

**MINUTES OF THE CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 6, 2021**

Minutes of the 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, July 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 July 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m. with the following present:

**MAYOR:** David Berrong

**COUNCILMEN:** Patch McComas, Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Chris Jones

**MANAGER:** Robert Johnston

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ryan Meacham

**CITY CLERK:** Amy Jones

**NEWS MEDIA:** Mike Smith, Kelcie Hartley

**OTHERS:** Gene McCullough, Tracy Yoder, Toby Anders, Ken Baker, Russ Meacham, Jeff Johnson, Bobby Stewart, Samantha Aispuro, Tyler Hartley, Jeffrey Robbins and others.

Jeff Johnson, First Christian Church Pastor opened the meeting with prayer and Bobby Stewart, Adjutant, American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider minutes from June 22, 2021 Special Meeting
- B. Claims

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

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

**A. 1733 Walton Road Owners James Blake Mitchell and Jay Todd Mitchell –**

Code Enforcement Toby Anders presented information regarding the property at 1733 Walton Road owned by James Blake Mitchell and Jay Todd Mitchell. Mr. Anders gave

an overview of the enforcement actions back to September of 2006. The property has not had active water service since September of 2010. Notice of violation was sent on 4/15/2021 a violation was sent regarding grass and weeds. On May 19, 2021, the City held an Abatement Hearing and the Mitchells failed to appear. The condemnation of this property was tabled at the June 22, 2021 meeting. Mr. Anders reported to the Council that much work had been completed at the property and that the property is now listed for sale.

Mr. Kent Dewees spoke on behalf of the owners. He requested that more time be given to take care of the property's condition as the owners do not live in Clinton and it is difficult to coordinate efforts from a distance. A realty sign has been posted in the yard and it was reported several inquiries have been made. He also stated that the building is secure.

Discussion was held regarding action to be taken. The Council thanked Mr. Dewees for his time and help with this property and dedication to his friend.

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Jones that the City follow up on the property at the next Council meeting in two weeks. Mr. Anders will report additional progress at that time.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **Resolution No. 925 – Stating Its Support for the Development of the US Bicycle Route 66.**

City Manager Johnston presented the Resolution No. 925 stating its support for the development of the US Bicycle Route 66. The proposed route will traverse through the City of Clinton and is expected to provide a benefit to the local resident and businesses. Motion was made by Councilman Jones and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to approve Resolution 924 - stating its support for the development of the US Bicycle Route 66.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **Accept Bids for Mowers for the Street Department**

City Manager Johnston presented bids from Western Equipment for John Deere Z994R Diesel Commercial ZTrak mowers. Mr. Johnston stated that the bid price is less than state contract pricing and that we can order three mowers for what was budgeted. He stated that other dealers were contacted but they did not submit a bid. Diesel mowers are preferred even though the delivery may not be until October 2021.

Motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to purchase three diesel mowers for a total price of \$39,220.86 from Western Equipment.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **2021-2022 Escrow Election – OMAG Workers' Compensation Plan**

City Manager Johnston presented the 2021-2022 Escrow Election – OMAG Workers' Compensation Plan. The City's escrow is \$6,235.00. Discussion regarding the aggregate deductible plan and review of the escrow use form for the City of Clinton.

The motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman McComas to use the \$6,235 dollars of the escrow credit to reduce our 2021-2022 premium for the Workers' Compensation renewal.

Mayor Berrong put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, McComas, Jones, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **Request to Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of Real Estate as authorized Pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 (B) (3), Oklahoma Statutes – Oklahoma Open Meeting Act**

A motion was made by Councilman McComas and seconded by Councilman Dowdell to adjourn to Executive Session and invite City Attorney Ryan Meacham, City Manager Robert Johnston, Economic Development Authority Chairman Ken Baker, and Economic Development Authority Trustee Russ Meacham to attend at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

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

**Request to Reconvene to Regular Session after Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of Real Estate as authorized Pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 (B) (3), Oklahoma Statutes – Oklahoma Open Meeting Act**

A motion was made by Councilman Dowdell and seconded by Councilman McComas to reconvene to regular session after Executive Session at 6:41 p.m.

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

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

**Any action(s) Arising out of Executive Session**

Mayor reports no action.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman McComas requested to make a comment to Mr. Dewees. He thanked him for his help with the property at 1733 Walton Road. Councilman McComas also asked Mr. Dewees to continue to encourage the property owners to improve the condition of the property.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor put the motion to a roll call vote:

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

Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Date Approved

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David D. Berrong, Mayor