

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 3, 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 6:42 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda for the June 3, 2019 City Council Meeting.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, submitted the department statistics for May 2019.

The department reported 81 calls – 41 within the city limits and 40 out in the county, with 5 of the calls being outside the automatic aid area.

The department has completed the hydrant service testing and was weeded the areas with a weed eater and round-up.

The department has received two calls for accidents on the trails at Yonah Preserves (a county park). The department will hold training Thursday to determine access points and train to retrieve those in need.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief John Foster, Police Department, presented the results of the traffic survey conducted by RedSpeed at the area of Jack P. Nix Elementary School.

The device recorded 8800 cars in the target area with 801 of those vehicles registering over the speed limit. The device recorded 107 vehicles going between 46-50 miles per hour during the hours of 6:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Chief Foster commented people are not paying attention to school zones and are even passing busses. 8 vehicles were recorded at over 50 miles per hour in the school zone.

Chief Foster informed each violated would have to confirmed through a vehicle tag check to vehicle and owner. It would take an officer 26 hours to verify each violation. Chief Foster suggested the only way to control the program is to only verify those violations over 45 miles per hour. The civil fine is \$75 and the city would receive \$48 of this fine. ($\$48 \times 107 = \$5,136.00$). Chief Foster is not sure if RedSpeed can isolate violations, but will inquire about the procedures. RedSpeed incurs the costs of the equipment ,installation and monitoring. If implemented, the public will start getting the message and slowdown in school zones. Chief Foster has discussed, throughout the years, the need for a traffic signal at Wilford Ash Parkway, and does not understand Georgia Department of Transportation position on installing a signal.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT – continued

Bradley Greene asked if Chief Foster knew of how many accidents occurred at or near Wilford Ash Parkway. Chief Foster answered the information is logged and he will report at the next meeting. Mr. Greene added he felt more children would walk to school if the area was safe and a traffic signal were to be installed.

Chief Foster feels the school traffic at Old Blairsville Road will need to be addressed now that the school board decided to move the Warrior Academy (alternative school) to the former 9th Grade Academy). Chief Foster, or anyone with the city, was not informed of the decision from the school board. Chief Foster feels this will add to the workload of the school resource officer. Chief Foster needs officers on the road and may need to discuss with the school board to acquire a resource officer from the White County Sheriff's office. The position cannot continue to take on more duties and is expanding more than the department can keep up. The school board should have contacted the city about its decision.

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. LMIG Safety Fund Award to City

- a. City Council voted last March 2018 to pursue Georgia DOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Safety funds for high thermal striping of ten local city streets.
- b. The total project cost is estimated at \$54,564.00.
- c. GDOT has announced that it will provide \$41,900 towards the project. The city will fund the remaining balance of \$12,664.
- d. This project and funds will be part of the city's FY2020 budget year.
- e. The City will bid the project out over the next fiscal year.

2. Oak Springs/Talon Project Update

- a. Improvements for the exterior of **Oaks Springs** are underway. Trusses are being set for the roof system.
- b. Bids for the interior construction have been tabulated. The total project costs for the interior work is totaled at \$554,830.43, an amount much higher than what the city has anticipated for the project.
- c. A work session is needed for the council to review the details for the construction bids and determine the best path for completing the project in a manner that is more affordable to the city. This could include conducting some value engineering on the project or consider reducing some of the desired improvements in the project or consider if portions of the improvements can be performed by city staff.

After much discussion, the council decided to hold a called work session Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the minutes of May 6 and May 13, 2019.
2. Public comments – Debbie Gilbert asked for a copy of RedSpeed survey.
Judy Lovell commented the merchants event “50’s Rockin’ on the Square” went well.
Beth Truelove thanked the city for the pots and flowers on the square. Everyone expressed appreciation to Nadine Wardenga for her hard work in getting the flowers planted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 enter into an executive session to discuss real estate at 7:10 p.m.

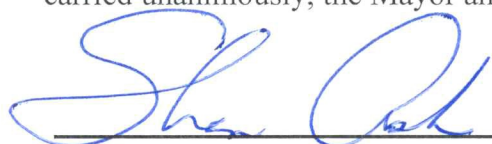
RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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 return to the city council meeting. Chief Foster checked the perimeter of the building to see if there was any one, from the public, that needed or wanted to return to the city council meeting. There was no one present to attend.

No further business was discussed.

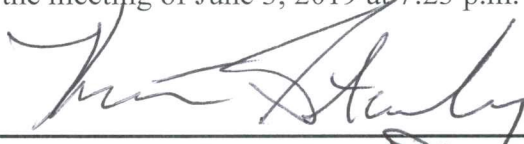
ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Annie Sutton and Kevin Stanley and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council adjourned the meeting of June 3, 2019 at 7:23 p.m.



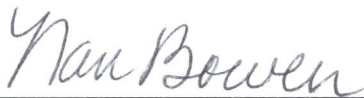
Shan Ash,

Mayor



Kevin Stanley,

Council Member



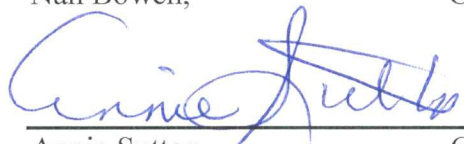
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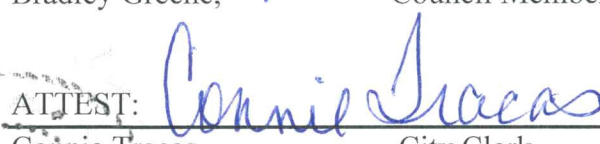
Bradley Greene,

Council Member



Annie Sutton,

Council Member



Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

