

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2018
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 6:30 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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 the agenda for the June 11, 2018 City Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATION – HONOR GUARD

Mayor Ash recognized Mr. Charlie Thomas and the White County Honor Guard Members.

List attendees include: Bob Bardenwerper - Coast Guard, Mike Merck - Air Force, James Thomas - Army, Tom Bardenwerper - Forestry Service, Laverne Holeman - Army, Glen Abernathy - Army, Tom Dyer - Marine Corp, Richard Thomas - Marine Corp, Larry Clark - Army

Mayor Ash read the proclamation honoring the White County Honor Guard:

Whereas, Honor Guards consists of former and retired members of the US Military, Military Veterans, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Service, and Civilians wanting to render respect and honor ; and

Whereas, Honor Guards across the United States serve with honor, dignity, and loyalty; and they demonstrate high regard for the traditions of the United States Military, public safety organizations, and other agencies and honor the veterans who serve our country; and

Whereas , the Honor Guard is comprised of courageous men and women who have selflessly served in our military, law enforcement, fire service, public safety, emergency medical service, corrections, and other agencies; and all those who wear the uniform of the Honor Guard are an important part of our community; and

Whereas, the Honor Guard understands the sacrifice, and serves each community through participation in services for the fallen, presenting the colors with honor and involvement in community memorials and acts as the face of the organization they represent during solemn times of mourning and remembrance, and provide solace to families and communities during times of grief; and

Whereas, The Honor Guard of White County, Georgia have continued to answer the call by honoring our men and women who have given all; now

PROCLAMATION – HONOR GUARD - continued

Therefore, The Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 1, 2018 as HONOR GUARDS DAY And, the Mayor and Council and the citizens of the City of Cleveland, Georgia pay tribute and remember those who have selflessly served our cities, counties, state, and nation; with honor, dignity, and respect.

Given Under Hand and Seal, by proclamation of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, this 11th day of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eighteen.

Mayor Ash thanked the Honor Guard for their service to the community and presented the proclamation to Mr. Holden, the oldest member of the Honor Guard, 88 years of age. Mayor Ash additionally recognized James Thomas who has also served as an employee of the City of Cleveland for the past 46 years. The City Council then shook hands with each member of the Honor Guard.

BRIAN RINDT – CITY ENGINEER

1. The Warrior water tank repairs are complete and is in use. Staff have pulled samples and the water has passed testing requirements to put the tank online.
2. Mr. Rindt and Mr. O'Bryant met with DOT concerning Phase III of the bypass. In the past, there were discussions on the location of the jail lift station so that it not interfere with the widening of the bypass. The revised plans did show an issue for driveway access to the lift station showing a 17% slope and filling about one-third of the location with fill dirt. Mr. Rindt, Mr. O'Bryant, and GDOT will continue to work on resolving the issue.
3. Mr. Rindt would like to treat the council to dinner during the GMA convention.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief John Foster, Police Department, did not have new business to report, but did inform he continues to work on the wrecker service/impound code.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Liability and Property Insurance – Selective Apex**
 - a. Norton Insurance bid the liability and property insurance for the city.
 - b. Selective/Apex came in with the best quote of \$91,667.
 - c. From Norton:
 - *Overall we were able to keep the renewal rate limited to a 5% increase based on annualized premium, applying the expiring 2017-18 rates to this year's exposures.*
 - *We are seeing an average of 6-8% on increases on renewals from all providers, so we find this offer to be representative of the current marketplace.*
 - *The insured sold two vehicles but added a Fire Truck and brand new 2017/2018 vehicles as well, which resulted in increased Auto Liability & PD.*
 - *The GL Increase is due to a 25% increase in the city's expenditures on the budget.*
 - *The expiring loss ratio is 51% from a wind loss on Property with over \$38K Paid.*
 - *Slight increase in POL/EPL premium due to an increase in reported employees.*
 - d. The figure will fluctuate throughout the year as we add and/or remove vehicles, equipment, etc.

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- e. Connie and Beth will continue to work to sell and adjust unneeded equipment to get it off the books.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Annie Sutton and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the liability and property insurance quote with Selective/Apex insurance through the Norton Agency.

2. Inmate Detail Agreement

- a. The City of Cleveland has an annual agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to provide an inmate work detail to provide general maintenance services throughout the year.
- b. The amount of the contract is for \$39,500.00 and is not changing from the previous year.
- c. There are no changes within the scope of services of the contract, which includes up to ten (10) members of work detail and full-time supervision of a correctional officer.
- d. Contract agreement shall be from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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 Inmate Detail Agreement with Colwell Corrections for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Annie Sutton expressed her appreciation of the good work from the inmates and Bradley Greene concurred adding it is some of the best money the city spends.

