CITY OF CLEVELAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2017
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: Annie Sutton, Bradley Greene, Edward Young, and Nan Bowen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Annie Sutton and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the agenda for the November 13, 2017 City Council Meeting.

BRIAN RINDT – CITY ENGINEER

1. The 129 South water tank is completed. Water samples have been sent to the lab and if cleared, the tank can go online. The contractor has grading and the fence installation to complete the project. The contract called for the contractor to be at substantial completion on November 7, 2017. The project was behind schedule due to inclement weather (hurricane Irma and heavy rains). The contractor is requesting a five-day extension on the substantial completion date to November 12, 2017.
   On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the five-day extension on the substantial completion of the project from November 7 to November 12, 2017. By this motion, the contractor will avoid penalties related to not meeting the November 7, 2017 substantial completion date. The contractor has thirty days to complete the grading, grassing, and fencing.
2. The #7 well will need a new casing installed to comply with EPD standards for casing thickness. Instead of removing the noncompliant 8" casing, the city will install a 6" casing within the 8". EPD would not "grandfather" the existing casing, but did approve the addition of the 6". Lauren Freeman, American Water Works, has been working with Prime Plumbing to resolve the issue with securing the casing with grout. The casings will have .8 to one-inch area to fill with grout. The contractor will skew the 6" casing to allow for the grout hose to fit. To add the new casing and grout is $5500.00 and to pull and reset the pump is $2450.00. On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Bradley Greene and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to move forward with the installation of the 6" casing, grout, and pumps.
3. The specifications and bid documents will be available in the next couple of weeks for the repairs of the Warrior Water Tank.
4. Mr. Rindt has advised Andrea Smith, Cleveland Water/Wastewater Supervisor of areas to test at the wastewater plant. The test results will determine the areas to feed the nitrifying bacteria.

BETH TRUELOVE – WHITE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Requests for City services – Christmas in the Mountains

Beth Truelove, Interim WC Chamber of Commerce President, came before the Mayor and Council to request police, fire, and sanitation services for the Christmas in the Mountains event. The event will be held December 2, 2017 and will include vendors on the square and a lighted Christmas parade.

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 provide police, fire and sanitation services for the December 2, 2017 Christmas in the Mountains event.

GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY

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

CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foster, Police Department, offered the department activities for the months of September and October 2017. The department reported 1930 activities for September and 2007 activities for October, which includes a decrease in domestic violence, but shows an increase in traffic stops.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. It has been discussed to move forward with the annexation of right of way on Highway 129 North to either Montagna Drive or Albert Reid Road.
   The City has been contacted by a few property owners that want to annex into the city and are contiguous with the city limits. If these annexations are approved, it would eliminate the city's need to annex the right of way on Highway 129 North. There is a general consensus the annexation will happen through requests and there would be no need for the city to go through legislation to annex the right-of-way.
   The City has received feedback from businesses on Highway 129 South of wanting to annex into the city that are not contiguous with the city limits. The council could consider starting the process to annex the right of way from the city limits south to Totherow Road.
   Bradley Greene stated he would like to see the limits extended to the bridge on Hwy. 129 North. Mr. O'Bryant reiterated this would happen naturally as property owners have expressed an interest in annexing into the city.
   Edward Young informed all the businesses on Hwy 129 South are on the city's sewer service and there is no need to extend to Totherow Road. Mr. Greene agreed and stated the city needed to hold off on expanding the city limits. Debbie Gilbert asked why the city would need to go through state legislation. Mr. O'Bryant answered the right-of-way on state routes are owned by the state.
   Chief Foster stated it would allow those an opportunity that want to annex. Mr. Greene asked if it would affect the fire district. Fire Chief Pruitt answered no it would affect the district. Chief Foster stated there would be a benefit of taxes but the police department is at a critical point in staff and would need more coverage. Mayor Ash asked who had inquired on 129 South. Mr. O'Bryant answered two local businesses have inquired.
   Grant Keene informed the city should have started earlier on the request for annexation to make the next legislation. Mr. Young and Mr. Greene suggested the city hold off on annexing the right- of-way of 129 South to Totherow Road.

TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR – continued

2. Mr. O'Bryant recapped the discussion of the fire truck from the previous council meeting. Fire Chief Ricky Pruitt has reported the Aerial Ladder Truck did not pass inspection for function and operation. The impact of this test will reflect negatively on the city's ISO rating and may increase the ISO rating. Chief Pruitt estimates the cost to repair the 1988 fire truck at $112,000 to $150,000. Chief Pruitt has looked into the replacement of the vehicle and has found two options:
    - Bracketts Fire Trucks has a 1996 used aerial ladder truck, formerly with Cobb County, for $96,000. The manufacturers of the truck and chassis are still in business so if there is a need for repair, the city will be able to obtain parts.
    - Fireline, Inc. has a model show truck for $855,000 and can be financed through the company.

    Mr. O'Bryant asked the mayor and council to review the options, but is recommending the purchase of the 1997 aerial ladder truck at $96,000. Chief Pruitt believes the city can get 7-10 years of useful life from the truck. Chief Pruitt informed the motor, transmission was replaced in 2009, and the seller is willing to take care any repairs that may come up in an inspection. The company selling the truck will provide a six-month bumper to bumper warranty. The ladder is 105 feet and will be a better aid for working calls at two to three story buildings.
    Mr. Greene asked if the inspector would be of Chief Pruitt's choosing. Chief Pruitt answered an independent inspector would be hired. Any repairs that need to be made after inspection will be paid for by the seller.
    On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded on Edward Young, in favor – Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to purchase the used 1997 firetruck at $96,000 contingent the truck passes inspection and all necessary repairs are made.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Bradley Greene and Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve closing the GEFA start-up account and the SPLOST 3 account.
    The GEFA account was used as a start-up for the GEFA loans and now all payments will come out of the sinking fund. The city has expended the SPLOST 3 account on the construction of the water tank. Any balances due will come out of SPLOST 4.
2. Public comments – Judy Lovell presented the 2018 Historical Society Calendar and encouraged the purchase of the calendar as a part of the historical society's fundraising.
    Annie Sutton commended the Historical Society for the program given last month.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The minutes of October 2017 were signed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Edward Young, in favor –Annie Sutton and Bradley Greene, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of November 13, 2017 at 7:44 p.m.

Shan Ash, Mayor

Edward Young, Council Member

Annie Sutton, Council Member

Nan Bowen, Council Member

Bradley Greene, Council Member

ATTEST: Connie Tracas

Connie Tracas, City Clerk