

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2018
MINUTES

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 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Nan Bowen, Annie Sutton, Kevin Stanley, and Bradley Greene.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda for the February 5, 2018 City Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATION – MRS. LOUISE NIX – CLEVELAND POSTMASTER

Mayor Shan Ash presented a proclamation to Mrs. Louise Nix, Cleveland Postmaster, on her retirement and service to the community.

In Recognition, of Mrs. Louise Nix, Postmaster of the Cleveland Sgt. Jason R. Harkins Post Office, and to celebrate her retirement; and

Whereas, Mrs. Louise Nix was instrumental in the development and growth of our once small rural post office by the hiring and training of dedicated employees and understanding the needs of a growing population ; and;

Whereas, Mrs. Louise Nix has made an impact on many lives through her commitment and care of her community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Louise Nix was a dedicated Postmaster, much like the first Postmaster Benjamin Franklin, understanding the needs of her community and responding to such needs; and

Whereas, Mrs. Louise Nix understood and desired to improve our local postal service, in part, on the value placed on communication; and

Whereas, the City of Cleveland, White County and its citizens are grateful for Mrs. Louise Nix and her dedication and commitment to our community;

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed, by the Mayor and Council of the Cleveland, do hereby proclaim that the City gratefully records and extends its sincere appreciation to Mrs. Louise Nix for her years of dedication and excellent service to the City of Cleveland, White County Georgia and the United States Postal Service.

Given under hand and seal, by proclamation of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, this 5th day of February 2018.

Mrs. Nix expressed her appreciation for the city's recognition.

WARD GANN – UPDATE DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND MERCHANTS ALLIANCE

Mr. Ward Gann, Downtown Cleveland Merchants Alliance (DCMA), came before the Mayor and Council to discuss the recent discussions of improving the downtown square.

- Parking is still an issue. Although Tom O'Bryant has counted 93 parking spaces, as well as parking lots off the square, there still seems to be a parking issue. The merchants continue to encourage employees to park off the square, but not everyone is cooperative.
- The group would like the city to work with GDOT to create a directional signage program to direct visitors to the downtown area.
- Beautification – realizes this is in the works as a spring project. Merchants and building owners are willing to help with watering and maintenance of the plants. Todd Marks, Norton Agency, also made a commitment to adopting a planter or planters to water and keep free of weeds.
- The group meetings have been well attended and productive. Merchants would like to highlight the downtown area by having a sidewalk/tent sale on March 31st. The group would like to incorporate music at Freedom Park and art during the event.
- Mr. Gann feels confident GDOT will allow the city to dig out the asphalt at the north end crosswalk and to plant permanent low impact plants in the center.
- There are concerns with the pedestrian crosswalks. GDOT controls the crossing signals and there is a delay crossing from the south end of the square to the north end.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE – 1ST PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION

Mr. Tom O'Bryant presented the Property Maintenance Ordinance for the first public hearing and discussion.

Mr. O'Bryant explained the city has been contemplating the ordinance since last year and has realized the need for the ordinance for a variety of reasons. The housing stock in Cleveland is aging and for various reasons owners are not able or willing to improve the living conditions. The enactment of the ordinance may help the city apply for different funding to assist with repairs, such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The city primarily receives complaints of living conditions at multi-family residential developments. The ordinance would apply to all housing and commercial buildings. In the past, it has been difficult to enforce housing conditions and this ordinance will address bringing conditions up to code. The city's intent is to have safe housing which will increase the value and tax base. The ordinance is a supplement to the international building codes already in place and will strengthen the city's position in enforcement.

Mayor Ash asked if there were public comments to the property maintenance ordinance.

Mrs. Carol Veal, a resident of Ward 2, would like the city to look into owners storing inoperable cars. The area on Campbell Street is starting to look a mess and Mrs. Veal stated the neighborhood needs help from the city and to not forget them. Mrs. Veal does not want to call the police department all the time, but the yards with junk cars are not allowed.

Mrs. Veal would like the city to monitor the loud cars running the streets without mufflers and revving engines. Ms. Annie Sutton stated the city is trying to address these issues with the property maintenance and nuisance ordinance. Ms. Sutton informed of a neighbor that had a yard sign stating "Nosey Neighbors Mind Your Own Business".

