



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

Monday, May 6, 2024 - 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, 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. Invocation** –Pastor Tim Morgan, Faith Lutheran Church, and White County Ministerial Alliance
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approve Agenda**

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

**PRESENTATION**

**5. Municipal Clerk's Week Proclamation**

Mayor Turner read the Proclamation.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Proclamation proclaiming May 5 through May 11, 2024, as Municipal Clerk's Week and to extend appreciation to Ms. Ritchie.

Mayor Turner presented the Proclamation to Ms. Ritchie.

## NEW BUSINESS

6. Request for sanitation services and road closures of South Brooks Street from East Kytle to East Underwood Street, and Quillian Street from East Kytle to East Underwood Street, for the Business Block Party scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

White County Chamber of Commerce President Beth Truelove addressed the Mayor and Council Members.

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the request for sanitation services and road closures of South Brooks Street from East Kytle to East Underwood Street, and Quillian Street from East Kytle to East Underwood Street, for the Business Block Party scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

7. Nomination of Georgia Municipal Associations (GMA) District 2 Officers for 2024-2025

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the following nominations provided for Georgia Municipal Association's District 2 Officers for 2024-2025:

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| ➤ <u>President</u>             | <u>JoAnne Taylor, Mayor, Dahlonga</u>       |
| ➤ <u>First Vice President</u>  | <u>Matt Fields, Councilmember, Royston</u>  |
| ➤ <u>Second Vice President</u> | <u>Mark C. Reed, Commissioner, Cornelia</u> |
| ➤ <u>Third Vice President</u>  | <u>Courtney Umbehant, Mayor, Lavonia</u>    |

8. Purchase of Edmonds Software for utility billing, permitting, finance, payroll, and human resource functions

Finance Director John Solmon addressed the Mayor and Council Members.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the purchase of Edmonds Software for \$76,990 from SPLOST V funds and authorize the city administrator to sign on behalf of the City.

9. Meeting and Called Meeting Minutes
  - April 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes
  - May 3, 2024, Called Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the April 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes and the May 3, 2024, Called Meeting Minutes.



**10. Executive Session Minutes**

- April 8, 2024, Executive Session Minutes
- May 3, 2024, Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve the April 8, 2024, and the May 3, 2024, Executive Session Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS**

- 11. U.S. Department of Commerce Investment of \$18 Million for Water Infrastructure Improvements to Support Economic Growth in Cleveland, Georgia**

Mr. Harris discussed the award of the Grant. He stated that it will be used to build a wastewater treatment plant, improve the wastewater infrastructure, and create jobs and economic growth.

**CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER**

Mr. Whitaker did not have any items to report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 12. Participation in Georgia Municipal Association (GMA)'s Georgia Cities Week April 21 - 27, 2024**

Ms. Ritchie stated the City's participation in Georgia Municipal Association's Georgia Cities Week:

- Mayor Turner wrote an article in the paper.
- The city worked with Jack P. Nix's Instructor of Elementary Art, Ms. Katie DeFoor, and conducted an art contest. The winners were as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Jack P. Nix 4<sup>th</sup> Grader Georgia King
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Jack P. Nix 4<sup>th</sup> Grader Jackson Wise
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Jack P. Nix 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Troy Yerby
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place - Jack P. Nix 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Audrey Bennett

Ms. Ritchie stated that the winner's art will be showcased at Cleveland City Hall.

**13. Upcoming calendar items and cancellations:**

Ms. Ritchie stated the upcoming calendar items.

- Cleveland City Council Meeting – Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Department
- White County Water Authority Meeting – Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. at the Water Authority
- Planning & Zoning Meeting – Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Department

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

**14. Discussion regarding Real Estate**

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Called Meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Council Member McDonald opened the door to allow citizens to return to the regular meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McClure and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of May 6, 2024, at 8:34 p.m.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

Josh Turner  
Josh Turner Mayor

Jeremy McClure  
Jeremy McClure Council Member  
Ward 3  
Mayor Pro Tem

absent @ the 5/13 Mtg.  
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