

**MINUTES OF CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING
MAY 6, 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, May 6, 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 May 2, 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: Randy Carpenter, Kris Wermey, Conan Wilson, Julie Menge, Jeremy Brush, Donald Webb, Elisa Sanders, Danny George, John & Judy Jordan, Ron & Jeanie Engle, David Crabtree, Raymond & June Littke, Clyde Morgan, Narci Smith, Doug Greer, Kalan Merrill, R.G. Wilson, Tracy Yoder, Toby Baker, Paul Brown, Cheryl Lowry, Norman Pool, Bob Leonard, Mike & Mona Perkins, Lyle Miller, Mary Helen Jones, Dave Thorpe, Joe & Sandra Zerby, Keith Marcy, Rod Serfoss, John Mitchell, Edward Schwab, Randy Nance, Paul Crayton and others.

Fire Chief Randy Carpenter opened the meeting with prayer and Trustee Lowry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 1, 2014
- B. Consider Claims

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

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Rodolph, Lowry, Sami, Adams

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS

4A. CONSIDER PROPOSAL AND AGREEMENT WITH SEVERN TRENT REGARDING DESIGN/BUILD/FINANCE/OWN/OPERATE/MAINTAIN WATER TREATMENT PLANT

City Manager Steve Hewitt introduced Edward Schwab, Business Development Manager for Severn Trent Services, who presented a proposal and contract for a solution to the City of Clinton's water situation.

Mr. Schwab explained that the proposal is for the City of Clinton to be the owner and Severn Trent to be the operator along with a team of the industry's best. He presented a powerpoint explaining the two phase approach with options that would continue into the second phase which is implementation. He said he was confident that this plan could be implemented in 12 to 18 months with options for the City to buy the facility.

Chairman Adams asked how it would be possible for the timeline to be from 12 to 18 months.

Schwab said that there would not be a need to stop for Request for Proposals or Request for Qualification, along with bids, testing and contracts. The team can offer design, construction and trust working together with no change order in the project.

John Mitchell of Burns & McDonnell, said his firm has worked on twenty different projects in the water and wastewater industry that have a wide range in price. He said his firm has developed protocols that will be tailored to fit Severn Trent.

Chairman Adams asked if water quality would be an issue.

Mitchell said he has no hesitation due to the quality of water.

Trustee Rodolph asked to confirm that Phase I could be completed in 90 to 120 days.

Schwab said it would be in that time frame if not sooner. He said this team is committed to do what is needed and report monthly to the City. He said the state cost would not be exceeded without the permission of the City.

Trustee Rodolph asked about some of the testing that was identified and asked why not wait.

Schwab said in order to identify the best solution, the test are needed and will be owned and provided to the City.

Mitchell said the process could begin immediately. They would start with assembling the water data at hand and map the information because a lot of data exist from different sources.

Trustee Hulin asked why Severn Trent had not made this option known earlier.

Schwab said that Severn Trent is not an engineer but can be flexible to work with others. Once they were asked by the City to put a proposal together it took about a month. He said the City had taken a traditional approach to the water search and it had not worked.

Trustee Hulin asked about the viability of the current Water Treatment Plant.

Schwab said the discussion had been discussed but it would depend on the site of new water to be found.

Jeremy Brush of Severn Trent said the plant is more than able to handle the water that is needed for Clinton.

Schwab said the site for the new water plant comes down to math and everything must be considered.

Trustee Rodolph said that multiple water sources are needed.

Schwab said that emergency solutions and long-term solutions would be identified.

Audience member, Paul Crayton, asked if there are state or federal supervision on projects of this type.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said that permits would be required by Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality and the Oklahoma Water Resource Board so there is state oversight.

Paul Brown asked about time line of Canute water as an option.

Schwab said that is unknown at this time but it is a priority. He said the priority is to get water as soon as possible.

John Mitchell said that Phase I would contain an assessment of the conditions of the current facility.

R.G. Wilson asked about the funding of this project and what obligation the City would have.

Schwab said the budget for Phase I that was reviewed would be the cost.

Trustee Lowry asked if the City does not purchase the plant, then the obligation is to purchase water.

Motion was made by Trustee Rodolph and seconded by Trustee Sami to approve the proposal and agreement with Severn Trent regarding design/build/finance/own/operate/maintain the water treatment plant.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Sami, Hulin, Lowry, Adams

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

4B. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING FIRMS

City Manager Steve Hewitt suggested tabling the agenda item for consideration of Request for Qualification by engineering firms until Phase I for the Severn Trent proposal has been completed. If the item is not rejected, it could be discussed at a later date.

Motion was made by Trustee Lowry and seconded by Trustee Rodolph to table the agenda item regarding the qualifications submitted by engineering firms.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Lowry, Rodolph, Sami, Hulin, 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 reported that two wells producing 250 gallons per minute have been identified plus additional wells are possible. He said more information should be available in three weeks.

Hewitt reported that the final four geoprobes would be conducted tomorrow.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Lowry, Hulin, Sami, Hulin, Rodolph, Adams

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.