

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2018
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 Shan Ash at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Nan Bowen, Annie Sutton, and Kevin Stanley. Bradley Greene was absent. Finance Officer Beth Allen sat in for City Clerk Connie Tracas.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the agenda for the March 5, 2018 City Council Meeting.

CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, gave the department statistics for February 2018. The department responded to 73 calls, which include, one mutual aid call to the City of Helen, 33 calls inside the city limits, and 39 calls within the county, with 7 of the calls outside of the automatic aid area.

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved class requests for Officers Ridley, Robertson, Rutledge, and Egerton.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

Grant Keene, City Attorney, did not have new business to discuss, but will have an item for executive session concerning real estate.

**2018-02 AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES – ARTICLE II CITY COUNCIL;
DIVISION 2 MEETINGS; SECTION 2-52 MEETINGS (A) REGULAR MEETINGS – 2ND
CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION TO CHANGE THE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING TIME TO 6:30 P.M.**

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve and adopt 2018-02 Amendment to Code of Ordinances – Article II City Council; Division 2 Meetings; Section 2-52 Meetings (a) Regular Meetings to change the city council meeting time to 6:30 p.m.

The new meeting time will become effective at the March 12, 2018 City Council Meeting.

2018-03 – ATLANTA GASLIGHT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

Annie Sutton asked the status of the review of the ordinance from Atlanta Gas. Tom O'Bryant informed the ordinance has been submitted to Atlanta Gas, but the city has not received any comments. On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve and adopt the 2018-03 – Atlanta Gaslight Franchise Ordinance.

2018-04 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE – 3RD PUBLIC HEARING 2ND CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve and adopt 2018-04 – International Property Maintenance Ordinance.

2018-05 UNFIT BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES – AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 10 BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS – 1ST CONSIDERATION

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the first consideration of the amendment to Chapter 10 Building and Building Regulations - 2018-05 Unfit Buildings and Structures.

This amendment will work in conjunction with the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

2018-06 – BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CODES – AMENDMENT – 1ST CONSIDERATION

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the first consideration of 2018-06 Building and Construction Codes.

The code amendment includes the newly adopted Property Maintenance Code, as well as all International Codes as adopted by the State of Georgia.

2018-07 – RESOLUTION REGARDING SB 426 AND HB 533 BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

State representatives are attempting to introduce legislation that would prohibit local governments from regulating the use of street right-of-ways. The City of Cleveland, as well as numerous cities statewide, have notified our local representatives in opposition of HB 533 and SB 426. The resolution is a formal declaration of opposition to this proposed legislation. Cleveland is capable of regulating its own right-of-ways and the use on city streets.

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approved 2018-07 Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 426 and House Bill 533, The Broadband Infrastructure Leads to Development Act.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Tom O'Bryant, City Administrator, gave an update on the water line improvements on Hulsey Road.

In the past month, staff have continued to study the need for water infrastructure improvements along the Hulsey Road corridor. Staff activities include meeting with county officials, updated hydrant testing, meeting with federal officials on grant possibilities, and discussing the upgrades with Georgia Department of Transportation officials.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR – continued

Hydrant testing – The Cleveland Fire Department conducted hydrant tests on February 9 and 14 to provide updated results. The data revealed a fire flow of 1,800 gallons per minute with a hydrostatic pressure of 75 psi and residual pressure of 50 psi. This information was sent to FNOK and the conclusion is that the city provides an amount of water that meets the company's fire suppression needs. FNOK has stated they need additional water for future production. The city has requested the company provide a description of their proposed expansion activities and include how much additional water will be needed for future production. To date, the city has not received this information.

ARC Grant – Staff met on February 15 with officials from Georgia Mountain Regional Commission (GMRC), Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). The purpose of the meeting was to describe the needs to upgrade the water lines and build infrastructure capacity along the Hulsey Road/Bypass corridor to accommodate future growth. The City presented upgrading the current waterline from the Warrior tank to the end of Phase 2 from an eight-inch to a twelve-inch water line. Preliminary engineer estimates are approximately \$500,000. The ARC grant will fund 50% of the project costs. White County has mentioned, in their correspondence, they will also help with the project financially. The amount that would be committed by the county is currently unknown. The balance of the project would be funded through SPLOST. ARC officials expressed an interest in the project and encouraged city staff to apply for funding assistance. GMRC, at the request of the City, will provide assistance with the grant application and submittal. The assistance is provided at no cost to the city. Grant applications are due by the middle of April 2018. The Mayor and Council will need to vote to pursue the upgrade, the grant application, and submit a letter of request and contract for services with GMRC.

