

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2021
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 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 Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Rebecca Yardley and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda for the April 5, 2021 City Council Meeting.

CHIEF JEFF SHOEMAKER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Shoemaker, Police Department, came before the Mayor and Council to present class requests for several officers.

The classes will provide guidance and instruction in the following: DUI detection and standardized field sobriety training; Health and wellness awareness; Advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement; and Criminal procedure. All classes will be conducted at the Forsyth facility and there is no fee.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor Nan Bowen and Rebecca Yardley and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the class requests for Officers Trevino, Spivey, Robertson, and Riebold.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

Grant Keene, City Attorney, did not have new business to report, but informed he is working on a few items to discuss at a future meeting.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. LMIG Projects

- a. The City has received funding from Georgia DOT from the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) program to assist the city with road maintenance projects on local streets and infrastructure.
- b. The City has three proposed LMIG projects to bid and complete. They include
 - i. 2020 LMIG Safety to stripe ten streets.
 - ii. 2020 LMIG Maintenance for patching and resurfacing three streets
 - iii. 2021 LMIG Maintenance for patching and resurfacing three street
- c. The estimated total cost of the projects is \$326,834. The LMIG funds received for the three project totals \$146,885. The balance of the project will be funded by SPLOST IV funds in the amount of \$179,949.
- d. These projects have been approved by city council in the application of the LMIG funds.

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LMIG Projects continued

- e. The City delayed implementing the 2020 project due to unknown issues related to the COVID pandemic.
- f. Paving season is beginning and staff is requesting to take to bid the three approved LMIG projects. The projects will be advertised local and on the State Procurement Registry.
- g. City Council will need to approve to solicit and receive bids on the 2020 LMIG Safety, 2020 LMIG Maintenance and 2021 LMIG Maintenance projects.

Mayor Turner asked about the funds available in SPLOST to cover the balance of the road projects. Mr. O'Bryant did not have the exact amount, but stated there is enough funding in SPLOST and will provide the dollar amount at the next meeting.

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Rebecca Yardley and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the LMIG Safety Project, 2020 LMIG Road Project, and 2021 LMIG Road Project, and instructed Mr. O'Bryant to prepare and solicit bids for the projects.

2. Palmour Young Pavilion Sign Dedication

- a. City Council has approved for a sign for the Palmour Young Pavilion to be manufactured. The sign is ready for installation and dedication.
- b. City Council needs to establish a date to hold the dedication.

The Mayor and City Council made a decision to dedicate the pavilion Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

3. City of Cleveland Building Authority Legislation Status

- a. The legislation to create the City of Cleveland Building Authority was submitted to the Legislature as S.B.295 led by Senator Steve Gooch.
- b. The legislation was adopted in the State Senate on March 18, 2021 and referred to the State House the following day. The city's State Representative Victor Anderson carried the bill through the House. The bill was adopted in the State House on March 29, 2021.
- c. Once the bill is signed by the Governor, the City will need to establish and organize the Building Authority locally, appoint members and register the Building Authority with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Mr. O'Bryant issued a thank you for the efforts provided by Senator Steve Gooch and Representative Victor Anderson in moving the legislation through for approval.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR – continued

4. Activities for Public Works and Building Inspections/Code Enforcement

- a. For years inside staff have issued service orders to Public Works for requests or work that is typically outside the normal day-to-day job duties. Attached is the activities for 2020 and for each month this year. **Our crews stay very busy.** We recently started tracking “after hours” work.
- b. We decided to add building inspections and code enforcement as a part of the service order system.

(not stated – activities for Public Works for 2020 -1719; Jan 2021 – 129; Feb 2021 – 108; Mar 2021 – 186)

NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Rebecca Yardley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the minutes of March 1 and March 8, 2021.

Public Comments – Mayor Turner introduced members of Leadership White. Leadership White is training offered by the White County Chamber of Commerce for current and future leaders in the community. Ms. Bre Cantrell, White Co. Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Laurie Crumley, Ron Cantrell Construction; and Ms. Rebekah Perethian, South Enota Child Advocacy Center, were in attendance as one of the requirements of the class.

Ward Gann presented the City Council with a proposal for the city to purchase the Holcomb property for parking. Mr. Gann stated the city needs parking on the square and with the uncertainty of the future use of Nix hardware store, the issue is becoming more prevalent. Mr. Gann stated he would have to charge (a fee) if he purchased and developed the property for parking. Pay parking is not popular in Helen and he does not want to see this in Cleveland. Mr. Gann is willing to buy the building, but suggested the city purchase the property and convert into public restrooms and a welcome center. In his opinion, he does not think the property is an investment property for commercial development.

Mayor Josh Turner stated with the deadline approaching on the alcohol ordinance moratorium asked the City Council to consider scheduling a work session to go over the ordinance. Ms. Yardley asked if that should be in the form of a motion and Mayor Turner answered yes.

Ms. Yardley made a motion for the City Council to schedule a work session to go over the details of the alcohol ordinance.

There was no second to the motion and Ms. Yardley withdrew her motion.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Rebecca Yardley and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel issues at 6:52 p.m.

RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the City Council meeting at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Greene checked the lobby and the perimeter of the building to see if anyone was present to return to the meeting. No one was present.


A personnel evaluation was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

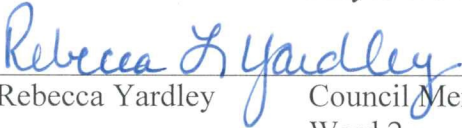
On motion by Rebecca Yardley, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor –Nan Bowen and Bradley Greene and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of April 5, 2021 at 7:40 p.m.



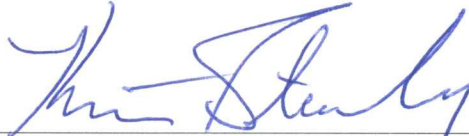
Josh Turner Mayor



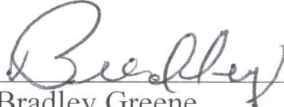
Nan Bowen Council Member
 Ward 1
 Mayor Pro Tem



Rebecca Yardley Council Member
 Ward 2



Kevin Stanley Council Member
 Ward 3



Bradley Greene Council Member
 Ward 4

ATTEST: 

Connie Tracas City Clerk