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Ms. Nan Bowen suggested the neighborhood have a community block meeting addressing the issues. Mrs. Veal stated that would be a good idea. Ms. Sutton informed there is already a neighborhood watch in place.

Chief Foster expressed his concerns of the issues Mrs. Veal stated but frankly stated people did not respect each other by throwing trash on city streets, loud music, loud cars, etc. Mrs. Veal asked if the property maintenance would address residential and commercial. Mr. O'Bryant answered yes. Ms. Sutton added Cleveland is a beautiful place and would like to keep it that way.

The second public hearing and first consideration of the property maintenance ordinance will be held February 12, 2018. The third public hearing and final consideration is scheduled for March 5, 2018.

RESOLUTION 2018-01 – COMPENSATION INCREASE FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Ash presented the resolution to increase the compensation pay of the Mayor and Council from \$50 per meeting to \$100 per meeting. Originally, the city planned to make the change through home rule, but City Attorney, Grant Keene, felt it would be better going through state legislation. Mr. O'Bryant has contacted Representative Terry Rogers who has agreed to present on behalf of the city.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve Resolution 2018-01 to increase the compensation of the Mayor and Council from \$50 to \$100 per meeting.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, presented the department statistics for January 2018. The department responded to 84 calls, 44 inside the city and 40 outside the city. Ten of the calls were outside of the automatic aid area and one call fell within the mutual aid agreement when the city responded to a call in Lumpkin County.

Mayor Ash asked about the new ladder truck. Chief Pruitt explained the department will begin training when the weather is better.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief John Foster, Police Department, understanding the Mayor and Council has a long meeting agenda, will present his report at the next council meeting.

GRANT KEENE - CITY ATTORNEY

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

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Tom O'Bryant, City Administrator, did not have new business to report.

MAYOR SHAN ASH – Discussion and response of the correspondence received from White County Board of Commissioners concerning the city providing additional water services for a private business

Mayor Ash informed he wanted to address and respond to the letter the city received from the White County Board of Commissioners concerning the city providing additional water services for a private business. Mayor Ash began by reading the letter from the White County Board of Commissioners and asked it be made part of the minutes:

January 29, 2018
Cleveland City Council
85 South Main Street
Cleveland, GA 30528

Dear Mayor and Council,

Our largest private employer in White County is the Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies plant on Hulsey Road. They have been a vital part of our community for almost 30 years and during that time they have been a valued partner to the City and County as well as the community at large. They have provided many thousands of jobs over the past 30 years and currently employ more than 600 people. Furthermore, we feel like it is imperative that as the local government we do everything we can to ensure the continued viability of this partner in our community to enhance and promote economic development.

As you know we have been in discussions with Freudenberg officials for more than a year about the status of their current water supply from the City. Many of your City officials have participated in these discussions during the past year. However, we have yet to reach a resolution to Freudenberg's water needs. County officials met again with Freudenberg officials on January 17th and they expressed concern about the lack of a resolution to this issue. We had invited City Officials to this meeting but they were unable to attend. During the meeting it was determined that there needs to be closure on this issue in 2018 in order to meet Freudenberg's current and future plans. Therefore, we are proposing a course of action that we hope will resolve Freudenberg's water needs for many years to come and allow them to continue to be a great partner here in our community.

First, we want to give you, as the current water provider, an opportunity to come up with a plan that will be able to deliver the necessary amount of water to adequately supply the Freudenberg plant by the end of 2018. We will be glad to work with the City to produce a plan of action that can be reviewed by March 31, 2018.

If however the City chooses not to pursue this opportunity or is unable or unwilling to provide an adequate supply of water to Freudenberg, then as an alternative we will ask the White County Water Authority to make water available to this area of the County. That of course would require us to renegotiate the current service delivery strategy to allow the Water Authority to provide service to Freudenberg and the surrounding area.

The White County Board of Commissioners is committed to making sure that the Freudenberg plant gets the water it needs to continue to be a viable employer in this county. We want to work with the City and/or the Water Authority in anyway we can to include financial support to make this project happen in 2018.

