

**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 11, 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The City was honored to have a special guest administer the Pledge of Allegiance before the start of the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Ash introduced Mr. Isaac Parker. Mr. Parker is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student from Jack P. Nix Elementary School, Cub Scout, and basketball player. Mayor Ash expressed appreciation to Mr. Parker for his exemplary qualities as a student and citizen.

Mr. Parker, Mayor, City Council, and visitors, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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 approve the agenda for the December 11, 2017 City Council Meeting.

**PROCLAMATION – JACK P. NIX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – CCRPI PLATINUM AWARD**

Mayor Shan Ash asked Dr. Jeff Wilson, White County School Superintendent, to explain the College and Career Ready Performance Index and the significance of the Platinum Award.

Dr. Wilson informed Georgia has a system designated to rate school performance and it is called the College and Career Ready Performance Index. The new reporting is calculated with appropriate indicators for elementary, middle, and high schools, and will yield an in-depth analysis of students' college and career readiness. It will measure the extent to which a school, school district, and the state are successfully making progress in a number of key areas, such as content mastery, student attendance, and the next level of preparation

Dr. Wilson proudly announced Jack P. Nix Elementary has received the CCRPI Platinum Award. Jack P. Nix Elementary grew at the highest level available. This is the first year Jack P. Nix has qualified for the award due to the state's criteria. Dr. Wilson stated it was nice to be recognized for all the hard work of the students and teachers and they will continue to strive to improve.

Ms. Stacie Ward, Principal of Jack P. Nix Elementary, introduced several teachers in attendance: Ms. Martha Kent - Asst. Principal, Cheryl Allen - First-Grade Teacher, Kelcie Johnson – First-Grade Teacher, Michelle Ash – Fifth-Grade Teacher, and Laura Hall – Instructional Coach.

Mayor Ash congratulated the group for achieving the goals to receive this award.

Mayor Ash read and presented a proclamation to Dr. Wilson and the staff of Jack P. Nix Elementary School.

**PROCLAMATION – JACK P. NIX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – CCRPI PLATINUM AWARD - continued**

Whereas, the strength of community depends on the strength of our youth and our educators. Throughout Cleveland and White County, educators do their utmost to provide our children with a loving, caring, nurturing education, in which they can mature into responsible adults, fully possessing the skills to realize their full potential; and

Whereas, the youth and educators of our community are its greatest natural resource; and

Whereas, as in the White County School System Vision Statement: White County Schools will continuously strive to improve through individual and combined efforts in areas of academic achievement, citizenship, and personal and global growth, and

Whereas, the City of Cleveland recognizes the students and educators of Jack P. Nix Elementary School as the recipient of the College and Career Ready Performance Index Platinum Award for “Greatest Gains” in the education system, and

Whereas, the City of Cleveland, White County and its citizens are proud of our students and educators and know the “Greatest Gains” will always be to our community; by the development of those qualities of character essential for future leadership; and to go forth to serve America;

Now, Therefore, Be it Proclaimed, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, that December 11, 2017 be proclaimed as Jack P. Nix Elementary School Student and Educator Appreciation Day in the City of Cleveland and that the residents of the City of Cleveland express their appreciation to all of our educators and students.

Given under hand and seal, by proclamation of the City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, this the 11th day of December 2017.

**PROCLAMATION – EDWARD YOUNG, COUNCIL MEMBER**

Edward Young, City Council Member Ward 3, is retiring this year after 47 years of service to the City of Cleveland.

Mayor Shan Ash presented and read a proclamation dedicated to Mr. Young. The proclamation was originally presented at the Cleveland Christmas dinner held December 6, 2017, in which Mr. Young was honored for his service.

**PROCLAMATION – EDWARD YOUNG, COUNCIL MEMBER - continued**

Whereas, throughout our history, those who dedicate their lives to public service, have achieved much for our families, our communities, and our country; and

Whereas, citizens who enter public service have made life-long contributions to our community, setting an example for all of us on the importance of service, sacrifice, and determination; and

Whereas, public servants represent some of the best qualities of mankind and are treasured residents of our community; and

Whereas, the City of Cleveland recognizes Mr. Edward Young, a life-long citizen of Cleveland, White County Georgia, as one who possesses the qualities of a role model to our younger generation; and

Whereas, the City of Cleveland, White County and its citizens are grateful for Mr. Young 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, that December 6, 2017, be proclaimed as Mr. Edward Young Appreciation Day in the City of Cleveland and that the residents of the City of Cleveland express their appreciation to Mr. Edward Young and his service to the community.

