

**CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
Thursday, January 9, 2020**

Members of the Cleveland City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the Cleveland Municipal Building located at 201 North Broadway, Cleveland, Oklahoma with Mayor Scott Rusher presiding. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the front door of the Cleveland City Hall on January 7, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Scott Rusher called this meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Clerk Michelle Lehnus called roll with the following members present:  
**Present:** Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, David Carter, Lee Merrifield, Mike Carroll  
**Absent:** None
3. **Discussion and action to approve or reject the minutes of the previous meeting(s). Discussion concerning actions taken in relation to the minutes of the previous meeting(s).** The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by council, no discussion occurred. A motion was made by Brian Torres and seconded by David Carter to approve the minutes for the special meeting held on December 17, 2019. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: (5-0)  
**Aye:** Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, David Carter, Lee Merrifield, Mike Carroll  
**Nay:** None
4. **Discussion and action to approve or reject the Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the council, no discussion occurred. A motion was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Scott Rusher to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. This motion passed with the following roll call vote: (5-0)  
**Aye:** Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, David Carter, Lee Merrifield, Mike Carroll  
**Nay:** None
5. **Discussion concerning list of purchase orders paid.** Councilor Brian Torres asked about SignalTek. Operations Manager Clint Stout advised him that it was a contract to service our street lights. Councilor Torres also commented that payment to OSBI (Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations) was higher than normal. Mr. Stout advised him that it was because of the new computer program (ODIS) that had been purchased through them. No further discussion occurred.
6. **Public Comments. All comments will be limited to agenda items only. Participants are required to sign in prior to the start of the meeting.** The following members of the public signed in to speak:  

Kim Garrison – Pool	Gayla Smith – Pool
Holly Reeves – Pool	Pat Bundy - Pool
7. **Discussion and possible action to approve or reject Change Order No 001 in the amount of \$21,100.80 to J.P. Construction Inc. Change order is for rock excavation and equipment in the diving pool, additional concrete due to rock at the diving pool, and trash and rock excavation in the activity pool.** City Manager Vicki Hagerman explained that this was due to an unexpected expense of rock being found on site and the necessary equipment to break it up. She advised that the construction crew had found that a house had previously been buried on the site and that all of the debris had been removed and dirt packed. A motion to approve the Change Order No. 001 in the amount of \$21,100.80 to J.P. Construction, Inc. was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Scott Rusher. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

**Aye:** Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, David Carter, Lee Merrifield, Mike Carroll

**Nay:** None

- 8. Discussion regarding pool house update and possible action regarding fundraising and donation ideas for pool and/or pool house.** Mayor Scott Rusher began discussion by reminding everyone that they knew this project would be expensive and that fundraising was discussed at the very beginning of the project discussions. He stated that a committee had been formed to do these types of things. He did advise that some monies had already been donated and he expressed his appreciation for those donations. Councilor Lee Merrifield mentioned the possibility of selling commemorative bricks as a fundraiser. She stated that she had made some calls to other communities that had commemorative bricks placed and liked the idea of having something tangible to show our great community. She said that she had envisioned the bricks being on the walkway to the pool. Ms. Hagerman noted that the commemorative bricks could also be laid under the awning with the picnic tables. Mayor Rusher mentioned selling benches and having businesses sponsor picnic tables as had been done in the past. He did ask that color scheme remain the same as those that had been sold in the past. Councilor Brian Torres stated that he had visited pools in other communities that had built a benefactor wall. He said he liked that idea because then there wouldn't be any change orders adjusting cost from the concrete walkways that had already been quoted over to brick walkways. Kim Garrison asked for an estimated amount that would need to be raised through fundraising. Councilor Torres said he thought about \$125,000 - \$150,000 would need to be raised. Mayor Rusher did note that everything was still under discussion but wanted everyone to know that now is the time to start raising money. He stated that the city would have an active role in building the bathhouse.

- 9. Discussion and possible action to approve bid from D.C. Bass as lowest bid for interior renovations of the original portion of Jay C. Byers Library per drawings by GH2 Architect dated 10/21/19.** Ms. Hagerman informed the council that the carpet and millwork for the original portion of the library had always been on the council's radar. Ms. Hagerman confirmed that it would be paid for out of the Jay C. Byers Memorial account. Ms. Hagerman stated that she had reviewed the bids and verified that it was part of the original approval as an addendum. Ms. Hagerman advised that librarian Michelle Miller was unable to attend the council meeting due to a conflict with the Friends of the Library meeting. Councilor David Carter said that he would like to visit with Ms. Miller before going forward with the project. Councilor Torres asked for confirmation that three bids had been received. Ms. Hagerman informed the council that she had spoken to GH2 Architects and confirmed that three bids had been requested but only two had been received. A motion to approve the bid from D.C. Bass as the lowest bid for interior renovations of the original portion of Jay C. Byers Library per drawings by GH2 Architect dated 10/21/19 was made by Mike Carroll and seconded by Lee Merrifield. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

**Aye:** Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, David Carter, Lee Merrifield, Mike Carroll

**Nay:** None

- 10. Consider City Manager's Report and various department reports which may include: Utility report, sales tax report, cemetery and park reports, library construction update, and Cedar Creek bridge project update.** Ms. Hagerman notified the council to expect another change order in the future for the pool due to debris but construction seems to be on schedule. Ms. Hagerman also advised the council that the REAP Contract and Notice of Award had been received. She said that the storm sirens were 30-60 days out from pick up and that we hoped to have them by March. Councilor Carter reminded everyone that we were increasing our number of sirens by three and that these sirens would be activated by NOAH and would alarm by zone area.

**11. New Business. New business being defined as any business that could not be foreseen at the time of posting the agenda.** There was no new business.

**12. Adjournment.** A motion to adjourn was made by David Carter and seconded by Scott Rusher. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

**Aye:** Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, David Carter, Lee Merrifield, Mike Carroll

**Nay:** None

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Scott Rusher, Mayor

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Michelle Lehnus, Clerk