We look forward to working with the City and we hope and pray that we will be able to quickly and efficiently come up with a workable plan of action that will address this issue and resolve Freudenberg's water needs. Please let County Manager Mike Melton know how you wish to proceed as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Signed,
White County Board of Commissioners
(note: all commissioners signed the letter)

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Mayor Ash continued with a narrative of actual facts to counter the county's insinuations of the city not responding. Mayor Ash requested all facts be included in the minutes.

OPENING STATEMENT

Mayor Ash explained he may refer to Freudenburg –NOK as FNST, FNOK, or NOK throughout the narrative of facts.

In response to a letter sent from the White County Board of Commissioners dated January 29, 2018. The City of Cleveland will present and make public documented communication between the City of Cleveland, the White County Board of Commissioners, and FNST regarding the request of additional water services by FNST. The following statements are a timeline of such communication:

City of Cleveland FNOK Water Activity

- Water for fire suppression needs for FNOK is not a new issue. From 1989-90 the city worked with NOK to address the need for additional water pressure and booster pump for their water sprinkler system. In 2004 NOK proposed to install a larger sprinkler system that would have compromised their city water system and permit with GA EPD. The city engineer wrote NOK a letter to explain the city's concern to the water system. They have come back in 2017 to request additional help with their water needs for fire suppression.
- The City's first meeting with FNOK and the county on the water issue was May 11, 2017 – which is not more than a year ago. This meeting identified the need for additional water for fire suppression. The meeting also discussed technology innovation and investment and job retention for the next twenty years. The stated time frame for addressing the issue was from the "middle of 2018 through 2019. Upgrades of waterlines for Phase III of the by-pass were discussed as part of the project. The City was provided with an internal engineering report detailing water needs for current fire suppression and plant expansion.
- At a June 13, 2017 meeting the city engineer presented potential options for water line improvements. The City also asked if FNOK would consider annexation into the city because such a large investment in the upgrade of service. FNOK said they would take the request into consideration.
- At a meeting on August 1, 2017 FNOK stated that they must first address their current needs for fire suppression. The expansion window is 2019 to 2021. The City would provide FNOK an analysis of company cost savings with lower water and sewer rates from being in the City, which will help with their analysis of annexation. The meeting discussed updates and validation of the data (pressure and flows) and again, the water line upgrades during the Phase III of the bypass.

