met several times with the Police Chief De La Torre and Justine Caler who has an active interest in animal welfare. For several months he has continued to seek information and by visiting other communities with newer animal welfare facilities. He stated that so far, we have acquired 3 floor plans from other community's shelters which we may utilize. The idea will be to decide what is the best plan moving forward for the City of Clinton within budgetary possibilities. Budget approval is scheduled for June 17, 2025; in the meantime, additional research and planning will take place.

Manager Johnston then introduced Chris Roland, who presented a summary of a community group that is currently raising funds to help with the city animal shelter. Mr. Roland then introduced Kelly Burley, who represents Best Friends Animal Society. Mr. Burley spoke regarding animal welfare statistics and statewide planning information. He stated that Animal Control Officer Heather Estrada provides our community with excellent care of the animals.

Mayor Berrong thanked Mr. Burley for the coming to Clinton and presenting the information regarding animal welfare.

Information only.

**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 reported that the recent much appreciated abundant rainfall have revealed drainage issues at the softball fields at Acme Ballfields. Remediation will begin as soon as the ground dries sufficiently to do more good than harm. Clinton has once again been selected to host the 8 & under state softball tournament in the month of June and has bid for the 8 & under state baseball tournament.

**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 Hill seconded by Councilmember Lloyd to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

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

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

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Date Approved

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David Berrong, Mayor