



**Cleveland City Council
MINUTES**

**Monday, March 13, 2023 - 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, Jeremy McClure, and C.J. McDonald
Council Member Yardley was not in attendance.

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

**2. Invocation – Marc Turner, The Cleveland Worship Center & White County
Ministerial Alliance**

Pastor Turner was not able to be in attendance. Youth Pastor John Luna provided the
invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approve Agenda

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and
voted, 3 to 0, to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. First Public Hearing – 2023-08 - Draft Distilled Package Sale Ordinance

Mayor Turner gave instructions for the Public Hearing.

Mr. Whitaker discussed the proposed drafted ordinance.

Mayor Turner gave background on the item as follows:

- In 2021 the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 145 which gave local elected officials authority to authorize package sales of liquor.
- July 2022 the Mayor and Council allowed the public an opportunity to give their input by providing two public hearings.
- The Council then voted to place it on the November 2022 ballot for public approval.
- The referendum passed by a wide margin.
- The purpose of the current public hearing is to gather input regarding implementation of the proposed ordinance.
- The next public hearing will be held at the April 10, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The following people addressed the Mayor and Council Members in favor of the item:

- David Shockley, Winder, Ga.
- Dr. Don Robbins, Cleveland, Ga.

Mayor Turner stated that comments regarding the drafted Ordinance can be provided at publiccomment@cityofclevelandga.org.

Mayor Turner stated that the second Public Hearing will be held at the April 10, 2023 Meeting.

Mayor Turner closed the Public Hearing.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6. Economic Development and Planning— Director Tom O'Bryant

- February 2023 Report

Mr. O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following February items:

- Occupational Licenses – 2 (Creative Enterprises, and Popeyes)
- Building Permits – 3 (Vision Properties - Yonah Shadows)
- Building Inspections – 30 (Bird Dog Lounge - Clyde's, Zaxby's, residences - Parkview Drive and Hood Street)
- Plan Reviews – 1 (Apex Bank site)
- Zoning Application – 1 (Annexation Application Jadie Hatcher)
- Current Commercial Activity – 5 (Apex Banks, Bird Dog Lounge, Atlantic Billboards, Foothill Automotive, and Waffle House)

- Development Inquiries – 8 (Mike Rogers, Cook Communities, Chic-Fil-A, Planning and Engineering Collaborative)
- Grant Applications
 - Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant is under review by ARC in Washington, DC
 - GDOT Transportation Alternative (TAP) grant application for preliminary engineering for sidewalk and crosswalks connecting Freedom Park and the City Park. A kick-off meeting is scheduled for April 6.
- Infrastructure
 - London Land Surveying is drawing up a plat with the proposed easement for the gravity flow sewer line at the Head Street lift station.
 - The new well received source water approval from Georgia EPD. The next step is to test for the other regulated and unregulated chemicals and organic compounds, etc.

7. Finance Department – City Administrator Kevin Harris

- February 2023 Report

Mr. Harris addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following February items stating that there were minimal changes:

- Bank balances are stable
- The General Fund fluctuation was due to a reimbursement from the water/sewer fund

8. Fire Department – Chief Ricky Pruitt

- February 2023 Report

Chief Pruitt addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following February items:

- Total of 101 Calls: 75 inside the city and 26 in the County
- White County Fire Department responded 4 times in the city

9. Police Department - Chief Jeff Shoemaker

- February 2023 Report

Chief Shoemaker addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following February items:

- Total occurrences – 1,563

- Public assists - 304
- Premise checks – 856
- Field interviews - 11
- Incident reports - 47
- Accident reports - 13
- Investigative/supplemental - 62
- Citations Issued - 65
- Warnings - 199
- Warrants - 6
- Juveniles = 0
- Citations
 - Misdemeanor, non-traffic - 2
 - DUI, Alcohol, & serious offenses – 1 DUI
 - Driver's license, Registration, & Insurance - 23
 - Moving violations, traffic control, etc. - 35
 - Equipment, seatbelt, etc. - 4

10. Public Works Department – Assistant Public Works Director Ricky Hunt

- February 2023 Report

Mr. Hunt addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following February items:

- Water Quality – 1
- Meter Change Out – 14
- City Hall Office Maintenance – 3
- Sewer Backup – 3
- Check for Leak – 9
- Final Reading Do Not Lock – 21
- Garbage Request – 21
- Hydrant Service – 1
- Inspection – 1
- Cut off and Lock Meter-Non-payment – 8
- Meeting with customer – 2
- Final Read and Lock Meter – 15
- Payment Agreement – 2
- Street Repair – 1
- Meter Inspection – 15
- Residential Turn On – 29
- Commercial Turn On – 3
- Residential Just Unlock Do Not Turn On – 2

- After Hours Call In – 2
- Line Inspection – 1
- City Park Repairs/Maintenance – 1
- City Property Maintenance – 1
- Street R-O-W Maintenance – 2
- Meter Readings – Monthly – 2221
- Meter Re-Reads – Monthly – 20
- Utility Locates – 88
- Oak Springs Building maintenance – 1
- Total Number of Service Orders = 2,488

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

11. 457(b) Plan Update

Mr. Harris discussed the 457(b) plan that exists but has not been utilized. He stated that he is engaged with Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) to determine the options. He said employees will be able to sign up in a few weeks.

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker did not have any information to report.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Purchase of two surplus trucks (2018 F150s) from the city of Omega, Ga for the Police Department

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, 3 to 0, to approve the purchase of the two trucks.

13. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- March 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, 3 to 0, to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2023 Meeting.

14. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

- March 6, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, 3 to 0, to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2023 Executive Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, 3 to 0, to enter an Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

15. Discussion regarding real estate and personnel matters

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, 3 to 0, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the City Council Meeting at 8:19 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.

Mr. Whitaker discussed maps in association with the packaging ordinance. He said there are two separate maps; one is a visual representation of all of the restrictions by distance that are already in the ordinance, and Exhibit A (referenced in the ordinance) refers to other restricted areas.

ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, 3 to 0, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of February 13, 2023, at 8:31 p.m.



Josh Turner

Mayor



Jeremy McClure

Council Member
Ward 3

Nan Bowen

Council Member
Ward 1



C.J. McDonald

Council Member
Ward 4



Rebecca Yardley

Council Member
Ward 2
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Lisa A. Ritchie

City Clerk