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- City Administrator provides FNOK utility information (email August 3, 2017) for use in their analysis of annexation.
- August 8, 2017 the City Administrator met with an official from the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission on the project and possible grant programs to provide assistance with funding the project.
- On August 31, 2017 the City Administrator sent an email to FNOK to provide them with an updated status on potential water line routes, possible grant funding for the project and asked if FNOK had an answer on the annexation request. No response from FNOK.
- There was a meeting scheduled for September 11, 2017 and the meeting was postponed due to hurricane IRMA.
- September 15, 2017 City Administrator sends an email to FNOK regarding an update of a potential water line route to their plant property. Also identifies issues to discuss at the next meeting.
- October 2, 2107 meeting identified the need for FNOK to make a formal request to address their needs. Fire suppression is now an immediate issue. The city engineer will estimate cost for improvements to the Warrior tank. A discussion about a cistern system followed. No response to annexation from FNOK.
- October 2, 1017 City Administrator sends email to FNOK regarding their analysis related to the annexation issue, and reiterates the benefits for being within the city limits.
- October 11, 2017 Following up on the request at the last meeting, City Administrator sends city engineer's cost estimate to FNOK. Email also states that the City will be seeking grant resources to complete the project. City Administrator again asks if the company has a response on the annexation issue. No response from FNOK.
- October 25, 2017 City Administrator discusses bypass Phase III line upgrades with Georgia DOT officials to incorporate improvements in the project construction.
- November 14, 2017 White County contacts the City Administrator and ask for an update on the water project because they are getting ready to have a telephone conference with FNOK – the City was not invited to participate. The City responds that we have sent the updated information to FNOK and requested a response, but did not receive one from the company. We also expressed concerns with the company's lack of interaction and communication with the city on the project. We made a request to the county to have FNOK contact the City.
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- January 3, 2018 City Administrator sent email to FNOK providing an update on the city's activities since the last meeting. FNOK officials respond they will be in the area on January 17 and suggest meeting on that day. The city offers to coordinate and ask if they would like to meet at City Hall. No response from FNOK.
- January 9, 2018 Via email the City Administrator offers to host the next meeting at City Hall and request the best time for FNOK officials to meet.
- January 11, 2018 FNOK sends a response that they are meeting with the county on the project on January 17 and states they believe it would be customary and courteous for the City to attend. The City responds that we can host the meeting and recommends a 9:30 a.m. meeting time.
- January 12, 2018 The City Administrator invites White County officials to the January 17 meeting. He also expressed a concern that FNOK is only coordinating with the county on this project and FNOK believes the county is responsible for the resolution of their needs because they pay taxes in the county – the City is only a provider of utility. The county responded they would be attending the meeting.
- January 15, 2018 FNOK sends an email to the City and county that they will be in town on January 17 to meet, but has not heard back on a meeting time. The City resends FNOK the meeting date, time and location, and informs them that the county has been invited to the meeting.
- January 17, 2018 City Administrator sends an email to FNOK and county to postpone the meeting due to the weather related event that morning. Many city and state routes were not passible for most of the day and some routes were temporarily closed. County offices, city offices, county schools, state offices and numerous business were closed or delayed. All city public safety and public works crews were addressing traffic related issues related to black ice on city roads. The City Administrator and the Mayor were required to assess conditions of roads and intersection around the City. The city administrator's email stated that he would email FNOK the material that would have been discuss in the meeting and suggested that another date and time be established to meet and discuss the status of the project.
- January 18, 2018 City Administrator emails the material the city had plan to discuss in the postponed meeting, and provides an explanation of the material to them.
- January 19, 2018 City Administrator meets with the Georgia Department of Economic Development to further discuss FNOK's needs. Holds a conference call with Georgia Department of Community Affairs official for further grants on project.

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- January 23, 2018 City Administrator informs FNOK that City has a set up a meeting with grant agencies on funding for the project. White County is also invited to the meeting.
- January 30, 2018 City requests FNOK to formally provide further information on their fire suppression needs in order to properly engineer and design for the project. Also requested further information for any expansion or future growth in order to strengthen any application the City may submit for grant funding.

Other Issues

- The city has made numerous system wide improvements to the city water system since the FNOK insurance and fire suppression study was conducted. Some of the data employed in the study is more than six years old. The city is updating its portion of the data.
- A project of this magnitude requires tremendous amount of information from all parties, especially from the recipient. The project requires engineering, securing funding, permitting from state agencies, bidding and construction. It would be irresponsible of the City to plan and implement this project without proper planning and conducting its due diligence to see if grant assistance can help offset cost to the local taxpayer and rate payer.
- It is City's goal to build infrastructure capacity for future growth. It is important for the City to consider if a project will help achieve that goal and benefit all businesses and residents within their service areas.
- The reduction of SPLOST funds by the county to the city has greatly limited the city's ability to fund infrastructure improvement. The city is limited to matching local growth related project with either grants and loans.
- Phase III of the bypass has always been part of the discussion of this project. Installing new water lines only to replace them within the following year is not a responsible and efficient use of tax payer and rate payer funds.
- The planning horizon was originally 2018 to 2020 or (2021), which is plenty of time to properly plan, fund and construct the project. According to the county this has changed to the end of the year. This change has not been communicated to the City.
- Water service areas within the county have long been negotiated and established through State law and legal agreements between the City of Cleveland, the City of Helen and the White County Water Authority. Water services cannot be granted or given away by the county commission. Water services also cannot be changed at the whim of a county commission chair as suggested in the letter sent from the County Commission to the City of Cleveland dated January 29, 2018. An attempt to take over water services as suggested by the White County Commission is an abuse of perceived power, and would most likely result in years of costly and senseless litigation. State law dictates that the county would incur all mediation expense.

Mayor Ash read an email from Tom O'Bryant to NOK the day after the snow event of January 17 in which the city could not attend the meeting due to addressing city issues and making sure city employees were safe.

