



Cleveland City Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.
Cleveland Community Center/Police Department
342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA

1. Call to Order

Council Member Yardley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

Mayor Turner was not in attendance.

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

- 2. Invocation – Associate Pastor, Evangelism and Community Outreach Steve Smith, Helen First Baptist Church & White County Ministerial Alliance**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approve Agenda**

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 5. Economic Development and Planning– Director Tom O’Bryant**
 - July 2023 Report

Mr. O’Bryant addressed the Council Members. He reported the following July items:

- Occupational Licenses – 1 (Hamilton Adventures)
- Building Permits – 2 (Oak Springs Cottages, Sky Construction)

- Building Inspections – 17 (Yonah Springs, Jackson Downs, Gateway Village Apartments, Waffle House)
- Sign Permits – 1 (Apex Bank (temporary))
- Plan Reviews – 2 (Chic-fi-la remodel/addition, Wendy's remodel)
- Current Commercial Activity – 5 (Apex Banks, Waffle House, Scooters Coffee, Spring Lizard LLC)
- Development Inquiries – 3 (Albert Tate, McLean Enterprises, Truett Residential)
- Grant Applications
 - Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant for the wastewater treatment plant was submitted to and is currently under review by ARC in Washington, DC
 - The EDA Grant Application related to Disaster Declaration FEMA-4600-DR, for resiliency relief to help fund the proposed wastewater treatment plant has been submitted
 - FEMA AFG grant funded \$952,380.95 for a ladder truck purchase. Staff is attending online recipient webinars and administration set-up training
- Infrastructure
 - The Angel Lane developer has received the Land Disturbance Permit (LDP)
 - The bid for Well #6 is being prepared to bid by Rindt
 - The Church Street culvert has been replaced and intersection improvements are underway
 - Staff is in discussions with Georgia Department of Transportation regarding conducting an emergency repair/replacement on the Cemetery/East Kytle Street line

6. Fire Department – Chief Ricky Pruitt

- July 2023 Report

Chief Pruitt addressed the Council Members. He reported the following July items:

- Total of 139 Calls: 71 inside the city and 68 in the County

7. Police Department - Chief Jeff Shoemaker

- July 2023 Report

Chief Shoemaker addressed the Council Members. He reported the following July items:

- Total occurrences – 2,005
 - Public assists - 500
 - Premise checks – 974
 - Field interviews - 18
 - Incident reports - 58
 - Accident reports - 22
 - Investigative/Supplemental - 75
 - Citations Issued - 108
 - Warnings - 204
 - Warrants - 46
- Citations
 - Misdemeanor, non-traffic - 6
 - DUI, Alcohol, & serious offenses - 0
 - Driver's license, Registration, & Insurance - 26
 - Moving violations, traffic control, etc. - 62
 - Equipment, seatbelt, etc. - 14

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

- July 2023 Report

Mr. Hunt addressed Council Members. He reported the following July items:

- Meter Change Out – 9
- City Hall Office Maintenance – 2
- Sewer Backup – 6
- Check for Leak – 20
- Final Reading Do Not Lock – 11
- Garbage Request - 20
- Hydrant – Service – 1
- Inspection – 1
- Police Department – 1
- Cut Off and Lock Meter-Non – 9
- Garbage Request Change – 2
- Meeting with Customer – 3
- Conversations – 1
- Final Read and Lock Meter – 17
- Payment Agreement – 1

- Meter Inspection – 19
- Residential Turn On – 26
- Commercial Turn On – 2
- Speed Bump – 1
- Line Inspection – 131
- Outside New Water Cut-In – 1
- Meter Readings – Monthly – 2,270
- Meter Re-Reads – Monthly – 22
- Utility Locates – 94
- Oak Springs Building Maintenance - 1

NEW BUSINESS

9. Request for sanitation services (6 trash cans), street closures (South Brooks and Quillian Streets), and pedestrian crossing assistance from the Police Department for Agri fest scheduled for Friday, September 22, and Saturday, September 23, 2023.

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

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the request for City services.

10. Purchase of two 2023 Ford Interceptors from Brannen Emergency Vehicles for the Police Department.

Chief Shoemaker addressed the Council Members. He requested to purchase two vehicles using SPLOST V funds.

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the purchase of two vehicles for the Police Department using SPLOST V funds.

11. Purchase of equipment/upfitting for the two 2023 Ford Interceptors

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the equipment/upfitting purchase with SPLOST V funds.

12. Approval of Meeting and Called Meeting Minutes

- July 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- July 20, 2023 Called Meeting Minutes
- July 28, 2023 8:00 a.m. Called Meeting Minutes

- July 28, 2023 6:30 p.m. Called Meeting Minutes
- July 28, 2023 6:45 p.m. Called Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve the July 10 Meeting Minutes, and the July 20 and July 28 Called Meeting Minutes.

13. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

- July 10, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- July 20, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- July 28, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the July 10, July 20, and July 28 Executive Session Minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. Resolution - 2023-21 - Amendment to Board Appointments - Alcohol Review Board Appointments (1 Alternate)

Mr. Harris stated that Charles Massingale, Jesse Harkins, and Haley Thomas have already been appointed to the Alcohol Review Board. He stated that this appointment is for an alternate.

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the appointment of Ken Payne to serve as the alternate on the Alcohol Review Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris discussed the following items:

- FEMA Grant for new ladder truck and the hard work by Chief Pruitt and Mr. O'Bryant that made it happen
- Georgia Municipal Association's (GMA) 457 B plan
- Appreciation to Tax Commissioner Cindy Cannon for delivering the tax digest
- Underwood Street speed bump discussions
- Package Store/s process update – the applications are under review with City Attorney Keith Whitaker, then will go to City Clerk Lisa Ritchie for further

acceptance and/or denial, and then to the Alcohol Review Board for further discussions

- The Leak Protection Plan is in effect. The bills will be updated with the rates in September
- Appreciation to Public Works Assistant Director Ricky Hunt and public works crews for their work trimming limbs to make travel easier for buses and bigger vehicles and also for their assistance in cleaning up Styrofoam out of the roadway after an accident

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker did not have any items to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Ritchie gave the announcements.

Upcoming calendar items:

15. White County Water Authority Meeting – Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. at the Water Authority
16. The City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2023, has been cancelled.
17. Planning & Zoning Meeting – Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Police Department.
18. The City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 4, 2023, has been cancelled.
19. City of Cleveland offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023, in observance of Labor Day.
20. A Called Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Department.
21. Downtown Development Authority – Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen and voted, unanimously, to enter an Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.






22. Discussion regarding personnel and real estate

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 7:39 p.m.

Council Member McDonald opened the door to allow citizens to return to the regular meeting. Samantha Sinclair, White County News, returned to the meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of August 7, 2023, at 7:40 p.m.

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