

MINUTES
CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Thursday, June 11, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
(or immediately following Council Meeting)

Members of the Cleveland Municipal Authority met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 7:41 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Cleveland Municipal Building located at 201 North Broadway, Cleveland, Oklahoma with Chairman Scott Rusher presiding. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the front door of the Cleveland City Hall on June 10, 2020, at 5:10 p.m.

1. **Call to order.** This meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Rusher at 7:41 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Clerk Michelle Lehnus called roll with the following members present:
Present: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Absent: David Carter
3. **Discussion and action to approve or reject 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 Scott Rusher to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 14, 2020, and the special meeting held on June 8, 2020. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (4-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Nay: None
4. **Discussion concerning list of purchase orders paid.** Purchase orders were reviewed by council members. City Manager Vicki Hagerman advised council that the new storm sirens were still in the testing phase. She also reminded council that the old sirens were still up and working. Ms. Hagerman also confirmed for council that Weedman currently services Arlington Park, front part of City Hall and the fire station.
5. **Consider and take action to approve or reject rsmeachum to act as City Treasurer and engage in a contract for Accounting Consulting Services for 2020-2021 fiscal year.** Russ Meachum spoke to council during the City Council meeting. During that meeting, he advised that he owns his own practice and that they service about 50 municipalities. He advised that his practice has 6 other CPAs and an additional 18 members on staff; he noted that the City of Cleveland was actually gaining 25 employees. Mr. Meachum advised council that future financial documents would be compliant with GASB 34 and he reiterated the importance of full transparency reporting to the council and the public. He also advised that GASB 34 was required for bond indentures as well. A motion was made by Lee Merrifield and seconded by Scott Rusher to appoint rsmeachum as City Treasurer effective July 1, 2020, and approve a contract with rsmeachum for Accounting Consulting Services for 2020-2021 fiscal year. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (4-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Nay: None

- 6. Discussion and action to approve or reject Special Ordinance No. 2020-634: A SPECIAL NON-EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING AND GIVING NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF ITS RIGHT TO CALL FOR AN ELECTION ON THIS PROPOSED SALE BY REFERENDUM PETITION.** This matter was previously discussed and passed during the City Council meeting; however, the building is owned by Cleveland Municipal Authority. A motion was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Mike Carroll to approve Ordinance No. 2020-634: A SPECIAL NON-EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING AND GIVING NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF ITS RIGHT TO CALL FOR AN ELECTION ON THIS PROPOSED SALE BY REFERENDUM PETITION. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (4-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Nay: None
- 7. Discussion and action to vote on reappointment or removal of the City Treasurer as discussed in the City Council executive session.** A motion was made by Mike Carroll and seconded by Scott Rusher to remove the existing City Treasurer, effective June 30, 2020. This motion carried with the following roll call votes: (4-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Nay: None
- 8. Proposed executive session to discuss possible economic development opportunities for the City of Cleveland as authorized by OKLA. STAT, Title 25, Section 307 (C)(11);**

 - a. Vote to convene in Executive Session.** A motion to convene in executive session was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Scott Rusher. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (4-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Nay: None
 - b. Vote to acknowledge return to open session.** A motion to return to open session was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Mike Carroll. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (4-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Nay: None
 - c. Statement of executive session minute.** City Attorney Bryan Drummond read the executive session minute.
- 9. Discussion and action to approve or reject proceeding with one of the options as discussed in executive session.** A motion was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Mike Carroll to approve proceeding with Option 2 as discussed in executive session. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (4-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Nay: None
- 10. Adjournment.** A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Mike Carroll. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (4-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Brian Torres, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Nay: None

This meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Signature on File
Scott Rusher, Chairman

Signature on File
Michelle Lehnus, Secretary