



City of Mountain Breezes
CLEVELAND, GEORGIA
Cleveland City Council
Called Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 29, 2024 - 6:45 P.M.
Cleveland Community Center/Police Department
342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA

1. Call to Order

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Josh Turner, Council Members Nan Bowen, Annie Sutton, Jeremy McClure (Mayor Pro Tem), and C.J. McDonald

Also, present were City Administrator Kevin Harris, City Attorney Keith Whitaker, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Rescind the December 11, 2023 vote to award the bid for the new fire truck to Peach State/Smeal Holding, LLC.

Chief Pruitt addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He discussed many difficulties with four different contracts; none of which meet FEMA requirements.

Mr. Harris addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He discussed the terms of the grant. Mr. Harris stated that another truck has been found that will meet the city's needs. He said they would like to buy the new truck and stop negotiating for this one.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve rescinding the December 11, 2023 vote to award the bid for the new fire truck to Peach State.

5. Approve the purchase of a new fire truck, Sutphen HS-7952, through Sourcewell utilizing both FEMA Grant monies and SPLOST V funding.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the purchase of a new fire truck, Sutphen HS-7952, through Sourcewell utilizing both FEMA Grant monies and SPLOST V funding and authorize the mayor to execute the documents.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris did not have any items to report.

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker did not have any items to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 6:56 p.m.

6. Discussion regarding real estate and pending litigation

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the City Council Meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Council Member McDonald opened the door to allow citizens to return to the regular meeting. There were no citizens waiting to return to the meeting.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, 2 to 2, to instruct Mr. Harris to collaborate with Alco Realty to rebid the sale of the Talon property and to have a contract for proposal available at the first meeting in February.

VOTE:

Council Member Nan Bowen – nay

Council Member Annie Sutton – nay

Council Member Jeremy McClure – aye

Council Member CJ McDonald – aye

Mayor Josh Turner broke the tie, voting in favor of the motion

Motion Passed.

ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of January 29, 2024 at 8:54 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of February, 2024.

Josh Turner
Josh Turner Mayor

Jeremy McClure
Jeremy McClure Council Member
Ward 3
Mayor Pro Tem

Nan Bowen
Nan Bowen Council Member
Ward 1

C.J. McDonald
C.J. McDonald Council Member
Ward 4

Annie Sutton
Annie Sutton Council Member
Ward 2

ATTEST:
Lisa A. Ritchie
Lisa A. Ritchie City Clerk