

CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Thursday, July 9, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Members of the Cleveland City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 6:04 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2020, 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 July 8, 2020, at 4:55 p.m.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Scott Rusher called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Clerk Michelle Lehnus called roll with the following members present:
Present: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Absent: Brian Torres
3. **Flag Salute.** Flag Salute was led by Mayor Rusher.
4. **Invocation.** Invocation was led by Mike Carroll
5. **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. No discussion occurred. A motion was made by Mike Carroll and seconded by Scott Rusher to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on June 11, 2020. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (3-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Nay: None
6. **Discussion and action to approve or reject the Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the council. City Manager Vicki Hagerman advised the council that the Treasurer's Report would look different this month and moving forward due to a format changes. She explained that this formatting allowed for the report to be split to distinguish between restricted funds, unrestricted funds, and investments. She reminded the council that this was the first time RSMeacham had looked at our books and that the report would continue to change and evolve moving forward. Ms. Hagerman also advised the council that there would be another budget amendment brought before them for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.
7. **Discussion concerning list of purchase orders paid.** Purchase orders were reviewed by the council. Discussion occurred regarding a purchase order for Tanis Ready and a purchase order for a refrigerator for the library.
8. **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: Catherine Carter, Glen Dresback
9. **Discussion and action to accept resignation of Justin Hager as Ward 3 council member.** Council discussion occurred regarding Mr. Hager's resignation. Mayor Rusher advised that he would stay as Ward 3 council member until the next election or until someone could be appointed. A motion was made by Lee Merrifield and seconded by Mike Carroll to accept the resignation of Justin Hager as Ward 3 council member. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (3-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield
Nay: None
10. **Discussion and action to appoint the position of Mayor for the City of Cleveland.** Council discussion occurred and public comments from Catherine Carter were heard. City attorney Bryan Drummond advised council that they were required to move forward this date on this

agenda item. A motion was made by Lee Merrifield and seconded by Mike Carroll to appointed Scott Rusher as Mayor for the City of Cleveland. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (3-0)

Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield

Nay: None

- 11. Discussion and action to appoint the position of Vice-Mayor for the City of Cleveland.** A motion was made by Scott Rusher and seconded by Mike Carroll to appoint Brian Torres as Vice-Mayor for the City of Cleveland. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (3-0)

Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield

Nay: None

- 12. Discussion and action to approve or reject Resolution 2020-08: A Resolution to Approve USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Agreement.** City Manager Vicki Hagerman advised that this was part of an ongoing grant. Library Director Michelle Miller reminded the council that this grant would reimburse at 35% and advised the council that items such as furnishings and shelving had been purchased. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-08: A Resolution to Approve USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Agreement was made by Scott Rusher and seconded by Mike Carroll. This motion carried with the following roll call votes: (3-0)

Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield

Nay: None

- 13. Discussion and action to approve or reject the submission of application for Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant.** City Manager Vicki Hagerman noted that she was excited and proud of the police department for their initiative to continue to find grants. Operations Manager/Chief of Police Clint Stout advised counsel that if awarded this grant would be used for a UTV with an enclosed cab and air conditioned/heat. Chief Stout advised that this UTV could be used for public safety, to aid in emergencies, and by the fire department. A motion to approve the submission of application for Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant was made by Lee Merrifield and seconded by Mike Carroll. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (3-0)

Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield

Nay: None

- 14. City Manager's Report which may include updates and/or announcements of events, projects, and general operations of the City of Cleveland.** City Manager Vicki Hagerman advised council that the City of Cleveland currently has a lot going on. She provided council with an update on the following:

- **Cleveland Airport** – the lease is not yet finalized but there are strides moving forward.
- **Pool** – there have meetings with Alaback and JP Construction regarding issues with the retaining wall. At this time a resolution has not been reached; however there are future meetings scheduled to continue to address this issue.
- **Water Department** – the interview process has began for the water/wastewater facility operations supervisor. Water Superintendent Gaylen Vaughn provided the council with an update on the status of the current water plant. He advised that they had experienced computer issues due to disintegration from chemicals.
- **New water plant project** – Ms. Hagerman informed the council that the city is currently waiting on a permit for water surface rights to provide to DEQ. She advised that a water study would have to be completed before surface rights could be approved but was hopeful that we could receive a temporary permit until the completion of the water study.

15. Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Carroll and seconded by Lee Merrifield.

The motion carried with the following roll call votes: (3-0)

Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Signature on File

Scott Rusher, Mayor

Signature on File

Michelle Lehnus, Clerk