

**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 11, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The City Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Shan Ash at 7:02 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Annie Sutton, Bradley Greene, Edward Young, and Nan Bowen.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor Edward Young and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the agenda for the April 11, 2016 City Council Meeting.

**BRIAN RINDT – CITY ENGINEER**

1. Brian Rindt, City Engineer, informed the Mayor and Council of the status of the 129 North Gravity Sewer project. The city needs to obtain easements from Ingle's and the Allison family. Dan Hicks, Ingle's Real Estate, is reviewing the easement documents, and will forward for corporate review.

The Allison Family has several stipulations to the easement and Mr. Rindt is reviewing each one. The property line is shown to the center of Pardue Circle but there is no record of DOT abandoning the road and the city has been maintaining for numerous years. Benny Blanton has confirmed the sewer line will be within the setbacks which cannot be built on.

2. The environmental report for the water tank has been submitted and approved. Mr. Rindt presented a copy for the city files. The archeological study is completed and there are no known issues with the site. Angela Steedley is compiling a narrative to explain to the U.S.D.A. the reasoning for the fees her firm charges for services. Bradley Greene asked if the tank was designed. Mr. Rindt answered no, but there is a conceptual plan. Edward Young requested the city not send a bid package to Brown Tank due to several serious issues with the Warrior Tank.
3. Mr. Rindt will meet with representatives from Woodlands Camp on Friday to discuss the water lines, pumps, and installation.

**GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY**

Grant Keene, City Attorney, did not have any new business to report.

**CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foster, Police Department, submitted the statistics for activities for March 2016. Chief Foster continues to work with his department with the input of data to calculate activities. Chief Foster is working with the programmer to add or edit features on the data collected.

The department reported 4506 activities and 43.59 hours of administration time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The mayor and council reviewed the required paperwork to receive bids for paving projects. The Requests for Proposals (RFP) is required due to using GDOT funds and SPLOST funds and the paving will exceed \$20,000.

The proposal is to pave six roads - Church Street, Old Nacoochee, Faulkner, Bertha Court, Wanda Drive, and Liberty Lane.

The question was raised if the city should pave Faulkner or wait until a new sewer line is installed. Edward Young stated he would check on the sewer line status before requesting bids to pave Faulkner.

Annie Sutton asked about paving Hood Street. The city may submit a separate RFP for Hood Street to include a new entrance at South Main Street and Hood Street.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the Request for Proposals format and authorized to move forward with soliciting bids for the paving project.

2. In the adoption of the 2015-2016 fiscal budget, the city appropriated funds for the purchase of a new phone system.

The current phone service is antiquated. The city is unable to get parts or have the phones repaired due to being a discontinued product. The city is unable to record calls – this is vital feature for the Police department.

The city received a cost from a local company. Greg Chitwood, Allied, submitted a proposal for a new phone system that will connect City Hall, Fire, Police, Shop, Sewer Plant, and Well House together. This is a “needed” advancement in the phone system. The phones will also record calls that can be emailed.

Mr. Chitwood is also reviewing the Windstream invoices to see if the city can save money on the phone bills. There may be an opportunity in which the city does not use Windstream for all its lines, but receive calls through fiber optic, which is in place.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the purchase of the phone system from Allied for \$19,997.64.

3. The city has received a compliance order and settlement for exceeding the ammonia nitrogen levels at the sewer plant for February 2016.

The city does not have a traditional sewer system and the increase in ammonia is primarily caused by the pond turning in the winter months and the duckweed dying off. This releases more ammonia into the system and is hard to control when you cannot control the continued year-round growth of the duckweed. EPD is aware of the limitations, but still has to address violations.

**NEW BUSINESS - continued**

During this time period, city staff does everything possible to reduce the levels by adding required chemicals and aerating the pond. The ammonia levels will reduce once the duckweed begins to take root. The city also had an increase in rainfall and there may be infiltration that needs to be addressed and corrected.

On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council accepted the EPD Compliance Order and fine amount of \$477.00. Mayor Ash was given authorization to sign the order.

4. The Mayor and Council have been invited to attend the GMA Listening Session, April 21, and the White County Chamber Eggs and Issues, April 26.
5. Public Comments –

Debbie Gilbert asked if the city would consider striping Townview Drive.

Terry Goodger reminded of the military memorial construction at Freedom Park.

Grant Keene informed a retired law enforcement officer, who had been pulled over by Chief Foster in a traffic stop, stated he appreciated how professionally he was treated by Chief Foster.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The minutes of March 2015 were signed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor –Edward Young and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to enter into executive session to discuss land acquisition, possible litigation, and real estate at 7:50 p.m.

**RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING**

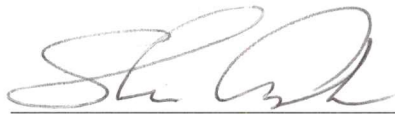
On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the City Council Meeting of April 11, 2016 at 8:43 p.m. No further business was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

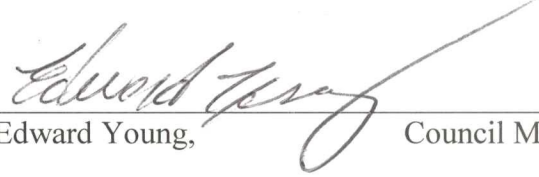
On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Edward Young and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of April 11, 2016 at 8:44 p.m.

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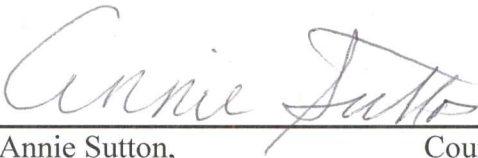




Shan Ash a/k/a Roy Ash, III Mayor



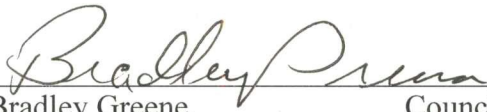
Edward Young, Council Member



Annie Sutton, Council Member



Nan Bowen, Council Member



Bradley Greene, Council Member

ATTEST:



Connie Tracas, City Clerk

