MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 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, December 2, 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 November 26, 2025, at 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. with the following present:

MAYOR: David Berrong
COUNCIL: Erin Adams, Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva
COUNCIL ABSENT:
MANAGER: Robert Johnston
CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard
CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham
CITY CLERK: Amy Jones
NEWS MEDIA: Mike Smith, Sean Stephens, Shiann Dawson
OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Bobby Stewart, Heidi Teeter, Dax Sawyer, Will Snipes, Jason Hulin, Riley Bryson, Luis De LaTorre, Dan Day, Brent Hester, and others.

Dan Day, Custer County Sheriff opened the meeting with prayer and Heidi Teeter, Vice-Post Commander, American Legion Post No. 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from November 18, 2025, Regular Meeting.
B. Consider Claims.
C. Acknowledgement of the Receipt of the Financial Statements dated October 31, 2025
D. Ratify City Manager's Execution/Approval of:
    i. Change Order No. 5 for the Construction Contract with Krapff Reynolds for Utility Relocation Work Associated with the Exit 65 Highway Project
    ii. Transfer to Clinton Hospital Authority
E. 2026 Regular Meetings and Holiday Schedule
F. Approval of Supplemental Budget Appropriations for Transfers to Clinton Hospital Authority
G. Write/Off Reverse Billing of Outstanding Balances on 3 Clinton Hospital Authority Utility Accounts for Clinton Regional Hospital

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: Adams, Dowdell, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 3. REPORT FROM ODOT DIVISION FIVE ENGINEER WILL SNIPES REGARDING INTERSTATE HIGHWAY PROJECT NO. J3-1842(04) I-40 EXIT 65, STATE JOB NO. 31842(04)

Will Snipes, ODOT Division Five Engineer presented a report regarding the interstate highway project No. J3-1842(04) I-40 Exit 65, State Job No. 31842(04). He provided a drawing of the interchange. He reminded those present that this project was started in 2016 with a public meeting and again in 2020. In July of 2025 project was identified at the cost of seventy-six million dollars and the City of Clinton prepared over the years to pay ten percent of the project. Mr. Snipes was glad to inform the Council that the contractor who received the bid has presented a plan to reduce the number of days of the project from 1,250 days to 769 days and will take an incentive penalty of $10,000 per day over the 769 days. The plan will improve efficiency and provide cost savings. He went over the phases of the project.

Mayor Berrong thanked Mr. Snipes for the information and encouraged communication throughout the project to keep the community informed of the phases and rerouting of traffic.

AGENDA ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Rezoning Request by Mission House, Inc. to Change the Zoning from R-1 (Residential Single-Family District) to R-3 (Residential Multiple-Family District), Lots 1-3 and Lots13-16 Block 2, Shoeboy Addition also known as 300 S. 7th and 301 S. 8th, Clinton, Custer County, Oklahoma

Mayor Berrong called the Public Hearing to Order and asked if there were any persons in the audience that would like to speak regarding the Rezoning Request by Mission House, Inc. to Change the Zoning from R-1 (Residential Single-Family District) to R-3 (Residential Multiple-Family District), Lots 1-3 and Lots13-16 Block 2, Shoeboy Addition also known as 300 S. 7th and 301 S. 8th, Clinton, Custer County, Oklahoma. No people were in the audience that asked to speak regarding the rezoning request. No representative was present for the Mission House, Inc.

B. Alleged Public Nuisance at 211 S. 11th Street

Toby Anders, code enforcement officer, presented the alleged public nuisance at 211 S. 11th Street. The owner of the property, Luis F. Caro-Delapena was present. Mr. Anders presented the information of the structure at 211 S. 11th Street. Notice was first given on March 7, 2025, the City of Clinton sent the owner per the most recent tax record a violation notice of the dilapidated and unsecure structure. The owner failed to make repairs or secure the structure within the 10 days after receiving the violation notice. On May 20, 2025, the City of Clinton held an abatement hearing with the City Manager which the property owner attended to discuss the condition of the property and the improvements that needed to happen. The property owner thought that the exterior repairs would be made over the summer and as of November 17th very minimal repairs to the exterior and the house is still unsecure. Mr. Delapena was present and spoke to the Council regarding the repairs he intends to make. He stated that the person he hired didn't complete the job and that he did not have money to pay another person. No other citizens were present to speak regarding this property.

