

**CITY OF CLEVELAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 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 7:01 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Bradley Greene and Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda for the December 12, 2016 City Council Meeting with the following changes:

- Jack Mott is unable to attend
- Fire Department air pack purchase
- Workers comp agreement
- January meeting dates

**JACK MOTT** – unable to attend

**ANNA ROBERTSON, GRANT WRITER – GRANT UPDATES**

Ms. Anna Robertson, grant writer, gave the Mayor and Council an update on the various grants she has applied for on behalf of the city.

- Lowe's charitable grant – the city did not receive this grant. The city requested \$27,834.00. Ms. Robertson will reapply, but will research the Lowe's grant foundation to get a better idea of how to tailor the grant. The grant is to replace playground equipment and repair the grounds at Woodman of the World City Park.
- Firehouse Sub's Grant – the city applied for air packs and turn-out gear for the fire department. The city did not receive this grant. Ms. Robertson reapplied and requested an amount of \$11,960.00 to replace turn-out gear. The city will should be notified by March 2017 if the grant is approved.
- FEMA/Assistance to Firefighters Grant – the grant is to purchase air packs for the fire department. The city has requested \$83,143.00. The city will should be notified by March 2017 if the grant is approved.
- Ms. Robertson has been encouraged to apply for the HEMC Project Roundup Grant. Her plan is to apply for \$5000.00 for fire department gear.

Nan Bowen thanked Ms. Robertson for her hard work.

Ms. Robertson informed of a special request from her six-year old son Oliver. Oliver asked that the Mayor be seen during the Christmas parade next year. Oliver is inspired by the Mayor and would like to see him on a Christmas float.

**BRIAN RINDT – CITY ENGINEER**

Brian Rindt, City Engineer, submitted an update on the wastewater and water projects.

- 129 North Sewer line is in progress. The contractor has two crews working. The crews have hit a lot of rock on Pardue Circle and once under Allison Drive, the crews should be clear of the rock. The cost on the project will include an overrun on rock removal. Mr. Rindt explained it would be a good time to cross 129 N to provide services on the south side of the road. Benny Blanton will be able to provide a cost to the change order. Edward Young questioned if the undeveloped property could not tie in to the line that runs near the city shop. In the past, Mr. Blanton has explained that because of the grade of the property, half would fall towards the city shop and the other half would fall towards the new line. Nan Bowen asked if the contractor would be willing to cross under the road. Mr. Rindt answered yes, it would take the city issuing a change order for the project. Mr. Rindt stated he is very pleased with the contractor's work.
- The city is at a standstill waiting to receive approval from USDA for the water tank and well project. Mr. Rindt has sent in the engineer's report and plans. Mr. Rindt feels the city is in a good position to receive the funding. Mayor Ash asked about the well site. Mr. Rindt answered he has located two possible locations on the south end of town. The city, or Mr. Rindt, will need to speak to the property owners to purchase the property. Mayor Ash, Edward Young, and Ricky Hunt will go and talk to the property owners. The best site, of the two locations, will need to have dirt brought in to build up above flood plain.

**CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Ricky Pruitt submitted the department statistics for November 2016. The department responded to 96 calls in November – 63 calls in the county and 33 calls in the city. Of the 63 calls in the county, 19 were outside the city's automatic aid area. The department had a busy November and was very busy this weekend with a kitchen fire at Burger King and a house fire on Church St.

During the fire on Church Street, one of the air packs malfunctioned and fortunately the fireman was able to vacate the structure before he was in danger. Chief Pruitt requested the council approve the purchase of four air packs with a spare cylinder. The cost is approximately \$30,000 and is budgeted in the fire department's capital outlay line item.

Anna Robertson stated the purchase of the packs will look good on the FEMA application. The purchase will also help with supplying all riding positions.

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Bradley Greene and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the purchase of four air packs with spare cylinders for each pack.

Debbie Gilbert, White County News, asked Ms. Robertson about the grant. Ms. Robertson explained the grant is very competitive and is offered nationwide. The age of the department's inventory is an important factor in the application.



**GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY**

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

**CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foster informed of a position he filled for the vacant position with the Drug Task Force. The agent will begin in January. Mr. Shiloh Crane is a military veteran who served four tours in Iraq. Mr. Crane has a college degree and is POST certified. Chief Foster is encouraged of Mr. Crane's military experience and is grateful to be able to offer a veteran a position with his department.

**NEW BUSINESS**

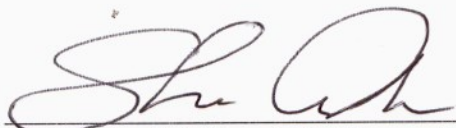
1. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Edward Young and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve and sign the Tree City USA Proclamation.
2. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the class request for Lee Wilson for backflow testing certification.
3. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the workers comp quote and authorized Mayor Ash to sign.
4. Due to the holidays, the Mayor and Council decided to meet January 9 and January 23, 2017.
5. Public comments – Chief Foster informed of the two officers shot in Byron Georgia. Both officers will survive, but Chief Foster's point is to show the dangers of the job.

**OLD BUSINESS**

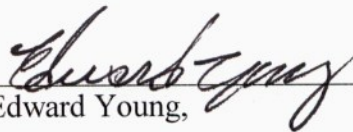
1. The minutes of November 2017 were signed.
2. Grant Keene commended the Mayor and Council of how nice the city's Christmas party was the previous week. Annie Sutton informed the Bean Creek Choir really enjoyed themselves and would be glad to come back and perform anytime.
3. Anna Robertson thanked the city for the Christmas gift certificate and Christmas card.

**ADJOURNMENT**

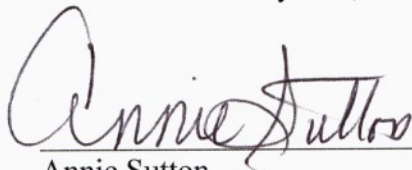
On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of December 12, 2016 at 7:40 p.m.



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



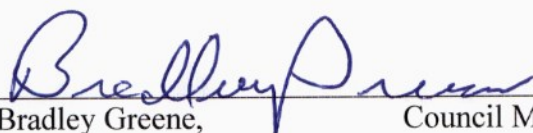
Edward Young, Council Member



Annie Sutton, Council Member



Nan Bowen, Council Member



Bradley Greene, Council Member

ATTEST: 

Connie Tracas, City Clerk