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Tom O'Bryant

Thursday, January 18, 2018 3:51 PM

Jastifer, Michael

'Michael Melton'

Fire Suppression Follow Up

CITY OF CLEVELAND WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.docx

Hi Michael,

I hope you made it back without any difficulty. I wanted to follow up from yesterday's email regarding postponing our meeting. The Tuesday night weather event resulted in morning where we had all of our public works crews, police department and extra fire personnel working on road and utility conditions, traffic and public safety issues throughout the morning in the afternoon. Therefore, emergency public safety related services became the most pressing matter at the time. I would like to reschedule our meeting to a time that is convenient for all parties. If you are not back in town soon we can conduct the meeting with you on speaker as with the past few meetings. Please look at your calendar for availability and we can coordinate a date and time that will work with you and every else.

I mentioned yesterday that I would email you some information regarding the status of water improvements within the City of Cleveland and where FNST needs fit into the improvements. FIRST of all, please know that this is a very important issue for the city and we want to address FNST needs. It is important for us to place this project into our planning and be able to allocate funding to make it happen. We definitely understand the urgency behind your needs which is why we are discussing how best to address the issue.

I have attached for your review a copy of City of Cleveland water system improvements that have recently been made, are currently underway or are planned in the near future. In my last conversation you had indicated that FNST's planning horizon was 2018-2020 for improvements to the plant and company growth. The list identifies improvements to our system that improves water volume, storage and pressure throughout the city. I want to point out (Current) that the recent addition of a 300,000 gallon water tank on the south side of Cleveland relieves the flow of water volume and pressure to this side of town. The addition of the new well on the northeast side of town will add a tremendous amount of water volume into the system. These two improvements alone will greatly improve the pressure and volume available to FNST in the current situation for improved fire suppression.

The second items on the list (Planned) identifies water system improvements and upgrade that the City has discussed in their planning for the future. This includes the line upgrade on Hulsey Road, major improvements to the water tank closest to FNST on Albert Reid Road, an upgrade to the line/bridge over Little Tesnatee Creek, and looping a line to the Helen Highway/Hulsey Road intersection for future growth. These improvements, again, will improve volume and pressure within the system that will help address the needs at FNST.

Lastly, (Under Discussion on the list) is the replacement/upgrade of the existing line along Hulsey Road boarding the old textile mill. This is the last and obviously most important item to help address FNST's water suppression issues and future growth. Our engineer has provided us with an estimated cost for the line upgrade. It is still unknown whether an additional booster pump system is needed to adequately the fire suppression issue in the plant. The big question is funding to pay for this upgrade. I have spoken with our Regional Commission, who write grants for local governments, and other State officials about the project (requesting non-disclosure) about a potential funding source (One Georgia). I am also researching a second funding source with USDA Rural Development to help pay for such an upgrade. In my last meeting with County officials they mentioned providing some assistance to help pay for the upgrade, but they did not specify an amount. I know you and Mike Melton have spoken and he may have mentioned this to you in your

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conversations. It is important for us to be communicating to put all these resources together and set them in motion so we can resolve the issue within the planning horizon that you spoke about in our conversation last week.

I hope that you see we are working internally to help address the issue and this is a priority for the city, however it is not one that we can address alone and overnight. The City does have a desire and a policy to grow the City through annexation and provision of its services in its service area. However, if that ends up not being possible, there are other ways to address the issue, albeit the role and responsibility of the county would have to be more emphasized in the path to a resolution. In the meantime, we need to make sure that FNST, the City of Cleveland and County have an open and continuous dialogue in order to adequately plan and address the issue. The City of Cleveland wants to make sure that FNST remains and is profitably operating in the Cleveland/White County community.

One last thing to mention is that the long-term expansion of the plant, that you have mentioned in previous meetings, could qualify for investment tax credits with the State of Georgia. I can send you information on that particular topic if you don't already have it. If there are also engineering jobs created with the expansion they may qualify for quality job tax credits as well.

I look forward to continuing working with you on this project. I will follow up to see if you have any questions and on establishing a new meeting date and time.

