



**Cleveland City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 7, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.  
Cleveland Community Center/Police Department  
342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA**

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

Also present were City Administrator Kevin Harris, City Attorney Keith Whitaker, Co-Counsel Grant Keene, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie

- 2. Invocation –Cheryl Kennedy of The Bridge Church & White County Ministerial Alliance**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Kennedy stated that The Bridge Church completed its Be Rich Generosity Campaign. She said they raised \$70,000 that will be distributed to non-profits in the area and for funding an orphanage in Ukraine.

**4. Approve Agenda**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Mark Griffin addressed the Mayor and Council.

- 5. White County Family Connection**

Mr. Griffin stated the White County Family Connection's purpose is to collaborate with other agencies and organizations that promote the health, well-being, and success of the community's children and families.

### **WHITE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT BETH TRUELOVE**

6. Request for sanitation services and road closures of Highway 129/Main Street, Highway 115/Kytle Street, for the Christmas in the Mountains Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to approve the application for sanitation and road closure services.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING CHAIRMAN NADINE WARDENGA**

Ms. Wardenga was not present. Mr. O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council.

7. Second Reading and Public Hearing Hotel/Motel Ordinance

There were no comments from the public. Mayor Turner confirmed with Mr. O'Bryant that the ordinance would take place immediately.

8. Resolution 2022-13 adopting the Hotel/Motel Ordinance

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Yardley and voted, unanimously, to approve the Resolution, 2022-13, adopting the Hotel/Motel Ordinance.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS**

9. Brief Updates

Mr. Harris discussed the following items:

- Security and access measures including an electronic keyless door lock system that utilizes key fob technology, multi-factor authentication implementation, individual password strengthening, and phone services
- Christmas and holiday preparations for a Christmas parade, Christmas gathering, and town decorations which were purchased through hotel/motel revenues
- Campbell Street weather siren repair (replacement of the 20+-year-old chopper motor for approximately \$2,950)
- Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Collection – information will be provided in the Financial Report at the November 14, 2022 Council Meeting
- Personnel Handbook sections 6-10 contain many significant topics and will be further discussed at the Mayor and Council's upcoming Retreat.

- Water and Sewer Rates – Out of 20 Northeast Georgia counties, Elberton’s rates are the only rates lower than the City of Cleveland’s.
- Board and Authority Appointments – Building Authority, Downtown Development Authority, and Planning and Zoning Committee member’s meeting attendance

**CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER AND/OR CO-COUNSEL GRANT KEENE**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**10. Approve Meeting Minutes**

- October 17, 2022 Called Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2022 Called Meeting.

**11. Approve Executive Session Minutes**

- October 17, 2022 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2022 Executive Session Meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**12. Annual renewal of employee medical, dental, and vision coverage for the plan year 2023**

Ms. Ritchie stated that there are many factors to consider and the quoting process from other providers is lengthy. She recommended renewing their current policy and allowing staff to continue to gather information from other providers.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to approve the renewal to the current provider, Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), continuing with the current plans, through June 30, 2023, and allow the City Clerk to continue collaborations to determine future benefit plans.

**13. Appointment to fill the term of Jessica Adams on the Planning and Zoning Board**

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Yardley and voted, unanimously, to approve Resolution 2022-013 appointing Rush Mauney to the Planning and Zoning Board.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

Mayor Turner reminded everyone of the Election tomorrow. He congratulated Council Member Yardley on the gain of a new son-in-law, and he congratulated the White County 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Warriors, for their Super Bowl win.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Ritchie stated the announcements.

14. City of Cleveland offices will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022, in observance of Veterans Day.
15. Upcoming calendar items:
  - Planning and Zoning Meetings – Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will not be a Planning and Zoning meeting in November. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Department
  - Downtown Development Authority – ~~Thursday, November 3,~~ December 1, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce
  - White County Water Authority Meeting – Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at the Water Authority

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, to enter an Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

16. Discussion regarding real estate and personnel matters

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 9:01 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.


## **ADJOURN**

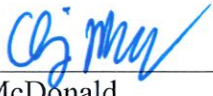
Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of November 7, 2022, at 9:03 p.m.

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Josh Turner                      Mayor

  
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Jeremy McClure                      Council Member  
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Nan Bowen                      Council Member  
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C.J. McDonald                      Council Member  
Ward 4  
Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Rebecca Yardley                      Council Member  
Ward 2

ATTEST:  
  
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Lisa A. Ritchie                      City Clerk