

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
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 Pro Tem Annie Sutton at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bradley Greene, Edward Young, and Nan Bowen. Mayor Shan Ash was absent. Beth Rohmeyer, Finance Officer, filled in for City Clerk Connie Tracas during her absence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to approve the agenda for the September 12, 2016 City Council Meeting with the addition of Anna Robertson and Bill Huff.

MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND CHIEF FOSTER – PROCLAMATION TO MR. BRAIDON CANTRELL AND MR. JUSTIN WATTAM

Chief John Foster introduced Mr. Braidon Cantrell and Mr. Justin Wattam. Chief Foster expressed how proud he was of the two young men providing aid to an injured friend. Nan Bowen read the following proclamation:

Whereas, the strength of this great nation depends on the strength of its families. Throughout Cleveland and White County, parents do their utmost to provide their children with loving, caring, nurturing homes, in which they can mature into responsible adults, fully possessing the skills to realize their full potential; and

Whereas, an example of how success is determined is how you treat other people - your family, friends, and even strangers along the way.; and

Whereas, True Friends do not know how to spell the word defeat. They will **F**ight for you, **R**espect you, **I**nclude you, **E**ncourage you, **N**eed you, **D**eserve you, and **S**tand by you; and

Whereas, the courage, foresight, and compassion, shown to a friend in need, and which such acts contributed to a lifesaving moment; Mr. Braidon Cantrell/Mr. Justin Wattam a young citizen of Cleveland Georgia, deserves recognition and the praise of his elders for his selfless and courageous efforts, good citizenship, and service to others;

Whereas the City of Cleveland and its citizens are grateful for Mr. and his dedication and commitment to his community;

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, on September 12, 2016, the residents of the City of Cleveland and White County, Georgia express their gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Cantrell/Wattam for his bravery and courage. Given under hand and seal, by proclamation of the City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, this the 12th day of September 2016.

Chief Foster presented the proclamations to Mr. Cantrell and Mr. Wattam.

NADINE WARDENGA AND DENISE LOGGINS – AGRI-FEST AND POTTERY SHOW

Ms. Wardenga came before the council to request additional city services for the upcoming Agri-Fest and Pottery Comes to Town event to be held September 24, 2016. Ms. Wardenga is requesting the city approve the road closures of South Brooks Street and Quillian Street at East Underwood to East Kytle. The event coordinators will need additional garbage cans. Event volunteers will decorate the decorative light poles around the square and the park and is requesting the city leave the decorations through October. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to approve the road closures for the Agri-fest event and to provide police, fire and sanitation services.

LORI WORRELL – REQUEST FOR NEW ZONING CLASSIFICATION – MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL

Ms. Lori Worrell, owner of Sweet Things bakery, is requesting a zoning classification for mixed use zoning. Ms. Worrell's business is located on the bottom floor but there is an opportunity to renovate the top floor into living quarters. Ms. Worrell and her mother drives back and forth from the Unicoi area and it would be more convenient if the two live above the business. Ms. Worrell stated other cities have mixed use and it seems to work for them.

Ms. Worrell was questioned about the parking and she stated she is willing to talk to the county about leasing parking from the county lot. The council informed there would need to be additional research and tabled her request. Ms. Worrell was referred to the planning and zoning board.

BRIAN RINDT – CITY ENGINEER

1. The 129 North sewer project is underway and everything is going well and in place.
2. The city is waiting for approval from the USDA concerning the funding of the water tank and new well. Angela Steedley is working with the USDA for approval.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Keene presented an amendment to the agreement to lease the substation to include to allow the use of nails and screws, etc. On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to accept the amendments to the lease agreement between the city and Nadine Wardenga.
2. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to approve the amendments to the contract offer to Chuck Edwards, presented by Mr. Keene, and make an offer of \$9800.00.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt presented the department statistics for August 2016. The department responded to 47 calls within the city and 47 calls out in the county. This is 14% increase from August 2015.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foster did not have new business to report and will have department statistics at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council approved the minutes of the called meeting of August 30, 2016.
2. Mr. Bill Huff, White County Historical Society, will dedicate a plaque and have a public presentation at the historic courthouse. The event will recognize the area used by civil war soldiers for mustering. Mustering is a term used to assemble and to inspect troops. The event will be held October 15, 2016. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to approve the special events requests.
3. Anna Robertson gave an update on the Lowe's Charity grant and the Firehouse Subs grant. Ms. Robertson submitted the applications for both grants. She also discussed several grants available for the fire department and will begin doing research. Ms. Robertson will begin looking at options for the Oak Springs project at the first of the year.
4. Nadine Wardenga informed Dr. David Westfall has resigned from the Health Department Board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Mayor Pro Tem and Council discussed the sanitation adjustment request from Diana Watkins. Ms. Watkins claims she was not asked how many people live at her residence and she did not run a daycare from her home. Bradley Greene suggested the council approve an adjustment to date back one-year. Mr. Greene did not want the action to set a precedence. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to refund the difference from 3 to 1 in sanitation charges for the past year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to enter into an executive session to discuss possible litigation at 8:00 p.m.

RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor Bradley Greene and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to return to the council meeting at 8:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor –Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor Pro Tem and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of September 12, 2016 at 8:25 p.m.

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(ABSENT)

Shan Ash a/k/a Roy Ash, III Mayor

Edward Young
Edward Young, Council Member

Annie Sutton
Annie Sutton, Council Member

Nan Bowen
Nan Bowen, Council Member

Bradley Greene
Bradley Greene, Council Member

ATTEST: Connie Tracas
Connie Tracas, City Clerk

