

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2016
2016/2017 BUDGET HEARING
MINUTES

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

The Called Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Shan Ash at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Annie Sutton, Bradley Greene, and Edward Young. Nan Bowen was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda for the June 6, 2016 Called City Council meeting.

2016/2017 BUDGET HEARING – 1ST CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION

The Mayor and City Council reviewed the draft budget for the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

Mayor Ash went over the budget notes for each department.

ADMINISTRATION

- Hire an administrator. This will be a process, as the city will need to develop a job description and then go through a hiring process. The process could take 3 to 9 months. *Mayor Ash questioned the need for an administrator. The charter states the mayor acts as an administrator when the position is not filled. Mayor Ash feels he could take care of the position and offered to provide the city clerk with extra help. Annie Sutton and Bradley Greene disagreed and stated the city is now at a point of growth where an administrator would be beneficial. Mayor Ash stated it would be adding another layer to the city. Other than the comments from Mayor Ash, there was no further opposition to the position stated.*
- Funding in engineering for architectural plans for Talon building. *No one opposed the funding for Talon plans.*
- Family Connections is requesting an additional \$200 (from \$4900 to \$5100). *No one opposed the additional funding for Family Connections.*
- WC Historical Society asking for \$11,000 (from \$10,000). This is money the city receives from Hotel/Motel tax and a few years back it was decided to give to historical society instead of using for tourist projects, such as banners, flags, bathrooms, etc. *No one opposed the additional funding for the White County Historical Society. Bradley Greene feels the museum is a good draw to the downtown area and is optimistic of the museum opening an extra day.*
- Chamber has asked for the same agreement. *No one opposed the funding for the White County Chamber of Commerce.*
- WC Library has asked for same agreement. *No one opposed the funding for the White County Library. Mayor Ash stated supporting the library is a good investment.*

SHOP

- No significant changes. *No objections to the shop budget.*

2016/2017 BUDGET HEARING – 1ST CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION - continued

POLICE

- No significant changes
- Includes 2 police cars. *Bradley Greene stated the replacement of the cars is keeping within schedule. Chief Foster stated his department has four cars that are at or close to 100,000 miles.*
- The 2010 projection was 2859 in population. The census came in at 3410. That is a 19.27% increase in what was initially expected. This does not include “functional” population – those that are in town for work, shopping, tourists, and services. This is a huge increase and will affect all services – police, fire, public works
No objections to the police budget.

FIRE

- Increase in part-time salaries from \$10 to \$12. This is in an effort to keep competitive to what others are paying part-time. *Annie Sutton stated the increase in pay will make a big difference for the volunteer fire and the city needs to request more funding from the county. Mayor Ash agreed as the city fire department responds to numerous calls outside of the service area.*
No objections to the fire department budget.

COURT

- No significant changes. *No objections to the court budget.*

STREETS

- Includes vacant position starting at \$11.00. Only filling the position with a person that has a CDL license. *No objections to the street budget.*

SANITATION

- Includes vacant position – CDL. *No objections to the sanitation budget.*

WATER

- Increase in radio read meters due to requirements of EPD. We can no longer just change the head of the meter. The city is required to change the entire meter – approximately \$300 per meter. The city is required to change out 20% per year. *No objections to the water budget.*

SEWER

- Vacant position
- New/Used truck for James Thomas. *No objections to the sewer budget.*

REVENUES

GENERAL FUND

- Sales tax is showing a gradual rise
- Property tax down a little due to the Freeport Tax exemption
- Beer/Wine/Alcohol excise tax is showing a gradual increase, primarily from beer sales
- Sanitation rates will be increased and should be able to support the department

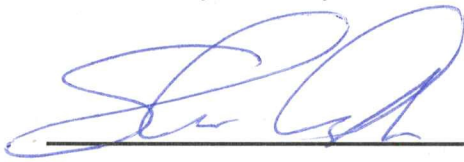
WATER/SEWER FUND

- Customers, in this area, are very conservative with water use.
- May start seeing an increase as more develops. There are several projects that will increase revenues – Woodlands Camp, Truett, the two new gas stations, Jadie Hatcher has closed on property for the Guilford Clinic, and several homes are being built at Stoney Creek and Woodland Forest Phase II.

The projected revenue and expenditures for the General Fund is \$3,016,824.00. The projected revenue and expenditures for the Water/Sewer Fund is \$2,116,025.00

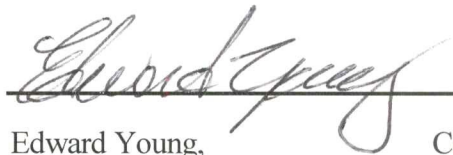
On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council accepted the first consideration of the 2016/2017 Cleveland budget.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the called meeting of June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



Shan Ash,

Mayor



Edward Young,

Council Member



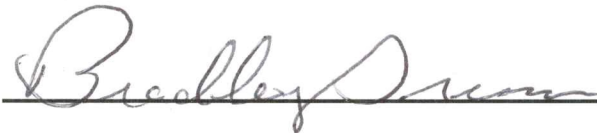
Annie Sutton,

Council Member

(ABSENT)


Nan Bowen,

Council Member



Bradley Greene,

Council Member

Attest: 

Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

