

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 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 Rebecca Yardley, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to approve the agenda for the November 1, 2021 City Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATION 2021-22 – FARM CITY WEEK

Mayor Turner read and presented Proclamation 2021-22 – Farm City Week to those attending the meeting.

Georgia farmers and ranchers play a key role in providing food, clothing, shelter and fuel to our state, nation and the world by producing a bounty of agricultural products. To do this, they rely on essential partnerships with urban and suburban communities to supply, sell and deliver finished products. Rural and urban communities working together have made the most of our state's rich agricultural resources as they contribute to the health and wellbeing of our state, our country and to the strength of our economy.

During Farm-City Week in Georgia, we recognize the importance of this cooperative network. Agriculture contributes more than \$76 billion annually to Georgia's \$1.7 trillion economic output. The total Farm Gate Value for the state was more than \$13.76 billion. White County alone has an economic output of \$96 million. One in seven Georgians work in agriculture, forestry or an agriculture-related field.

The agricultural industry provides us with food, clothing and shelter as well as fuel for our energy needs. As we welcome new opportunities for trade, the hard work and successful cooperation between farmers and city workers will continue to play a vital role in our state and nation's future.

Farm-City collaborations help maintain and improve our food and fiber supply and contribute to a better quality of life for our citizens. We commend the many Americans whose hard work and ingenuity reflect the true spirit of America and help to ensure a prosperous future for all.

As we gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, it is fitting that we count among our blessings the vital farm-city partnerships that have done so much to improve the quality of our lives.

Therefore, we do here proclaim November 18-25, 2021 as Farm-City Week in Georgia. We call upon citizens in rural and urban areas to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce and supply our community and nation with an abundance of agricultural products

PROCLAMATION 2021-22 – FARM CITY WEEK

Given under hand and seal, by proclamation of the City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, this the 1st day of November 2021.

After Mayor Turner reading the proclamation, on motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Rebecca Yardley and Kevin Stanley voted to approve Proclamation 2021-22 – Farm City Week.

White County Chamber President Beth Truelove emphasized the importance agriculture has on the community and how the City of Cleveland was built around moving goods and products from farms to producers and consumers. She expressed appreciation to the city council for taking the time to recognize the farmers and their families who work around the clock to help provide an abundant food supply, building supplies, fuels, and other products the keeps the community operating in many ways.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

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

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Update on the City utilities along the GDOT By-pass Phase 3

- a. Throughout the project city staff and the city engineer have worked very closely with the contractor and subcontractors to ensure the facilities are constructed to city specification and installed correctly.
- b. Brian Rindt, City Engineer, has developed punch list of items to be completed prior to any final approval from the city.
- c. The subcontractors submitted draft as-built plans. City staff reviewed and requested revisions and updates.
- d. GDOT has contacted the city to work on an issue surrounding the culvert on the creek that flows behind the county complex and jail. It will have an impact on the utility lines in the area and could possibly interrupt water and sewer services to the area.
- e. GDOT is coordinating with city staff on the best solutions to address the issue and minimize the impact on water and sewer services to customers in the area.
- f. The public will be well informed if there will be a planned interruption of services.

Mr. O'Bryant also reported that the City submitted grant applications to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget for the Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responder Supplement and the State Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

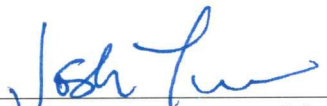
1. On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Rebecca Yardley and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the draft minutes of the October 4, 2021 and October 11, 2021 city council meetings.
2. Public comments – Mayor Turner opened the meeting up for public comment. Beth Truelove, White County Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the council concerning the permit for the Christmas in the Mountains Parade. The application is submitted to the city, but they are waiting on coordinating the details with city public safety to make sure the evening is safe and enjoyable for those who attend. They are also waiting on the final approval from Georgia DOT. She thanked the City Council for their support of the parade this year and over the many years it has been held. She believes this year's event will have a very large turnout. Last year the attendance was estimated at six to eight thousand and they had 11 thousand watch the parade on line. It is a sizeable event that provides great, positive coverage for the City of Cleveland.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Vineyard RV Park, Sewer Allocation Request – update – Mayor Turner stated that at the last city council meeting the council would compile a list of questions and submit them to the developers to provide clarity to the city on their request. Council members have submitted those questions to city staff to be sent out to the developers. He further stated that no action is to be taken by the city council on the request at this time. Tom O'Bryant reported the questions were sent to the developers earlier in the day, and their answers would be presented and discussed at the November 8, 2021 city council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT


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 adjourn the City Council Meeting of November 1, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.


Josh Turner Mayor

ABSENT
Kevin Stanley Council Member
Ward 3


Nan Bowen Council Member
Ward 1
Mayor Pro Tem

ABSENT
Bradley Greene Council Member
Ward 4


Rebecca Yardley Council Member
Ward 2

ATTEST:

Tom O'Bryant City Administrator