Mayor Ash reiterated this is a statement of facts and feels the county did not have the facts when deciding to send the letter to the city. Mayor Ash recognized White County Commissioner Terry Goodger and thanked him for being present as he presented the facts of the NOK water situation.

Mr. Goodger informed the county was asked to be a facilitator to the water needs of NOK. Mr. Goodger first met with NOK at the meeting of January 17 and was not aware of the communication as read by Mayor Ash. Mr. Goodger stated he tries to represent the city as it is in his district.

Mayor Ash firmly expressed the need for NOK to contact the city with their planned water needs. The city has only been told the water needs is about fire suppression and not about production. Mayor Ash did not appreciate the accusation that the city has not been working on the issue. He has worked on this issue since taking office. Mayor Ash has walked the proposed routes for line improvements in the area and has been working with the city engineer.

Although it is written in the letter from the White County Commissioners and Mr. Goodger signed the letter, as well as the other commissioners and chair, Mr. Goodger tried to assure the city they did not want to take over the water service area. Mr. Goodger will get a meeting coordinated between the city and the county.

Mayor Ash expressed the need for NOK to provide proper and updated information. The engineering report provided by NOK is dated 2013. The city has made numerous water improvements since 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the class requests of Charlie LaVelle, Sheena Wright, and Judge Garrison Baker.
2. On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the minutes of January 8 2018.
3. Public Comments – the public comments referred back to the facts presented by Mayor Ash concerning the water needs of NOK.

Ward Gann asked who was copied on all the correspondence. Mr. O'Bryant has the information available to anyone interested. Mr. Gann added if industry needs fire suppression they usually build a water tank. Dean Dyer, WRWH, stated it sounds like NOK execs are not communicating what is needed. Mayor Ash responded the city needs to know NOK's intentions and if they are planning on staying regardless of the water supply. The city does not serve just one business but a complete service area. The city has only been told it is about fire suppression, in which you build a water tank like Woodlands Camp, Wal-Mart, and Truett-McConnell College. If it is more in line for a need to increase production, NOK needs to inform the city.

Carl Dann stated the city was doing a good job.

Nan Bowen stated Tom O'Bryant is doing a good job representing the city and added she is not ashamed of the city's actions. Ms. Bowen added she is proud of Mayor Ash. Mayor Ash responded it is a collective effort as a group.

Chief Foster asked if NOK have stated what they need. Mr. O'Bryant answered other than fire suppression, NOK has not expressed other water needs.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Board appointments - Tom O'Bryant has developed an application and two people are interested in the DDA and one for the library board.

Gary Adkins and Ward Gann are interested in serving on the DDA. John Mitchell would like to serve on the library board (also recommended by the library director).

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor Annie Sutton and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the appointments of Gary Adkins and Ward Gann to the Downtown Development Authority and John Mitchell to the White County Library Board.

Boards that have vacancies

Tree City USA – Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, Mayor – at large choice

Alcohol License Review Board – 2 vacancies, 1 vacant – alternate

Downtown Development Authority – still need 3 to 4

2. The minutes of December 2017 were signed.
3. Annie Sutton thank the representative from the Historical Society for attending the meeting. Ms. Sutton stated she is glad to see Grant up and recovering.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL


On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel issues at 8:30 p.m.

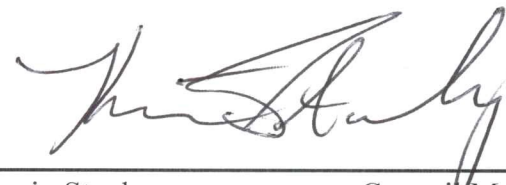
RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING


On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor Nan Bowen and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the council meeting at 9:06 p.m. No further business was discussed.


ADJOURNMENT

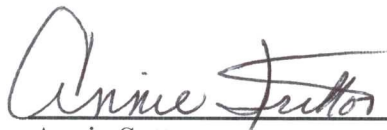
On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of February 5, 2018 at 9:07 p.m.


Shan Ash, Mayor


Kevin Stanley, Council Member


Nan Bowen, Council Member


Bradley Greene, Council Member


Annie Sutton, Council Member

ATTEST: 
Connie Tracas, City Clerk

