

ORDINANCE NO. 129

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL RULES FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS INCLUDING PROCEDURE FOR CALLING SPECIAL MEETINGS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS.

Section 1. Council meetings-Regular. That beginning in the month of September, 1983, and effective from and after the passage of this ordinance, the regular meeting dates of the City Council of the City of Clinton, Arkansas, shall be on the second Thursday of each month at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Section 2. Council meetings-Special, Called by Mayor. The Mayor shall have power, when in his judgement it shall be for the interest of the city, to call a meeting of the city council. Such meetings shall be called by the Mayor fixing the time of the meeting and issuing or causing to be issued a summons directed to the City Recorder commanding him or her to summon each alderman to attend such meeting in which summons the object of the meeting shall be stated in general terms.

Section 3. Council meetings- Special called by Council. Whenever three (3) aldermen shall sign a notice to the other members of the City Council of a special meeting of the Council, stating therein the object of such meeting, such special meeting shall be held at the time designated in the call, such notice shall be served by the City Recorder.

Section 4. Business at special meeting. At any special meeting no other business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting was called. The Council can lawfully sit and transact any business at any time without notice when all the members of the Council are present.

Section 5. Notice to news media of special meeting. In the event of a special meeting, the Mayor or aldermen calling the meeting shall notify the representatives of the newspapers, radio stations and television stations, if any, located in this county and which have requested to be so notified of such special meetings, of the time, place and date at least two (2) hours before such a meeting takes place in order that the public shall have representatives at the meeting.

Section 6. Presiding officer. The Mayor shall preside at the meetings during the term for which he was elected, and in case his vote is needed to pass any by-law, ordinance, resolution or order or motion, the Mayor may vote. In the absence of the Mayor, the Recorder shall preside over the Council.

Section 7. Conduct. Any person who shall disrupt or interfere with a meeting of the Council or creates a disturbance in such meeting, may be charged with such offense, and if convicted, shall be punished in accordance with the laws of the State.

Section 8. Record of proceedings. The Recorder shall keep a journal of its proceedings in the manner as other legislative bodies. The yeas and nays shall be taken and entered upon the journal on any by-law, motion, ordinance or resolution.

Section 9. Publication. When any ordinance of a general or permanent nature and those imposing any fine, penalty or forfeiture shall be passed, the Recorder shall furnish a copy to a newspaper of general circulation in the city for publication.

Section 10. Writing required. No amendment or resolution shall be offered except in writing and the question shall be put on the last amendment offered, and in filling blanks, the question shall always be taken on the longest time, largest and highest number proposed.

Section 11. Procedure. The Procedural Rules for Municipal Officials booklet published by the Arkansas Municipal League, three (3) copies of which are on file in the Recorder's office, are hereby adopted as the rules to be followed in the conducting of meetings of the governing body.

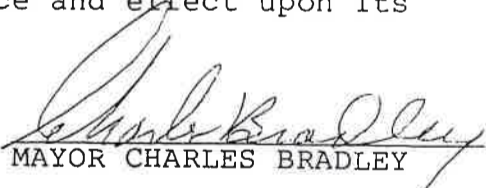
Section 12. Readings. All resolutions must be read, seconded and stated by the chair before they shall be subject to debate.

Section 13. Suspension of rules. No rules contained in this ordinance or the Procedural Rules for Municipal Officials adopted by reference hereby shall be suspended except by unanimous consent of all the members of the Council.

Section 14. Repealing clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 15. Emergency clause. Whereas new laws have been passed by the 1981 General Assembly changing the procedure of council meetings of cities and towns and it is of the utmost urgency that our ordinances conform to state law; NOW THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication.

DATE: September 8, 1983


MAYOR CHARLES BRADLEY

ATTEST: Faye Rodgers
FAYE RODGERS, RECORDER