

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2019
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 Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the agenda for the April 8, 2019 City Council Meeting.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief John Foster, Police Department, reported on the Freedom Event held at Truett McConnell University. The University hosted former governor of Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Saturday, April 6, 2019. Chief Foster and his team were a part of the security detail. The event went well and without incident.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

Grant Keene, City Attorney, did not have new business to report, but will have an item for executive session concerning real estate.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Cleveland United Methodist Church has signed the easement deed for the city to construct the sidewalk on East Underwood Street and the corner of Quillian Street. All deeds along the route of the sidewalk to Freedom Park have been obtained. The project is now out for bid. The bids are due by April 23, 2019.
The GDOT LMIG program will fund a portion of the project.
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 accept the delivery of the limited warranty deed from Cleveland United Methodist Church for the sidewalk project on East Underwood Street.
2. The City has expended its funds from the first SPLOST voted in White County. The funds were dedicated to streets, roads, and bridges. Throughout the years, the city has repaired numerous streets, installed culverts, participated in the improvements to NOK Drive to Babyland, and constructed Wilford Ash Parkway. Mayor Ash commented of how Wilford Ash Parkway has made a difference in moving traffic around the city.
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 close the banking account for SPLOST 1 at Cleveland United Community Bank.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Comments – Beth Truelove informed the council of the Downtown Merchants Alliance. The group have plans to hold several events in the upcoming months. The group held a chocolate stroll on the square and estimated approximately 125 new faces visiting the stores. Ms. Truelove thanked the city for continuing the program of planting flowers on the square for spring and summer. Ms. Truelove commented on the improvements of Nix Hardware and Nadine's on the square. Mayor Ash informed of the letter sent by the White County Historical Society thanking the city for its donation to the potter's statue. The statue should be installed this week. Annie Sutton thanked the city for filling in the potholes. Ms., Sutton asked about the requirement to install memorial crosses around the square. Ms. Sutton was informed the organizer would need to receive property owner permission, make sure they are not installed on DOT right-of-way and register with the city as "temporary" signs. The council discussed the location of utilities. The concern would be those that have irrigation systems, which are buried deep. Other utilities are buried deeper and the crosses should not affect the lines.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The minutes of March 4, March 11, and March 18, 2019 were signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

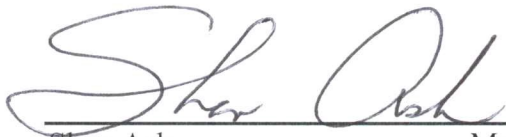
On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Nan Bowen and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to enter into an executive session to discuss real estate at 6:43 p.m.

RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

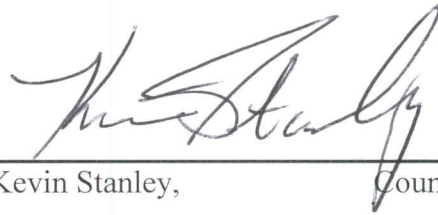
On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and Bradley Greene and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the City Council Meeting at 7:18 p.m. No further business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Bradley Greene and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council adjourned the meeting of April 8, 2019 at 7:19 p.m.



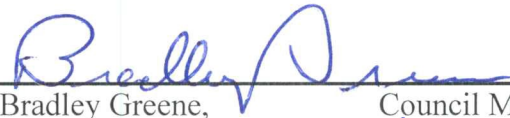
Shan Ash, Mayor



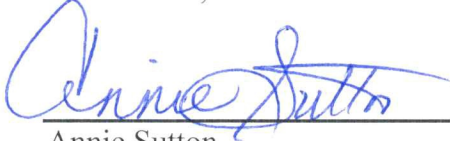
Kevin Stanley, Council Member



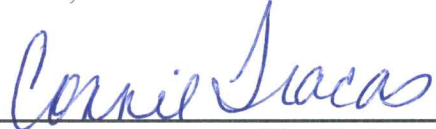
Nan Bowen, Council Member



Bradley Greene, Council Member



Annie Sutton, Council Member

ATTEST: 

Connie Tracas, City Clerk

