



**Cleveland City Council
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, July 10, 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, Rebecca Yardley (Mayor Pro Tem), Jeremy McClure, 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 & White County Ministerial Alliance**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approve Agenda**

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member Yardley, and voted, unanimously, to approve the agenda with an amendment to add real estate to agenda item 13 (Executive Session).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5. Second Public Hearing and consideration of Resolution 2023-14 - Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance**

Economic Development and Planning Director Tom O'Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He stated the proposed zoning amendments.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Turner closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Bowen, and voted, unanimously, to approve Resolution 2013-14 amending the Zoning Ordinance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6. Economic Development and Planning– Director Tom O’Bryant
 - June 2023 Report

Mr. O’Bryant addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following June items:

- Occupational Licenses – 3 (North GA Tire, Novateur Properties, Heropon Safety Compliance LLC)
- Building Permits – 7 (Spring Lizard Courthouse Square, Oaksprings Cottages)
- Building Inspections – 17 (Yonah Springs, Jackson Downs, Gateway Village Apartments, Atlantic Billboards, Waffle House, residential Stacey Drive and Parkview Drive)
- Plan Reviews – 2 (Chick-Fil-a, Cook Communities preliminary site plan)
- Current Commercial Activity – 5 (Apex Banks, Atlantic Billboards, Waffle House, Scooters Coffee, Spring Lizard LLC)
- Development Inquiries – 3 (Camdur Building Group, TMC, Rochester Ash)
- Grant Applications
 - Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant was submitted to ARC in Washington, DC. Staff met with an ARC representative to review application and project requirements.
 - EDA Grant application related to Disaster Declaration FEMA-4600-DR, for resiliency relief to help fund the proposed wastewater treatment plant. Set-up required online application, discuss Preliminary Engineering Report requirements for submittal, working to obtain letters of job and investment commitment from local business and industry.
- Infrastructure and Planning
 - The Angel Lane developer is working with the surveyor to mark the line locations.

- The new well (well 6) site plan has been approved by Georgia EPD. Next step is to bid the project for construction.
- Met with engineer to develop plan for Cemetery/E Kytile St water line replacement for GDOT utility permit application.
- DDA meeting. Continued discussion on bonds, grant updates, and downtown development activities.

7. Finance Department – City Administrator Kevin Harris

- June 2023 Report

Mr. Harris addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following June items:

- General Fund Summary
 - FY 2022 Year to Date General Fund Net Income = \$64,151
 - FY 2023 Year to Date General Fund Net Income = \$344,966
 - All departments came in under budget
 - June 2023 Expenditures = \$378,276
 - June 2023 Net Loss = (\$173,204)
 - The General Fund Revenue Comparison showed the city at 98%, which is right where it should have been
 - The General Fund Expenditure Comparison showed the city at 90% of the budget
 - The General Fund – Expenditures by Department show 61% was public safety
 - Water and Sewer Fund – Expense Comparison shows FY 2022 = \$2,782,241 and FY 2023 = \$2,499,311

8. Fire Department – Chief Ricky Pruitt

- June 2023 Report

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

- Total of 114 Calls: 56 inside the city and 58 in the County
- White County Fire Department responded 3 times in the city

9. Police Department - Chief Jeff Shoemaker

- June 2023 Report

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

- Total occurrences – 1,974
 - Public assists - 473
 - Premise checks – 1,044
 - Field interviews - 22
 - Incident reports - 64
 - Accident reports - 29
 - Investigative/supplemental - 87
 - Citations Issued - 93
 - Warnings - 128
 - Warrants - 31
 - Juveniles – 3
- Citations
 - Misdemeanor, non-traffic - 6
 - DUI, Alcohol, & serious offenses - 1
 - Driver's license, Registration, & Insurance - 22
 - Moving violations, traffic control, etc. - 57
 - Equipment, seatbelt, etc. - 7

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

- June 2023 Report

Mr. Harris addressed the Mayor and Council Members. He reported the following June items:

- Inside New Water Cut-In & Sewer – 1
- Check for Leaks – 12
- Monthly Meter Readings – 2,026
- Monthly Meter Re-Reads – 39
- Final Read and Lock Meter – 22
- Line Inspection – 22
- Utility Locates - 117
- Total Number of Service Orders – 2,377

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris stated that the Millage Rate Hearings will be held on July 20 at 6:30 p.m., July 28 at 8:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., and adoption is scheduled for July 28 at 6:45 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker did not have any items to report.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Resolution - 2023-21 - Amendment to Board Appointments - Alcohol Review Board Appointments (3 Board Appointments and 1 Alternate)

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the appointments of Haley Thomas and Charles Massengail and to add the 3r one and alternate at a later time.

12. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - July 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the July 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

13. Discussion regarding personnel, and litigation, and real estate (real estate was added during the adoption of the agenda)


Motion by Council Member Yardley, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the City Council Meeting at 8:39 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 Yardley and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of July 10, 2023, at 8:40 p.m.

Josh Turner Mayor


Jeremy McClure Council Member
Ward 3


Nan Bowen Council Member
Ward 1


C.J. McDonald Council Member
Ward 4


Rebecca Yardley Council Member
Ward 2
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Lisa A. Ritchie City Clerk