

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2016
MINUTES

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The City Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Shan Ash at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Annie Sutton, Bradley Greene, and Nan Bowen. Edward Young was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the October 3, 2016 meeting agenda.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, submitted the statistics for September 2016. The department responded to 35 calls in the county, 12 of which were outside of the automatic aid area and 38 calls in the city. This a 13% decrease in calls from September 2015. Chief Pruitt added an activity to his list referencing the response to the Ultra Lite Crash in which Mayor Ash was involved.

Annie Sutton inquired if the department responded to the fatal accidents in the county over the weekend. Chief Pruitt responded the department responded to the accident on Town Creek Road. The department responded to a call on Adair Mill Road for a man ejected from his vehicle and was trapped under the vehicle. By the time emergency personnel arrived, bystanders had rocked the vehicle enough to free the man.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Chief John Foster, Police Department, will have the statistics for the next meeting.
2. Chief Foster is waiting on Ricky Barrett to decide the location of the relay for the security cameras for the city park.
3. Chief Foster informed Governor Deal has passed a pay increase of 20% for state officers. The officer working the drug task force for the city may be leaving to take a position with GBI because of this increase.
4. The department has two cars out of service. One car hit a deer and will need replacement parts at approximately \$600 to \$800. The second car has a blown head or a cracked block which will need to be replaced at \$600. If the motor needs to be replaced, the cost would run approximately \$3500. Staff at the city shop will do repairs on both cars.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

Grant Keene, City Attorney, did not have new business to report, but will have an item for executive session concerning real estate.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the minutes of August 1, 3, 8, and 15, 2016 and September 12, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

2. The Mayor and Council discussed the contract with Charles Abbott Associates for plan review services. Grant Keene stated the contract needed to state "Time is of the essence" and asked if the city wanted to add a period of time the contract would run. It was decided the contract would run July through June, renewable every year. Mr. Keene will submit the changes to the city clerk.
3. Public comments – Cindy Bailey, White County Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Mayor and Council for the city's participation in Agri-Fest and funding the door prize for the business decorating contest. Ms. Bailey reminded the group of the county wide clean-up day for Friday, October 7, 2016.

Terry Goodger, White County Commissioner, is planning to coordinate the annual tree lighting with the Christmas parade. Mr. Goodger has spoken with Michelle and Shan Ash and Mrs. Ash feels she may be able to get the school choirs to participate. The Enota Casa group would like to place luminaires around the park in honor of children. Mr. Goodger also spoke of hiring a person to make an ice sculpture with a chain saw. The cost would run at \$1500 for about fifteen minutes. Mr. Goodger would like to build on the Christmas in the Mountains and make it more exciting. Mayor Ash mentioned the issues of the parade held last year with people going around barricades. Chief Foster suggested the city may need to invest in spotlight generators to provide during the event.

Debbie Gilbert expressed her appreciation for the street lights being repaired and changed to LED lights. The lights are much brighter and cover a larger area. Mr. Goodger informed the county will have two street lights installed at Hwy 115 West and the Appalachian Parkway. Mayor Ash informed the city will have a street light installed at Hwy 115 West and Campbell Street.

Ms. Bailey informed GA Power is working with several business owners on the square for façade improvements.

Mayor Ash thanked the county for participating in the fall banners. Mayor Ash expressed his condolences to Nadine Wardenga and her family. Mayor Ash thanked Nadine Wardenga and Denise Loggins for the hard work on the Agri-Fest event.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Mayor and Council discussed the on-going project list and future projects. Projects discussed: Capital improvement plan; permanent striping of roads; fixing shoulders on the roads; and new road signage. Nan Bowen specifically mentioned the area at Bryant Street and Ridgewood Drive needing rumble strips to slow down traffic. This was an issue brought to her and former council member Rush Mauney.
Chief Foster informed the police department has not received a new speed limit ordinance from GDOT since 2013. GDOT is having a problem determining the city limits from an annexation in 2008. The city can only run radar on street preapproved by GDOT. The radar license expires December 31, 2016.
2. The Mayor and Council reviewed the resolution to declare Daybreak property, owned by the city, surplus property for sale. The city clerk suggested the Mayor and Council add a minimum bid to accept. That will attract serious bidders for the Daybreak property. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council appointed the mayor or the mayor pro tem to execute the documents. Grant Keene is the closing attorney.

OLD BUSINESS - continued

3. The minutes of August 30, 2016 were signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to enter into an executive session to discuss possible litigation and real estate at 7:45 p.m.

RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the council meeting at 8:12 p.m.

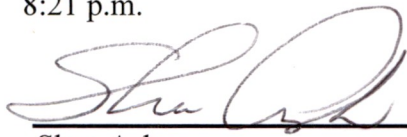
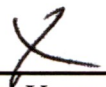
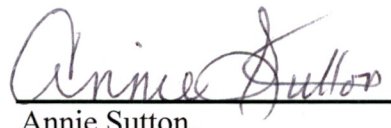

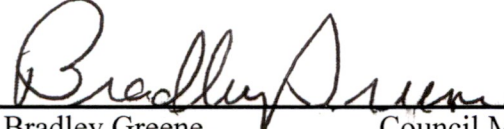
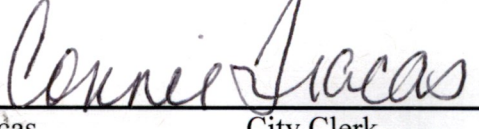
On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to order the closing of Styles and Smiles until such business is in compliance with local and state regulations and ordinances.

Chief Foster will inform the owners and will inform Judy Palmour, landlord, of the council's decision.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland voted to accept the rescission of the counteroffer heretofore made by NEGA Properties, LLC (on September 28, 2016, which rescission such counteroffer was made by NEGA Properties, LLC on October 3, 2016), and to reinstate the original offer made by the City in the Sales Contract dated September 12, 2016, in accordance with the original terms thereof, and to allow NEGA Properties, LLC to accept the original offer made by the City in said Sales Contract in accordance with its terms.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor –Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of October 3, 2016 at 8:21 p.m.

 _____ Shan Ash, Mayor	 _____ Edward Young, Council Member	(ABSENT)
 _____ Annie Sutton, Council Member	 _____ Nan Bowen, Council Member	
 _____ Bradley Greene, Council Member	ATTEST:  _____ Connie Tracas, City Clerk	