Given under hand and seal, by proclamation of the City Council of the City of Cleveland, Georgia, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

All in attendance thanked Mr. Young for his service to the City of Cleveland.

**GRANT KEENE – CITY ATTORNEY**

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

Mr. Young reminded Mr. Keene of the long city council meetings during the early years that would last to one or two o'clock in the morning. Mr. Keene commended Mr. Young of getting meetings in control.

**CHIEF JOHN FOSTER – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief John Foster, Police Department, did not have new business to report.

**TOM O'BRYANT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Tom O'Bryant, City Administrator, expressed his appreciation and gave recognition to the city public works department for keeping the city streets clear after the snow event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Norton Agency, in care of Key Risk Insurance has submitted a workers compensation quote for the 2018-2019 year in the amount of \$49,935. The city has a budget of \$55,230 for this expenditure. On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Nan Bowen, in favor – Annie Sutton and Edward Young and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council approved the workers comp proposal at \$49,935.00.

**NEW BUSINESS - continued**

2. Public comments – Several in attendance offered anecdotes of their time with Mr. Young. Mr. Terry Goodger, White County Commissioner, thanked Mr. Young for his service and jokingly informed he has been coming to council meetings to spy on Ed and report back to the county commissioners.  
Judy Lovell thanked and congratulated Mr. Young for his years of service, not only as a council member, but also as a volunteer fireman. Mr. Young volunteered when the alarm was located on top of the historic courthouse.  
Annie Sutton stated she has really enjoyed working with Ed and thanked him for teaching her a lot about the city and for accepting her as a council member.  
Chief John Foster stated it has been a pleasure working for Ed for the past twenty years. The two settled many city problems at the picnic table at Kountry Kupboard.  
Nan Bowen added Ed has taught her a lot about the city and she has known and respected him for many years. Ms. Bowen wished him the best in his retirement.  
Mayor Ash, knowing Ed his whole life, thanked him for the dedication and time spent with the city. The citizens never worried because of people like Ed in place seeing about the city's future. Mayor Ash expressed he considers Ed a true friend.  
Bradley Greene added he has respected Ed for a lot of years (even when he was told he wasn't liked).  
Edward Young let the attendees know, in a playful manner, that John Foster was the most aggravating employee always playing pranks. He accused Chief Foster of putting a For Sale by Neighbors sign when Mr. Young and his family would go on vacation, and decorating his yard with Christmas decorations or beer cartons. Of course, there is no proof of these acts.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Rindt has found a company that will conduct an inspection on the baffle system at the wastewater plant. QLC, Huntsville, Alabama, will inspect the area and provide an estimate for repairs and/or replacements. The consultation fees is \$400 plus expenses (expenses around \$250). 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 hiring of QLC to consult on the baffle system for the wastewater plant in the amount of \$400 plus expenses.
2. The minutes of November 2017 were signed.

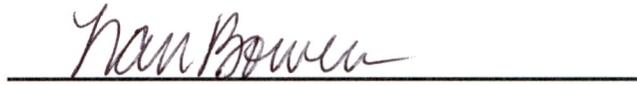
**ADJOURNMENT**

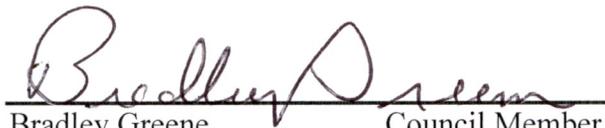
On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor –Annie Sutton and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the City Council Meeting of December 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

  
Shan Ash, Mayor

  
Kevin Stanley, Council Member

  
Annie Sutton, Council Member

  
Nan Bowen, Council Member

  
Bradley Greene, Council Member

ATTEST:   
Connie Tracas, City Clerk

*Note: Edward Young proceeded over this meeting, but will not be in office when the minutes of 12.11.2017 are approved. Minutes to be approved by Mayor Shan Ash, Council Members Annie Sutton, Bradley Greene, Kevin Stanley, and Nan Bowen.*