3. Asphalt Repairs/Improvements

- a. There are repairs around the city needed for asphalt patching and repairs to some of the speed bumps.
- b. Asphalt repairs needed at Woodman/City Park for the walking path that include mill root damage and cracking. There are also large cracks in the parking lot needing repair. A 10x10 concrete pad needs to be poured for the special needs swing.
- c. The City has received an estimate on the asphalt repair work from Precision Paving and Sealing for \$3,250 for the road patching and speed bumps; and \$33,283 for the repairs at City Park; for a total of \$36,533 in asphalt repairs and improvements.
- d. The City has budgeted fund for these improvement from SPLOST IV.

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the asphalt repairs at the city park, road patching and speed bumps, and the concrete pad for the special needs gazebo swing.

4. Gateway Memory Park

- a. After receiving complaints at City Council meeting the City Code Enforcement Officer conducted a site investigation and found violations of city codes regarding property maintenance and unfit buildings and structures.
- b. There was also found within the structure on the property a lack of management or proper storage of records of the cemetery operations.
- c. The city is following the code violation procedures by providing notification to the property owner by certified mail of the violation and request for a meeting to develop a strategy of remedy and mitigation of the violations.
- d. The City has also contacted the Secretary of State Office to express concerns regarding the mismanagement of the operations and records at Gateway Memory Park.
- e. Staff has not heard back from the Secretary of State's office regarding the complaint.

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Kevin Stanley asked if the City had received any contact back from the property owner, Chris Shelnut. Mr. O'Bryant stated that the owner currently had not provided a response to the city, but has up to 30 days to respond. Staff will be following up to obtain a response from the property owner.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Class request for Jamie Compton, Police Department, was approved.
2. Public Comments: Debbie Gilbert noted the severe storm damage in the county, particularly to county roads, and asked if the city incurred storm damage as well. Mr. O'Bryant replied that the City did not experience any storm related damage to city roads. He stated that City resources were spent by providing public safety and emergency response assistance to the county and City of Helen. County Commissioner Terry Goodger stated that the most damage in the county was experienced along Carolina Springs Road through an enormous amount of rainfall running off Yonah Mountain into the creek that runs parallel to the road.


Beth Truelove, Chamber of Commerce, thanked the city council for the improvements on the square with the new planters, plants, and banners. She stated that city crews, Ms. Nadine Wardenga and the 4-H did a great job putting the planters and plants in place around downtown. Terry Goodger informed of the soft opening for Yonah Preserve. Mr. Goodger feels this will have an impact on our area. The parking lot was full with participants from many counties in metro-Atlanta and from Florida as well as local citizens. He believes the City will experience an impact from visitors to the park. He said the county plans to extend the open hours of the facility.

Mayor Ash welcomed Michelle Ash representing the Historical Society.

Annie Sutton informed her pastor, Travis Chapel, attended the 50's Bash on the square and noted the number of people on the downtown square enjoying the event and going into the shops.

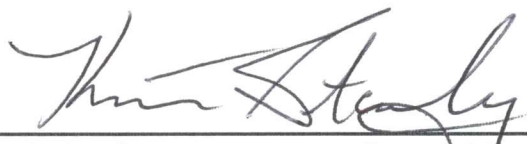
ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Bradley Greene, and seconded by Kevin Stanley, seconded by, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of June 11, 2018 at 7:02 p.m.



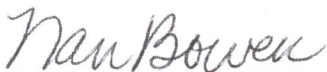
Shan Ash,

Mayor



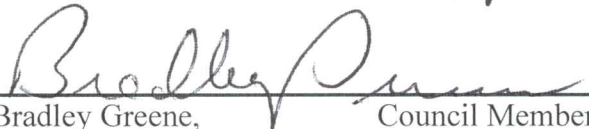
Kevin Stanley,

Council Member



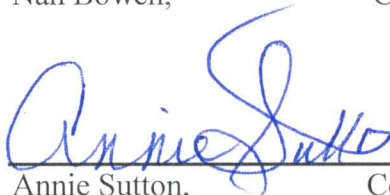
Nan Bowen,

Council Member



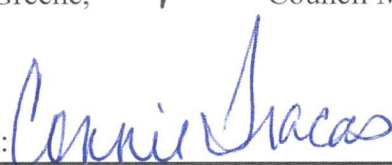
Bradley Greene,

Council Member



Annie Sutton,

Council Member

ATTEST: 

Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

