MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 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 20, 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 16, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:39 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, Sean Stephens
OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Toby Anders, Don Miller, Robert Stewart, Jeff Johnson, and others.

Jeff Johnson, Pastor First Christian 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. Proceed with the Abatement/Demolition of the Properties Located at 1007 Avant, 505 N. 20th and 316 Van Buren Which were Condemned at the April 1, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting After Public Hearings Were Held and Have Not yet Been Remediated by the Responsible Parties.

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 AN ALLEGED DIPAPIDATED STRUCTURE(S) AT 420 N. 16TH OWNED BY WILL GEORGE & STEVEN GEORGE C/O JUSTINE GEORGE.

Mayor Berrong called the Public Hearing to order at 5:40 p.m. regarding the alleged dilapidated structure at 420 N. 16th owned by Will George & Steven George c/o Justine George. Toby Anders, Code Enforcement presented his information regarding the property including the notifications given to the responsible parties. As of the meeting there had been no response received from the owners. Mayor Berrong asked if there was anyone in the audience that was prepared to speak regarding the property. There was not response to his inquiry.

Mayor Berrong closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

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

A. Condemnation of the Property at 420 N. 16th Owned by Will George & Steven George c/o Justine George

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to proceed with the condemnation of the property at 420 N. 16th owned by Will George & Steven George c/o Justine George.

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. Resolution 1002 – Nominating James R. Luckett, Jr. as a Candidate to Fill an Open Position on the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund (OkMRF) Representing District 7 for a Five-Year Term Beginning October 1, 2025 Through October 1, 2030

Resolution 1002 – Nominating James R. Luckett, Jr. as a Candidate to Fill an Open Position on the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund (OkMRF). City Manager Johnston spoke to the nominee's credentials and his qualifications to fill the position on the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund Representing District 7.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve Resolution 1002 – Nominating James R. Luckett, Jr. as a Candidate to Fill an Open Position on the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund (OkMRF) Representing District 7 for a Five-Year Term Beginning October 1, 2025 through October 1, 2030.

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

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

Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. Pay Application No. 1 from Krapff Reynolds Construction Company Project No. S-2505, Invoice No. 25105 in the Amount of $105,497.50 for Clinton Sewer Improvements Project Associated with ODOT Project Agreement #31842(04) I-40 Exit 65 Improvements

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve Pay Application No. 1 from Krapff Reynolds Construction Company Project No. S-2505, Invoice No. 25105 in the Amount of $105,497.50 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: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried

D. Pay Application No. 1 from Krapff Reynolds Construction Company Project No. W-2501 Invoice No. 25108 the Amount of $71,060.00 for Clinton Water Improvements Project Associated with ODOT Project Agreement #31842(04) I-40 Exit 65 Improvements.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve Pay Application No. 1 from Krapff Reynolds Construction Company Project No. W-2501 Invoice No. 25108 the Amount of $71,060.00 for Clinton Water 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: Dowdell, Hill, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Maor 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 reported that the city will make the payment to ODOT for the Exit 65/Gary Blvd Extension project of $6.3 million later this week. This payment is required for the project to go to bid. The bid process is expected to start in July of 2025. He also reported that the Council may be seeing more abatements as city manager hearings were held this afternoon and only 3 out of 20 property owners appeared. Mr. Johnston stated the Councilmembers have received their preliminary budget books for review. The Budget Hearing will be on June 3, 2025, and the approval of the Budget is set for June 17, 2025.

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 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 5:50 P.M.

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Date Approved

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David Berrong, Mayor