

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2020
MINUTES**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Josh Turner at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Nan Bowen, Rebecca Yardley, Kevin Stanley, and Bradley Greene.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Rebecca Yardley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council approved the agenda for the December 14, 2020 City Council Meeting.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ELECT – VICTOR ANDERSON – STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 10

State Representative Elect Victor Anderson came before the Mayor and Council to introduce himself as the newly elected state representative for District 10. Rep. Anderson expressed his appreciation to address the Council.

Rep. Anderson has been elected to serve District 10 after Rep. Terry Rogers decided not to seek reelection.

Rep. Anderson explained he will take the oath of office January 11, 2021, but is reviewing the upcoming agenda for the state legislation.

The state session will be a little different than expected as the group is expected to address budgeting during the covid crisis and shut-downs, viewing election laws, and redistricting due to the 2020 Census count. Rep. Anderson has met with Mayor Turner and White County Commissioner Chair Travis Turner about the representation in White County. Currently, the county is split into three districts and the governing authorities feels the county is not properly represented county-wide.

Rep. Anderson encouraged the Mayor and Council to contact him with and concerns or questions they may have.

The Mayor and Council thanked Rep. Anderson for attending the council meeting.

MAJOR AARON WEILAND – POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Major Aaron Weiland, Police Department, presented the Mayor and Council with a recommendation to transfer the service firearm and badge of Police Chief John Foster at the time of his retirement. The Mayor and Council has approved a standard operating procedure policy to allow officers, with twenty or more years of service, to retain their city issued service firearm and badge. The retiring officer must be in good standing with the police department.

MAJOR AARON WEILAND – POLICE DEPARTMENT - continued

On motion by Rebecca Yardley, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to accept and approve the recommendation of Major Aaron Weiland to transfer the service firearm and badge to Chief John Foster at the time of his retirement, December 28, 2020.

2. Major Weiland presented a class request for Officer Darius Dorsey to attend DUI testing and standardized field sobriety testing. The class will be held in Forsyth, GA and there is no fee. The class is at the state training center and offers free accommodations.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Rebecca Yardley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council approved the class request for Officer Darius Dorsey to attend DUI testing and standardized field sobriety testing.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Workers Compensation Policy Renewal

- a. Norton (Mountain) Insurance provides the workers compensation policy for the City. Norton researches to find the best price and services for the city. The current policy the city holds is set to expire December 31, 2020. Norton has provided a quote for the 2021 Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal from Key Risk/Apex.
- b. The quote for the new year for worker's compensation and liability is \$72,546. This year's quote is approximately 6.5% less than the 2020 cost of the insurance, which was \$77,474.
- c. The cost decrease was due to a reduction in claim experience, even though the city payroll increased.
- d. The policy for worker's compensation is budgeted for each department based on the payroll, so there is sufficient funding to cover the cost of the policy.
- e. It is recommended that City Council approve the quote to renew the worker's compensation and liability policy with Key Risk/Apex in the amount of \$72,546.

Mayor Turner asked how many quotes were received. Mr. O'Bryant explained Key Risk takes care of bidding, typically three to five quotes, the insurance and returns with the best quote.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Rebecca Yardley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to accept the Workers Compensation Insurance quote, provided by Key Risk/Apex Insurance for the 2021 period in the amount of \$72,546.00.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR - continued

2. 2020-27 Resolution to Amend the 2019/2020 Fiscal Budget – General Government, Public Safety and Hotel/Motel Tax
 - a. The audit for the City budget Fiscal Year 2019/2020 has been completed. Representatives from Walker, Pierce and Tuck will attend a city council meeting in January to present the audit finding.
 - b. However, it is necessary to amend the budget to reflect the true expenditures of the Cleveland General Fund.
 - c. The audit requires to amend the General Government expenses to reflect an over expenditure in General Government (administration, city shop, and municipal court) of \$7,063; and, an under expenditure in Public Safety, \$89,255; and, to provide the difference in the over/under expenditures of General Government and Public Safety.
 - d. In addition, the Hotel/Motel expenditures exceeded the budget by \$1,916. This is due to a revenue amount that exceeded what was budgeted.
 - e. The auditor has submitted a request to amend the FY 2109/2020 budget. The amendments include decreasing the Public Safety Budget by \$10,000 and increasing the General Fund budget by \$10,000. The auditor also requests increasing the Hotel/Motel tax budget by \$5,000. The amounts to adjust are at the direction of the auditor. The amounts allows room for additional corrections/issues to be found without creating the need for additional budget amendments.
 - f. The Mayor and Council will need to approve Resolution 2020-27 to avoid the auditor having to issue a finding to the state, in which the City will have to correct.

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Rebecca Yardley and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to approve Resolution 2020-27 to Amend the 2019/2020 Fiscal Budget to include decreasing the Public Safety Budget by \$10,000 and increasing the General Fund budget by \$10,000 and to increase Hotel/Motel tax budget by \$5,000.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public comments – Ward Gann, owner of Clyde's Tavern, expressed his concern of the moratorium enacted on the issuance for new alcohol licenses for new restaurants. Mr. Gann does not understand what the moratorium is about and is concerned it will affect his business. Mayor Turner explained the previous ordinance was amended in 2018 and the provision to require a meal with beer/wine sales was removed. The council wants to take time to review before issuing new licenses. Mr. O'Bryant offered to meet with Mr. Gann to go over the moratorium and the ordinance.
Mayor Turner assured Mr. Gann the city will advertise a hearing of any changes, if any, made to the alcohol ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The minutes of November 2 and November 9, 2020 were signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Rebecca Yardley, 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 personnel and real estate at 6:49 p.m.

RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Rebecca Yardley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the City Council Meeting at 7:59 p.m. Mr. O'Bryant checked the lobby and the perimeter of the building to see if anyone was present to return to the meeting. No one was present.

No further business was discussed.

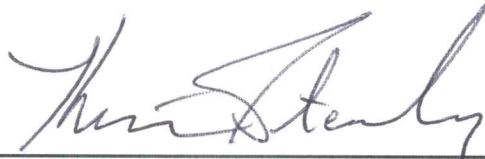
ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Rebecca Yardley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of December 14, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.



Josh Turner,

Mayor



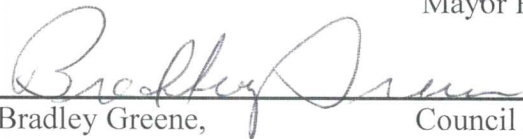
Kevin Stanley,

Council Member
Ward 3
Mayor Pro Tem



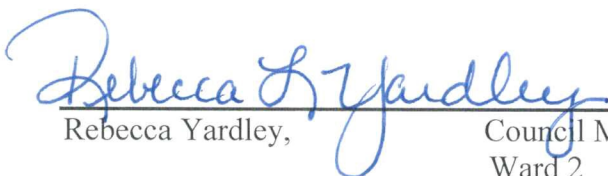
Nan Bowen,

Council Member
Ward 1



Bradley Greene,

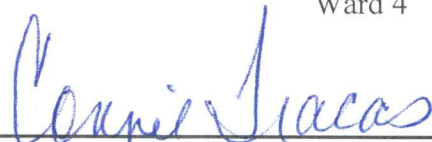
Council Member
Ward 4



Rebecca Yardley,

Council Member
Ward 2

Attest:



Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

