



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

Monday, January 8, 2024 - 6:30 P.M.
Cleveland Community Center/Police Department
342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA

1. Call to Order

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

Council Member McDonald was in attendance by webinar.

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

2. Invocation – Pastor Marc Turner, Cleveland Worship Center and White County Ministerial Alliance

Pastor Turner was not in attendance. Family Pastor Ryan Elrod, Cleveland Worship Center and White County Ministerial Alliance gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve Agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. Annual readoption of the Rules of Decorum

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Rules of Decorum with no changes.

6. 2024-01 Resolution - 2024 Appointments

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the 2024-01 appointments as shown in the approved Exhibit A.

7. Approve ESO quote for Emergency Reporting as the current vendor's reporting system will end before July

Mr. Harris discussed the item.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve Chief Pruitt to execute the new contract not to exceed \$9,537.

8. Variance Request for an under the counter grease trap for Donja Long, The Topsy Tomato

Economic Development and Planning Director Tom O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council and stated that a grease trap is a requirement but that there are exceptions for under-the-counter ones.

Ms. Long addressed the Mayor and Council Members. She said that the menu consists of unfried foods.

Mayor Turner verified that Ms. Long understood that if the variance was granted that the city will do inspections in accordance to the city's policies. Ms. Long stated that she understood. Mayor Turner stated that if the menu does change the variance will be lifted at that point. Ms. Long acknowledged that she understood.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the variance request for an under-the-counter grease trap for the Topsy Tomato.

9. Approve Meeting and Called Meeting Minutes
 - December 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - December 21, 2023 Called Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the December 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes, and the December 21, 2023 Called Meeting Minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Rescind purchase of 2023 Ford Maverick for the Water Resources Department, and replace with a 2024 Ford Maverick

Water Resources Director Andrea Smith addressed the Mayor and Council. She said the truck that was previously ordered has not become available. She stated that she found one on the lot in Cornelia at Billy Cain Ford.

Mr. Harris stated that the original request was to rescind the previous vote to purchase the vehicle and to allow the purchase of the one at Billy Cain Ford. After further deliberation, he recommended the purchase of the truck from Billy Cain Ford and to continue with the order for the other truck.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the purchase from Billy Cain Ford with funding from SPLOST V.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris reported the following:

- Possible winter weather and preparations with Public Works, the Police Department, Fire Department, and with Georgia Department of Transportation
- Successful testing of the generators
- Letter received from the EPD which states that all of the comments have been appropriately addressed
- Administration has an intern, Gabby Brown, who is assisting with items in Administration
- As of January 3, 2024, Lee Wilson is the new Deputy Director of Public Works
- Logo branding
- Purchase of the old Wards building on East Underwood Street
- Upcoming State of the City (staff's perspective)
- Website

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker did not have any items to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Ritchie stated the calendar items.

11. Upcoming calendar items and cancellations:

- White County Water Authority Meeting – Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. at the Water Authority

- City of Cleveland offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- The January 15, 2024, Council Meeting has been cancelled
- A Called Council Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Police Department
- Planning and Zoning Meeting – Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. and the Cleveland Police Department
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting – Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the White County Chamber of Commerce

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

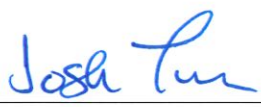
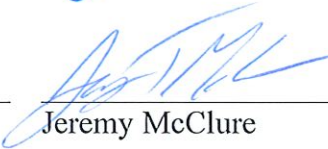




12. Discussion regarding real estate and personnel

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the City Council Meeting at 8:36 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of January 8, 2024 at 8:38 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of January, 2023.

	
Josh Turner	Jeremy McClure
Mayor	Council Member Ward 3 Mayor Pro Tem
	
Nan Bowen	C.J. McDonald
Council Member Ward 1	Council Member Ward 4
	ATTEST: 
Annie Sutton	Lisa A. Ritchie
Council Member Ward 2	City Clerk