

**MINUTES OF CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2014**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Public Works Authority of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 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 January 16, 2014.

Chairman Seth Adams called the meeting to order with the following present;

MAYOR: Seth Adams

COUNCIL: Don Rodolph, Wheeler Lowry, Jason Hulin, Mustafa Sami

CITY MANAGER: Steve Hewitt

CITY CLERK: Lisa Anders

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

NEWS MEDIA: Gerald Green

OTHERS: Kris Wermey, Gene McCullough, Curtis Maloy, Stephen Jones, Julie Menge, Dusty & Ali Mayfield, Brennan Hendershot, Toby Anders, Jeremy Brush, Donald Webb, Tina Challis, Russ Meacham and others.

Joe Jefferson of the Christ Holy Sanctified Church opened the meeting with prayer and Trustee Mustafa Sami led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 7, 2014

Moved by Trustee Hulin and seconded by Trustee Lowry that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 (a) be approved.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Lowry, Sami, Rodolph, Adams

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS

4A. CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FOSS RESERVOIR MASTER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT WATER RATES

City Manager Steve Hewitt reviewed information from the Foss Water Conservancy District regarding their budget which includes a large rate adjustment. He recommended requesting the Foss Board to meet with City staff and financial officers to discuss justification of the rate increase. He said that the rate increase is in excess of 20% with an increase of 27% in overage charges. He said the Foss budget does not reflect overages.

City Manager Hewitt said that the City of Clinton is at the mercy of Foss and he understood that there are capital needs but does not feel that a rate increase this large is justified.

Trustee Hulin asked if the Foss contract obligates them to justify rate increases.

City Attorney Ryan Meacham said the contract does allow adjustments but they must be need based adjustments with a justifiable cause.

Trustee Rodolph said he is not happy with the rate increase and felt that Foss should be more responsive to the request of the City Manager.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said he would like to revisit the topic with the Foss Board and discuss the justification of the increase. He said this has been discussed with City Treasurer Debra Blanchard, Financial Consultant Russ Meacham and all agree that things don't add up.

Trustee Sami asked what areas can be negotiated with the Foss Board.

Trustee Rodolph said that both areas need to be negotiated.

Motion was made by Trustee Rodolph and seconded by Trustee Hulin to request the Foss Board meet with representatives of the City of Clinton and other communities to discuss the rate increases and the overage rate increases.

Trustee Sami said that Hobart has already approved their 25% rate increase but their community is not affected by overage charges.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said that profit comes from Clinton. He said the Foss Board is looking for a written commitment to the number of months that Lake Clinton would be off line. He said Foss has capital needs but he did not understand how there are no revenues there.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Hulin, Sami, Lowry, Adams

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 TRUSTEE REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Steve Hewitt said January 27th has been set for the date to do the pump test at the golf course. He also reported that the sewer and water line projects for Robinson Addition and Chapman Road are both under construction.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Hulin and seconded by Trustee Sami to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Sami, Rodolph, Lowry, Adams

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.