

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 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 Senior Council Member Annie Sutton at 6:31 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Nan Bowen, Annie Sutton, and Kevin Stanley. Mayor Shan Ash and Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Greene was absent.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM ALTERNATE

Due to the absence of mayor Ash and Mayor Pro Tem Greene, Nan Bowen made motion to appoint Council Member Annie Sutton as the Mayor Pro Tem Alternate to conduct the proceedings of the meeting. Kevin Stanley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Annie Sutton and Council voted to approve the agenda for the December 2, 2019 City Council Meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING – NADINE WARDENGA

Ms. Nadine Wardenga presented the application for annexation and zoning for Mr. Ronald D. Conner. The application was originally discussed at the November 12, 2019 City Council Meeting, but Mr. Conner was unable to attend and the application review was postponed.

Ronald D Conner, requesting an annexation and zoning for approximately .56 acres of property, at 1847 Highway 129 South, Tax Map and Parcel 048c-158, 159,160. The proposed use of this property is for B-II Highway Commercial Business

Ms. Wardenga asked the board members for a motion to recommend accepting the annexation .56 acres of property, at 1847 Highway 129 South, Tax Map and Parcel 048c-158, 159,160.. On motion by Wilma Pittman and Sam Pelletier, second by Jeff Groves, in favor – Henrietta Sutton, Jessica Adams, Linda Hobbs, and Arthur Palmer and carried unanimously, the Planning and Zoning Board approved to recommend the annexation of .56 acres of property, at 1847 Highway 129 South, Tax Map and Parcel 048c-158, 159,160.

Ms. Wardenga presented the zoning request at 1847 Highway 129 South, Tax Map and Parcel 048c-158, 159,160. The proposed use of this property is for B-II Highway Commercial Business

Ms. Wardenga asked the board members for a motion to accept the zoning request .56 acres of property, at 1847 Highway 129 South, Tax Map and Parcel 048c-158, 159,160. To B-II Highway Commercial Business. On motion by Henrietta Sutton, seconded by Wilma Pittman, in favor – Jessica Adams, Linda Hobbs, Jeff Groves, Arthur Palmer, and Sam Pelletier, and carried unanimously, the Planning and Zoning Board approved to recommend the zoning of .56 acres of property, at 1847 Highway 129 South, Tax Map and Parcel 048c-158, 159,160 to B-II Highway Commercial Business.

Mayor Pro tem Alternate Sutton asked if anyone had contributed to the campaigns of anyone on the council. There was no response from those in attendance.

PLANNING AND ZONING – NADINE WARDENGA – continued

Ms. Sutton asked Mr. O'Bryant if he had comment on the application.

Mr. O'Bryant explained the property is located on Highway 129 South and is currently the location of Enterprise Car Rental which is a tenant of Mr. Conner. Mr. Conner was asked if the adjoining unit was being used as a church. Mr. Conner answered no, his wife is starting a business and it is being used to store materials for the business.

Mr. O'Bryant explained the need for the facility to tie onto to the city's sewer system due to septic issues that cannot be repaired.

Due to the absence of Mayor Ash and Mayor Pro Tem Greene, the Council felt the ordinance for the annexation should be signed by the full council. On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Annie Sutton and Council voted to postpone the final decision to adopt the annexation ordinance and the zoning application of Mr. Ronald D. Conner until the December 9, 2019 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Conner understands the final decision for the annexation will not be made until the December 9, 2019 City Council Meeting.

Ms. Sutton wished Mr. Conner and his wife good luck on the upcoming birth of the twins.

CITY CONTRIBUTION TO THE TURNER CREEK TREATMENT PLANT RESERVE ACCOUNT

The original intent of the agenda item was to discuss the city's contribution to the Turner Creek Treatment Plant Reserve Fund. The council present, feels the discussion should include all members of the Mayor and Council.

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Annie Sutton and Council voted to postpone the discussion of the city's contribution to the Turner Creek Treatment Plant Reserve Fund.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, presented the department statistics for November 2019. The department responded to 101 calls, with 44 inside the city, 57 outside the city with 8 being outside the automatic aid area. The department responded to an apartment fire in Helen. White County responded in the city limits on three occasions.

Chief Pruitt informed the council he has provided information about ladder truck pricing and specifications for their review. The council expressed their appreciation for the research on the ladder truck.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief John Foster, Police Department, presented information of a mobile command center. Chief Foster is asking the council to consider a cost-share with the County's Emergency Management. Chief Foster feels the increase in rescue calls will become a serious issue and emergency teams need to be mobile in the case an emergency lasts for several days.

Chief Foster informed the county is looking at a mobile trailer. The trailer does not have a bathroom or other needed facilities to accommodate for a prolong event. Chief Foster advised the better option is a motor home which provide amenities needed. A motor home is built to handle more severe weather conditions than a mobile trailer. Chief Foster has located a motor home that has all the amenities which include a restroom with an incinerator, television devices, and outside cameras. The price of the motor home, if purchased new, is \$300,000. Chief Foster feels he can purchase the motor home for \$80,000. The motor home is a Freightliner and is fully equipped for emergencies. The vehicle is in procession of another agency which received through a grant. The vehicle can only be sold to another emergency agency. Chief Foster believes the County Commissioners will agree to purchase the vehicle if the cities of Cleveland and Helen will contribute 25% each to the cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Sutton feels the full council needs to consider the proposal. Chief Foster suggested the proposal is presented for the next budget year.

Chief Foster submitted class requests for Brandon Landress, Ronnie Wingo, and Raymond Rutledge. There are no fees for the classes.

On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Annie Sutton and Council voted to approve the class requests as presented.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

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

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Oak Springs Update

- a. The contractor is beginning to near the end of the construction of the interior for the facility.
- b. Bathrooms waiting to be painted, fixtures and floors will then be installed.
- c. As approved city crews will be finishing up the flooring and finish details, low voltage for cameras and computers will be installed.
- d. The building is being converted from temporary power to permanent power.
- e. RCCI is anticipating pouring concrete and finishing the parking facility over the next two weeks – weather permitting. Landscaping will follow.

Mr. O'Bryant informed the contractor has asked temporary power be terminated and permanent power be installed. Mr. O'Bryant encouraged the council to visit the site and review the progress.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Annie Sutton and Council voted to approve the draft minutes of November 4 and November 12, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

2. Public Comments – Beth Truelove, Chamber of Commerce, thanked the city staff, emergency personnel, and public works for all the hard work getting the square ready for the upcoming lighted Christmas parade.

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Annie Sutton and Council voted to provide additional services of police, fire and sanitation for the Christmas in the Mountains Lighted Parade on December 7, 2019.

Annie Sutton thanked Nadine Wardenga for her work on the Christmas trees. Ms. Wardenga in turned thanked the city's public works department for all the hard work getting the square ready for the holidays. Chief Foster stated the city has a great public works crew and they are not recognized enough.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Annie Sutton and Council voted to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 6:59 p.m.

RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Annie Sutton and Council voted to return to the City Council Meeting at 7:03 p.m. Chief John 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. No one was present. No further business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, Mayor Pro Tem Alternate Annie Sutton and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of December 2, 2019 at 7:04 p.m.

(ABSENT)

Resigned seat 12/30/2019

Shan Ash,

Mayor

Kevin Stanley,

Council Member

Nan Bowen,

Council Member

Bradley Greene,

Council Member
Mayor Pro Tem

Annie Sutton,

Council Member
Mayor Pro Tem Alternate

Attest:

Connie Eracas,

City Clerk

