

**CITY OF CLEVELAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2017  
MINUTES**

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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:** Annie Sutton, Bradley Greene, Edward Young, and Nan Bowen.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Bradley Greene and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda for the January 9, 2017 City Council Meeting.

**GLORIA SUTTON – REQUEST TO INSTALL CULVERT**

Ms. Gloria Sutton was not present.

**2017-01 RESOLUTION CALL FOR ELECTION AND QUALIFYING FEES** – 1<sup>st</sup> consideration

The Mayor and Council reviewed the resolution to call for an election and qualifying fees for Ward 3 and Ward 4. The election will be held November 7, 2017. The qualifying fees for Ward 3 and Ward 4 is set at \$118.50.

Nan Bowen noted a needed correction in Section 2 (c). The section should read Council Member Ward 4 instead of Ward 2.

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor Annie Sutton and Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the first consideration of 2017-01 Resolution Call for Election and Qualifying Fees with the above mentioned change. The second consideration and adoption will be held at the January 23, 2017 City Council Meeting.

**BRIAN RINDT – CITY ENGINEER**

1. 129 North Sewer line is in progress. The contractor has two crews working. Mr. Rindt submitted a diagram showing the areas that need to be completed. The crews should finish laying pipe by the end of January and testing on the line should begin in February. Mr. Rindt is very pleased with the crews and the work performed.
2. The USDA is asking for additional information concerning short term assets. The water tank plans are completed and is ready to bid if the funding comes through from USDA. Mayor Ash and Edward Young have talked to the sons of the owner of the property being considered for a well site.

**CHIEF RICKY PRUITT – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Ricky Pruitt, Fire Department, submitted the department statistics for December 2016. The department responded to 99 calls – 58 in the city and 41 in the county. Eleven of the forty-one calls in the county was outside the automatic aid area.

The fire department responded to 1013 calls in 2016 – 523 city; 490 county, with 128 outside of the automatic aid area.

Annie Sutton informed of another air pack going out while in use. Chief Pruitt is working with the manufacturer to find out if there is a way to repair the pack.

### **CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foster introduced Randall Townley, Code Enforcement, who gave the Mayor and Council a review of the Child Safety Seat Program.

Mr. Townley explained the program is successful due to the collaboration of the White County Health Department, Cleveland Police Department, Cleveland Fire Department, White County Sheriff's Office, and the Heart of Gold Pilot's Club.

Most seats are provided through grants to the White County Health Department from the Office of Injury Prevention through the Georgia Department of Human Resources. The program coordinators were fortunate to receive 598 seats which were donated by the Gainesville/Hall County Safe Kids Coalition.

Program coordinators have checked and distributed seats for low income families at the Cleveland Fire Department, Cleveland Police Department, and the White County Sheriff's Office. The program was able to acquire a seat for a special needs child which would cost between \$250 to \$1000 for the parents.

Mr. Townley expressed to the council car seats expire and are only good for approximately six years. Children who are involved in an auto accident must have the seat replaced immediately no matter the age of the seat.

Chief Foster submitted the 2016 activities for the police department. The new reporting system shows activities for the year. Chief Foster reported 242 arrests for 2016 and domestic violence at 163 incidents. This is a high amount of calls for domestic violence. The department reported 22,765 community contacts, which include 13,846 business visits, 8,674 residential visits, and 245 "street" visits (those who are on the streets at odd hours).

Chief Foster informed the Mayor and Council of the installation of GPS devices on the officer's vehicles. The system will track all movements made by the officer while in the vehicle, including vehicles idling, speed, distance and location. Chief Foster stated he has questioned the actions of several officers based on their location and the amount of time they remained idle.

Chief Foster explained the device is beneficial in the case an officer is in need of assistance, he or his department will be able to accurately locate the officer. Chief Foster explained if a police vehicle is stolen, he would be able to track the location of the vehicle.

### **GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Annie Sutton and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the minutes of December 5 and December 12, 2016.
2. On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the class request for Charlie LaVelle and Sheena Wright for mandated court recertification at \$225 each.

**NEW BUSINESS - continued**

3. Public comments - Chief Foster added comment to the GPS program in which he will provide access to the 911 center to monitor the activity of the police officers.

Annie Sutton thanked the city employees for their hard work during the winter storm event.

**OLD BUSINESS**

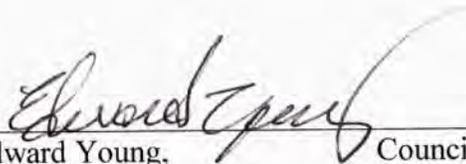
1. The Mayor and Council agreed to hold a zoning class on February 11, 2017.
2. The Mayor and Council agreed to hold a zoning meeting for a variance request on February 2, 2017.
3. Edward Young suggested the city look into allowing a mixed use zoning class to allow business owners to live at their business. The big issue is off street parking. There is a problem with parking on the square for visitors and employees. It has been offered, in the past, for employees to park on the north west side of Bell Street and to park at the Chamber of Commerce. To date, there are very few employees or owners that take advantage of the parking areas to free parking on the square.

**ADJOURNMENT**

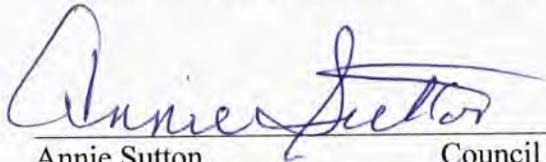
On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of January 9, 2017 at 7:45 p.m.



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



Edward Young, Council Member



Annie Sutton, Council Member



Nan Bowen, Council Member



Bradley Greene, Council Member

ATTEST: 

Connie Tracas, City Clerk