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve and move forward with the upgrade to the water line from an eight-inch to a twelve-inch; to contract with GMRC for grant assistance; to apply for funding with ARC; and for Mayor Ash to sign all applicable applications and required documents.

Bypass Phase III – GDOT has released the preliminary utility plans for Phase III of the bypass. The plans are currently being reviewed and updated by the city engineer. City public works has conducted a field study with the engineer to determine and finalize the utility upgrades for this phase. The city engineer reported at the January council meeting to upgrade the current eight-inch to a twelve-inch water line would cost approximately \$72,000 to \$96,000. The upgrade can fall as a SPLOST project.

On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Nan Bowen and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the upgrade of the water line for Phase III; contact GDOT with the proposed upgrade for Phase III of the bypass, to inform Brian Rindt, City Engineer, of said changes.

Meeting with the County – Mayor Ash and Mr. O'Bryant met with county officials on February 9 to discuss the Hulsey Road waterline upgrade. At this meeting, the city provided to the county, as the county being the supposed intermediary, a list of questions for FNOK and the county to answer regarding company expansion and investment, future water needs and project funding. To date, the city has not received answers to the list of questions needed to determine infrastructure needs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CRSA Probation Services, Inc. – contract renewal. CRSA Probation Services, Inc. has submitted a revised contract for the city to review and sign. The purpose is to provide a clear copy with the change in name of the probation services and to provide for an increase in the service from \$35 to \$40 per month. The probationer pays this fee. Municipal Court Judge Garrison Baker has reviewed and approved.
Chief Foster, although not stated, had issues with the agreement and wants to review on his own. Chief Foster asked the Mayor and Council to table the agreement. On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to table the CRSA Probation Services, Inc. agreement until the March 12, 2018 City Council Meeting.
2. On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the request for additional city services for Eggstravaganza to be held March 24 at Babyland General Hospital. Additional services include police, fire, and sanitation. The council also approved additional services for the Cleveland Downtown Merchants Alliance event on the square to be held the same day.
3. On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Annie Sutton and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the minutes of February 5 and February 12, 2018.
4. Public comments – Judy Lovell asked when 2018-02 amendment will go into effect and was told March 12, 2018.
Annie Sutton expressed her pleasure of the city utilizing GMRC for the waterline upgrade. Ms. Sutton feels, by using the services of GMRC, it saves tax dollars.
Ms. Sutton would like public works to look at an area on Hood Street and South Main. There is a pothole in the road as you turn on to Hood Street.
Nan Bowen would like a speed limit sign on East Underwood. Ms. Sutton added the speed sign is down on Campbell Street and a pothole at the speed bump on Head Street.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL AND REAL ESTATE

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel issues and real estate at 8:05 p.m.

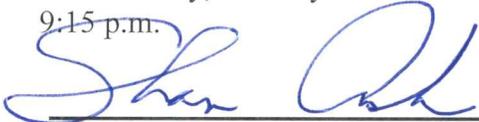
RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor Kevin Stanley, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to return to the council meeting at 9:10 p.m.

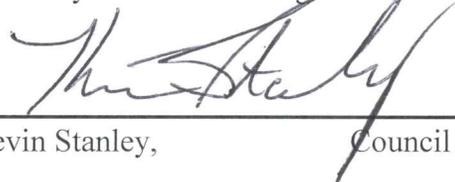
On motion by Kevin Stanley, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Nan Bowen and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved a two-dollar per hour salary increase for only the police department (certified) and the police department staff. The rate increase will be added to the rate schedule adopted several years ago.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Annie Sutton and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of March 5, 2018 at 9:15 p.m.



Shan Ash, Mayor



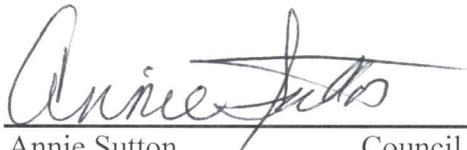
Kevin Stanley, Council Member



Nan Bowen, Council Member

 (ABSENT)

Bradley Greene, Council Member



Annie Sutton, Council Member

ATTEST: 

Connie Tracas, City Clerk

