

**CITY OF CLEVELAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2018  
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 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 December 3, 2018 City Council meeting.

**CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1. Chief Pruitt submitted the monthly statistics for November 2018. The department responded to 74 calls – 34 within the city, 40 calls in the county with 10 being outside the automatic aid service area. The county assisted the city twice with calls within the city.
2. The department has been awarded a grant from the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council in the amount of \$6,278.00. The grant will be used to purchase five sets of turnout gear for the fire department. The city's cost share is \$698.00. The paperwork has been executed and submitted to the grant agency.
3. Chief Pruitt informed heat is now hooked up at the Talon building in the section that houses the ladder fire truck. This is a part of the compliance requirements from ISO.

**CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1. Chief Foster submitted the 2018 year end statistics for the police department. The statistics show the difference in various infractions or crimes from 2017 to 2018. All categories of crime showed a significant decrease from 2017 to 2018
  - Part 1 Crime (which includes homicide, rape, robbery, vehicle theft, etc.) showed a decrease of 25.50% . There is a decrease in theft due to a better economy and the availability of employment.
  - Part 2 Crime (assaults, narcotics, DUI, vandalism, disorderly conduct, etc.) showed a decrease of 14.30%
  - The report showed a 19.59% decrease in adult arrests and a 33.33% decrease in juvenile arrest. The report included age, sex, and race of those arrested.
  - Chief Foster, noted for 2018, the calls to respond to domestic violence is too high.
  - The department reported issuing more warning notices for traffic violations.The department is committed to the community and visitors to our area in keeping everyone safe and reducing crime.
2. Chief Foster informed he made the decision to drop the U.S. Flags to half-staff to honor the memory of former President George H.W. Bush.
3. Chief Foster reiterated his decision to cancel the parade. The weather conditions were too dangerous for the participants. Chief Foster welcomed anyone who had comments or complaints of his decision to call him directly. Annie Sutton agreed with the decision of Chief Foster to call off the parade. Ms. Sutton stated the first priority is the safety of the community.

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

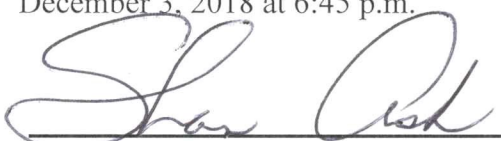
1. On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the draft minutes of November 5 and November 13, 2018 as presented.
2. Public Comments – Beth Truelove, White County Chamber of Commerce, thanked the police department, fire department and city staff for the assistance given for the Christmas in the Mountains event. Ms. Truelove thanked Chief Foster for his diligence in watching the weather conditions and feels he made the right decision in cancelling the event. For future events, the chamber will look for alternative rain dates to include with the event application. The group tried to arrange another date within the next couple of weeks, but it is not possible due to conflicting scheduling. The City of Helen has offered for the parade participants to join the city's parade next Saturday.  
Terry Goodger, White County Commissioner, made sure the county Christmas tree at Freedom park was lit.


**OLD BUSINESS**

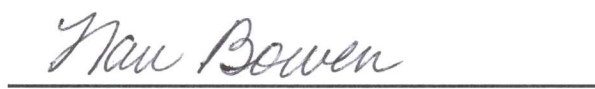
There was no old business to discuss.


**ADJOURNMENT**

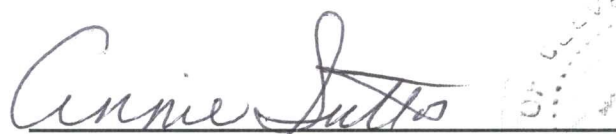
On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Annie Sutton and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of December 3, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

  
Shan Ash, Mayor

  
Kevin Stanley, Council Member

  
Nan Bowen, Council Member

  
Bradley Greene, Council Member

  
Annie Sutton, Council Member

ATTEST:   
Connie Tracas, City Clerk