

CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 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 Nan Bowen, in favor Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to approve the agenda for the May 10, 2021 City Council Meeting

PROCLAMATION 2021-13 – NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Mayor Turner read Proclamation 2021-13 to recognize our United States Military for National Military Appreciation Month.

WHEREAS, the uniformed men and women of our community have been called throughout the years to offer their utmost devotion in the defense of our Country and to bring peace; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States of America our Military have endured the sacrifices necessary to secure and maintain our liberty and freedom; and

WHEREAS, to each generation comes its patriotic duty; and that upon the willingness of our soldiers to sacrifice and endure as those before them have sacrificed and endured; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate, as Americans, to show our support for the United States Military and Military families; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland GA would like to proclaim our support for the sacrifice and the dedication of all soldiers, past and present, who serve our Country in order to preserve our freedom and the opportunity for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia that the month of MAY, 2021 be proclaimed as NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Cleveland in appreciation of the dedicated service of our United States Military

GIVEN UNDER HAND AND SEAL, by proclamation of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, this the 10th day of May, 2021.

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 Proclamation 2021-13 National Military Appreciation Month.

Mayor Turner and the City Council recognized several city employees who served in the United States Military.

PROCLAMATION 2021-13 – NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH - continued

Cleveland Police Officers Denton Vaughn, Brandon Wood, Jamie Compton, Aaron Weiland, and City Attorney Grant Keene. The Mayor and City Council thanked all for their service to our country and to the city.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, submitted the department statistics for April 2021.

The department responded to 75 calls – 37 within the city, 38 outside the city with one call in Lumpkin County as part of the city’s mutual aid agreement. White County fire responded to the city 2 times.

Chief Pruitt informed his crew has nearly completed maintenance on the fire hydrants and hose testing. The inmate detail has been assisting with the hose test and Chief Pruitt expressed his appreciation to Ricky Hunt, Public Works, for allowing the detail to help.

MAJOR AARON WEILAND – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Major Aaron Weiland, Police Department, presented the department statistics for April 2021.

The department reported 2186 activities as follows:

Public assist – 826; Premise checks – 492; Field interviews – 2; Incident reports – 75; Accident reports – 18; Investigative/supplemental – 115; Administrative duties – 279; Citations – 126; Warnings – 208; Warrants – 46; and Juvenile – 0.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

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

TOM O’BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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

- a. Service orders for the city staff totaled 230 for the month of April. Many of these service orders are activities that are on top of daily operation duties. The water department and sanitation department were particularly busy this month.

Mr. O’Bryant explained the activities are above and beyond daily job duties. David Lanphear, Building inspector, conducted 16 inspections and 3 code enforcement actions.

This reflects the growth activity that the city is experiencing at this time.

2. Leak Detection Investigation

- a. Last month the City initiated a leak detection survey with McKim and Creed. The system survey took approximately four weeks and covered more than 55 miles of water lines located in the city and out in the county.
- b. Using sound technology, the survey found 44 distribution system leaks and 11 customer leaks. The size of the leaks varied between 0.10 to 10 gpm. Most leaks were small and went undetected due to the water not surfacing. However, the accumulation of the leaks is significant to the amount of more than 3.2 million gallons per month in water loss.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR - continued

Leak Detection Investigation - continued

- c. To date city crews have repaired 31 of the leaks. Their protocol was to repair a moderate or large (urgent) leak immediately and then repair the minimal leaks as they are documents and scheduled. Repairs are being conducted daily.
- d. When a customer leak was identified, city staff has contacted them immediately to identify the leak and the loss the customer is experiencing.
- e. Besides addressing the water loss in the system, city staff has reported that the water tank on Underwood Farm Road is filling to capacity and at a faster rate.
- f. Undertaking this investigation will ultimately reduce the cost of water production and purchases. It will help with long term maintenance because it has identified problems along service lines that need replacing, and it will improve the city's water audit score with Georgia DNR EPD.

Mr. O'Bryant informed the city will easily cover the cost to hire the company to conduct the leak detection within a month and a half of savings in water loss.

3. Pavilion and Storage Building at Oak Springs

- a. Currently at the Oak Springs location the Police Department utilizes a shipping container for storage of materials, evidence, supplies, etc., adjacent to the renovated school facility. The container is situation on top of the concrete pad where the original Oak Springs School was located. The container is also unsightly
- b. City staff is proposing to remove the storage container and replace it with a constructed pavilion and storage facility that will be a more permanent solution for storage for the Police Department (and future community center), and would create a location for outdoor instructional activities and use. The location of the old school footprint is ideally located for the facility and complements the purpose of the property which is education and instruction. The facility would be approximately 1,000 square feet.
- c. Costs for construction are currently estimated at \$100,000. The project would be funded by SPLOST IV funds, which are currently available for use.
- d. The storage container would be moved to the city shop site for use at that location for storage of materials.

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 the project. The Council will approve an exact cost for the pavilion at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Georgia Municipal Association has requested the city approve the nominees for GMA's District 2 Officers – President – JoAnne Taylor, Council Member Dahlonga; 1st Vice President – Jim Grier, Mayor Lula; 2nd Vice President – Tray Hicks, Council Member Hartwell; and 3rd Vice President – Robert Moore, Council Member Blairsville

On motion by Rebecca Yardley, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council approved the GMA District Officers and authorized Mayor Turner to sign.

NEW BUSINESS – continued

2. Public comments – There were no public comments

Mayor Turner reminded everyone of the joint meeting between the cities of Helen and Cleveland with White County to discuss the comprehensive plan. The meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The minutes of April 2021 were signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Rebecca Yardley, in favor – Kevin Stanley and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and City Council voted to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation at 6:49 p.m.

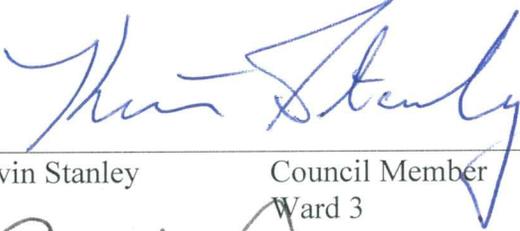
RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Rebecca Yardley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. No further business was discussed.

Mr. O’Bryant checked the lobby and the perimeter of the building to see if anyone waited to return to the meeting. There was no one present.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Rebecca Yardley and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of May 10, 2021 at 7:01 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