Mayor Berrong thanked Mr. Delapena for coming and discussing his property.

AGENDA ITEM 5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION(S) REGARDING:

A. Ordinance No.1037– Changing the Zoning from R-1 (Residential Single-Family District) to R-3 (Residential Multiple-Family District), Lots 1-3 and Lots13-16 Block 2, Shoeboy Addition also known as 300 S. 7th and 301 S. 8th, Clinton, Custer County, Oklahoma

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to table Ordinance No. 1037 and to put on the December 16, 2025 agenda.

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

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

Mayor declared the motion carried

B. Emergency Provision for Ordinance No. 1037
No action.

C. Resolution 1010 - Appointment of Liz Johnson to a Term Ending June 1, 2028 as a Trustee of the Clinton Economic Development Authority (CEDA)

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve Resolution 1010 - Appointment of Liz Johnson to a Term Ending June 1, 2028 as a Trustee of the Clinton Economic Development Authority (CEDA).

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

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

Mayor declared the motion carried

D. Resolution 1011 - Concerning Bridge Inspection Responsibility by Local Government for Compliance with National Bridge Inspection Standards, Bridge Inspection Contracts for April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028.

City Manager Johnston presented Resolution 1011 which states that the City of Clinton has the responsibility of bridge maintenance and safety inspections and resolves that CED 7 as (Option # 2 as describe in the resolution) will be the engineer responsible for inspections.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to approve Resolution 1011 - Concerning Bridge Inspection Responsibility by Local Government for Compliance with National Bridge Inspection Standards, Bridge Inspection Contracts for April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028.

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

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

Mayor declared the motion carried

E. Use on Review for the Property Located at (300 S. 7th) Shoeboy Addition, Lots 1-3 and 13-16 Block 2, be changed from R-1 to R-3 District

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to table Use on Review for the Property Located at (300 S. 7th) Shoeboy Addition, Lots 1-3 and 13-16 Block 2, be changed from R-1 to R-3 District.

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

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

Mayor declared the motion carried

F. Condemnation of Property at 211 S. 11th

The Public Hearing was held for the Condemnation of Property at 211 S. 11th. The Councilmembers were able to hear the information from Toby Anders, Code Enforcement and property owner Mr. Delapena.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dowdell and seconded by Councilmember Villanueva to extend the condemnation of the property at 211 S. 11th for 60 days.

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

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

Mayor declared the motion carried

G. **Transfer Request of $100,000 to Clinton Hospital Authority for payroll and operating expenses.**

City Manager Johnston addressed the request for a Transfer Request of $100,000 to Clinton Hospital Authority for Payroll and Operating Expenses. He reported that the Hospital had recently received its notice from Novatis that the designation of Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) has been approved. The hospital will receive funding from the government of approximately $283,000 monthly for support to the operations of the hospital. The funding is anticipated to begin after the first of the year. The Authority is anticipated making a request to the Council at their meeting tomorrow for funding of $100,000 to help meet expenses.

The recommendation to approve a transfer that could be drawn from is needed from the Public Works Authority and the General Fund at this time. It is anticipated to be in the amount of $100,000 from each fund.

Motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Villanueva to approve the Transfer Request of $100,000 to Clinton Hospital Authority for Payroll and Operating Expenses.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Adams, Dowdell, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

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 repairs to the Clinton Public Library arch that was involved in a small fire this past July was being repair this week. The Route 66 Centennial Grants for the SWPH, MRP, and old Fire House were not approved in this round of funding. They will likely be resubmitted in the next round of funding in January 2026. The Oklahoma Historical Society received grant funding for the Glancy Sign refurbishment. He also stated that the OHP building project is moving along and in the future a decision will need to made regarding the current OHP building that is owned by the City of Clinton.

Information only.

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 Bowen seconded by Councilmember Villanueva 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 5:49 P.M.

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Date Approved