

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 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 Edward Young. Nan Bowen was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the agenda for the November 14, 2016 City Council Meeting.

BRIAN RINDT – CITY ENGINEER

1. Mid-South Construction is working on the 129 North Sewer project. The crews began at Hulsey road, has bored under Hwy. 129, and is now toward the end of Pardue Circle. The crews hit rock on Pardue Circle and has had to blast to continue with the line installation. Benny Blanton has been inspecting the project and has determined the crews to be knowledgeable and has the correct equipment in good working condition.
2. USDA contacted Mr. Rindt to obtain a breakdown of the city's operating cost for the water department. The city has not heard from USDA if the grant will be issued. The city clerk will follow up with Angela Steedley on the status of the grant.
3. Two locations have been identified for a future well site on the south end of Cleveland. The city council agreed Benny Blanton should make initial contact with the owners. The areas are out of the radiological areas and geologists have determined the area should have a good source of water.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, submitted the department statistics for October 2016. The department recorded 30 city calls and 45 county calls, a 17% decrease from October 2015. Of the 45 calls responded to in the county, 13 were outside of the automatic aid area.

Jason Davis explained the fire department's new reporting system. The system allows fire fighters to file more accurate reports and the information is loaded to the federal site as required by regulation. This process makes the reporting a simpler process. The new system allows consistent formatting. The program is Emergency Reporting Records Management and runs through a secure system. Each fire fighter has a secure login and reports can be tracked. All reports are approved by either Chief Pruitt or Jason Davis.

Chief Pruitt informed the county is still under a burn ban. Chief Pruitt dealt with numerous people having camp or bon fires over the weekend. Most people were irate and clueless to the fact of the burn ban.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

Grant Keene, City Attorney, informed the council the purchase of the property from NEGA Properties has been completed. The purchase gives the city proper right-of-way on Wilford Ash Parkway at the NEGA Properties property line.

Mr. Keene will have an item for executive session concerning real estate.

2016-14 SPEED REGULATIONS ORDINANCE – 2ND Consideration and possible adoption

The city is required to adopt, by ordinance, the Georgia Department of Transportation pre-determined speed zones so the police department may run radar in specific areas.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approved and adopt 2016-14 Speed Regulations Ordinance.

2016-16 REGULATIONS OF FIREWORKS ORDINANCE – 1st Consideration
Review of 2016-17 Resolution Policy and Fee Schedule for Fireworks Sales

The mayor and council reviewed the ordinance for the regulation of fireworks and fireworks sales. On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the first reading and consideration of 2016-16 Regulations of Fireworks Ordinance. The mayor and council, by resolution, will enact policies and a fee schedule once the ordinance is in place.

2016-18 AMENDMENT TO UTILITIES ORDINANCE – WATER CONSERVATION – 1st consideration

Due to the recent drought conditions and the regulation changes made by Georgia EPD, the city will need to amend the Utilities Ordinance to update the regulations for water conservation. On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the first reading and consideration of 2016-17 Amendment to Utilities Ordinance – Water Conservation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public comments – Mayor Ash, on behalf of the city, issued condolences to Council Member Nan Bowen for the loss of her mother Joyce Mauney. Mayor Ash stated Mrs. Mauney was a appositve role model in the community. Annie Sutton and Edward Young attended the services.
2. Chief Foster informed he and Bradley Greene have made arrangements to rent lights for pedestrian safety during the Christmas parade. Chief Foster met with David Murphy, White County EMS, and has made arrangements for CERT to assist during the parade by placing barricades and keeping the crowds behind the barricades.
3. Debbie Gilbert asked why there could not be a permanent crosswalk at Deb's Dollar store to Freedom Park (E. Kytile St.). Chief Foster informed GDOT has denied the city's request for a crosswalk.
4. Chief Pruitt informed the fire department Christmas dinner will be December 1 at Cleveland Congregational Church Fellowship Hall – 6:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The minutes of October were signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

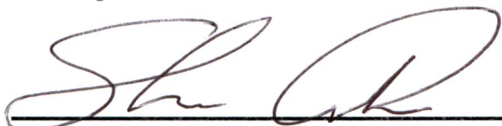
On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to enter into an executive session to discuss real estate at 7:27 p.m.

RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the council meeting at 8:10 p.m. No further business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

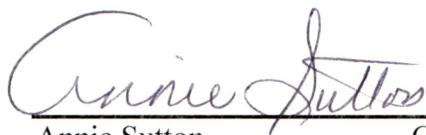
On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor –Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of November 14, 2016 at 8:11 p.m.



Shan Ash, Mayor

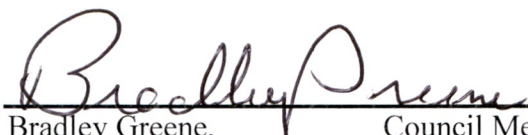


Edward Young, Council Member

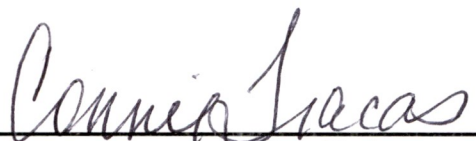


Annie Sutton, Council Member

(ABSENT)
Nan Bowen, Council Member



Bradley Greene, Council Member

ATTEST: 

Connie Tracas, City Clerk

