

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 6, 2021**

Minutes of the regular 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, April 6, 2021, 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 April 2, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. with the following present;

MAYOR: David Berrong

COUNCILMEN: Patch McComas, Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Chris Jones (Absent)

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Melissa Jaworsky, Todd Bruner

OTHERS: Paul Rinkel, Gene McCullough, Bobby Stewart, Brett Russell, Robinson Camp, Jonathan Imes, Roland Mowers, Bobby Stewart, G.W. Lowry, Cheryl Lowry, Jacob Stewart, Lana Johnston, and others.

Bobby Stewart American Legion, Post 41 Adjutant opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 2, 2021
- B. Consider Claims

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Dowdell that Consent Agenda Items be approved.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Jones, Lloyd, McComas, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

A. Presentation by Land S Development Company Representative(s) Regarding a Planned New Residential Housing Authority Development

Mr. G.W. Lowry and Mr. Jacob Stewart presented to the Council their proposal for Land S Development Company for 27 lot housing addition in the City of Clinton. They stated that would like to work with the city to bring new housing to the community. The Council

reviewed the information presented and thanked Mr. Lowry and Mr. Stewart for coming and wanted time to review the information.

Information only, no action taken.

B. Report by Code Enforcement Officer Regarding Processes and Procedures which have been utilized for the abatement of dilapidated structures and nuisances.

Toby Anders, Code Enforcement Officer presented information to the Council regarding the processes and procedures which he has been utilizing for the abatement of properties. He went also reviewed the statutory language for the cleaning & mowing of properties (Clinton has adopted an ordinance making vegetation more than 6 inches in height as a violation – the statutes specify 12 inches); these abatements typically are handled administratively by the City Manager. Toby also reviewed the statutory language to deal with alleged dilapidated structures which includes a public hearing before the Council. Toby shared some abatement statistics from the past two mowing seasons and answered a few questions from Council.

C. Proclamation Declaring April as “Fair Housing Month” in the City of Clinton

A proclamation was presented to the Council stating:

Whereas, it is illegal under the Fair Housing Act to discriminate because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or nation origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination in housing; and

Whereas, the City of Clinton shall not knowingly tolerate discrimination in housing within the City of Clinton, Oklahoma.

Now Therefore, as the Mayor of the City of Clinton, I hereby declare that the month of April shall henceforth be recognized as Fair Housing Month, to be honored annually and continuously, in the spirit and intent of fair housing for all residents of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma.

The motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to approve the Proclamation declaring April as “Fair Housing Month” in the City of Clinton, Oklahoma.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

D. Ballot for the Election of Two OMAG Trustees

The Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group 2021 Election of Two Trustees was presented by City Manager Johnston. The ballot was presented and reviewed by the Council.

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman Lloyd to cast the City of Clinton votes for incumbents Mike Bailey, City Manager, City of Bartlesville and Craig Stephenson, City Manager, City of Ponca City. Mayor put the motion to a roll vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, 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 on that the updated Sinor EMS Contract is still being worked. The city pool is being prepped for the opening day to be on Memorial Day. Also, Friday, April 9, 2021 is the Mucker Family Street Sign Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. and he reported that the City has received confirmation that the large airport grant that Tracy Yoder previously reported on has been approved by the FAA.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman McComas to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Berrong
Nay: None

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Mayor