

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 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 6:16 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Yardley, Kevin Stanley, and Bradley Greene. Nan Bowen arrived at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Rebecca Yardley, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to approve the agenda for the October 11, 2021 City Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021-21 – LAURA BETH ALLEN

Mayor Turner expressed the city's desire to honor the life of Beth Allen, city employee and friend, who we lost too soon.

We, the Governing Authority, Citizens, and the Co-Workers of the City of Cleveland, wish to express our gratitude, respect, and love for Ms. Laura "Beth" Allen.

Whereas; Beth Allen demonstrated a great commitment to her family and to her job with the City of Cleveland; and

Whereas; Beth Allen was a great mother and provider for her family; and

Whereas; Beth Allen worked with diligence and energy to achieve the goals needed for the City of Cleveland to strive; and

Whereas; the passing of Beth Allen, a mother, daughter, sister, and great friend, has caused a deep void of sadness in the community; and

Whereas; none of us will ever fully comprehend what Beth went through, yet she lived in such a manner to touch each and everyone one of us who knew her.

Therefore be it resolved, that we embrace and mourn with her family because we all have a common bond.

Therefore let it be known, we can never replace Beth Allen but we will continue to improve our lives and live our lives as demonstrated by her free spirit. The Lord has accepted Beth Allen into his presence, His good and faithful servant.

RESOLUTION 2021-21 – LAURA BETH ALLEN – continued

Mayor Turner, along with the City Council, City Employees, and Cleveland Citizens presented a scroll with the resolution in memory of Beth Allen.

Family members, Leona Allen, mother; Donna and Phillip Black, sister and brother-in-law; Bruce Allen, brother; Eddie Allen, brother; Levi Pursley, son; Brittany Pursley, daughter; Derrica Rohmeyer, daughter all expressed their appreciation to the city.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Pruitt, Fire Department, presented the department statistics for September 2021.

The department responded to 100 calls with 46 being within the city limits and 54 being outside the city limits. The responded to 4 fire calls; 59 rescue and emergency medical service incidents; 2 hazard conditions (no fire); 15 service calls; 18 good intent calls; and 2 false alarm and false calls.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

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

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Update on Short-Term Rental Ordinance – Mr. O'Bryant and staff have met with the Planning and Zoning Board to complete the development of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. The ordinance is near completion to present to the city council. The ordinance will require a change in the zoning ordinance to allow for this specific use in R-I, R-II, and R-III. All three zoning classifications are considered residential only, with the exception of schools, daycares and churches.
The city will comply with the state zoning procedures and hold two public hearings on the zoning amendment. The meetings will be advertised and once the amendment is approved, the short-term rental ordinance can be considered for adoption.
2. Holiday closings – For the Christmas Holidays, the city approved Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27 off for Christmas. New Years falls on a Saturday, which would the city offices closed Friday, December 31 as well.

Due to accounting and closing the month, staff will not be able to take Monday, December 27 off. This needs to be changed to Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24.

On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Nan Bowen and Rebecca Yardley and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to change the Christmas holiday schedule from December 24 and December 27 to December 23 and December 24, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Turner announced City Hall will be closed Tuesday, November 2, 2021 so that all staff can work the upcoming election.
2. Public comments – Judy Lovell informed in February 1953, Mr. Lou Cooper moved into to his new home on East Underwood Street. The home was built by Mr. Wayne Saxon. Mr. Cooper was hired as the plant manager of Talon Zipper Company. Mr. Cooper would later become Mayor of Cleveland. Nan Mauney Bowen now owns and resides in the home of Mr. Cooper.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The minutes of September 2021 were signed.
2. Vineyard RV Park – update – Mr. Duane Sudderth presented additional information for the Mayor and Council to consider in the decision to allow for a sewer connection to the proposed RV park. Mr. Sudderth provided information of water and sewer use of another RV park located in Blue Ridge. The park uses approximately 90,000 to 100,000 gallons per month. Mr. Sudderth feels his park will be a huge contribution to the city with campers spending money in the city. Mr. Sudderth informed Mr. Rindt said there were no capacity issues. Mr. Sudderth expressed there would be no costs to the city and his development will provide taps for the city to allow others to connect. The plan is to construct a 100 space RV park. Mr. Sudderth reiterated there would be no costs, whatsoever, to the city. The park will charge a surcharge to the campers and when the property is annexed, the surcharge will go away.

Mayor Turner how many campsites did the Blue Ridge campground accommodate. Mr. Sudderth answered 97 campsites. Mayor Turner asked is there an amount of use that does not require permits. Tom O'Bryant answered the White County Health Department monitors and permits up to 6000 gallons per day. 10000 gallons and higher is permitted by the Environmental Protection Division. The health department standards have RV lots using approximately 150 gallons per day. Mr. Sudderth stated it is not possible to use that much water while camping. Ms. Yardley questioned the 100 lots when the original proposal stated 130. Mr. Sudderth answered the goal is 100 lots. Ms. Jennifer Sudderth stated the amount of lots will depend if they can connect to city sewer or use a septic system.

Kevin Stanley informed he spoke with Mr. Rindt and he did not have any answers to the pretreatment or the specifications of the line. Mr. Stanley added he would like to review the information that the group provided and have an opportunity to meet with Andrea Smith, Cleveland Water/Wastewater Supervisor and Ricky Hunt, Public Works Director. Mr. Stanley would like city staff to compile a list of questions to be answered by an applicant for sewer services. Mr. Stanley suggested the group return in November for the list and take the time to answer. Mr. Stanley feels the questionnaire will provide the council with the answers they need to make an educated decision.

Mr. Brett Clark, partner, stated he was surprised at how fast things were moving when his group was told to get on the agenda for a decision. Mr. Clark expressed his approval of slowing things down and take the time to provide the information asked of the city. Mr. Sudderth stated again there will be no costs to the city. Mr. Clark informed his group will maintain the lift station and run the sewer lines under the bypass. Ms. Yardley informed she has been conducting her own due diligence the past six-days and will use material provided to continue in her research.

OLD BUSINESS - continued

Kevin Stanley proposed the city provide a list of questions at the November 1, 2021 city council meeting.

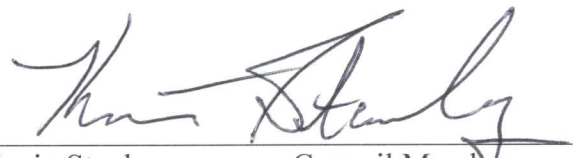
On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Rebecca Yardley and Kevin Stanley and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to postpone the decision of the sewer connection request of Vineyard RV until November 8, 2021. The motion included providing a list of questions to Vineyard RV at the November 1, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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 October 11, 2021 at 6:50 p.m.



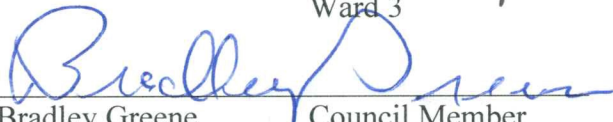
Josh Turner Mayor



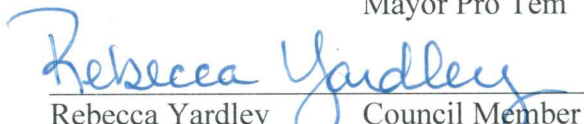
Kevin Stanley Council Member
 Ward 3



Nan Bowen Council Member
 Ward 1
 Mayor Pro Tem



Bradley Greene Council Member
 Ward 4



Rebecca Yardley Council Member
 Ward 2

ATTEST: 

Connie Tracas City Clerk

