

MINUTES
Cleveland City Council
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, March 15, 2018
2:00 p.m.

Members of the Cleveland City Council met in a Special Meeting in the upstairs conference/training room of Cleveland City Hall, 105 W. Caddo, Cleveland, Oklahoma on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Notice of this meeting was filed with the City Clerk on March 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the front door of Cleveland City Hall on March 13, 2018 at 9:40 a.m.

1. **Call the meeting to order.** Mayor Brian Torres called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. **Roll Call.** All Council Members attended.

Present: Brian Torres, Scott Rusher, Ric Rommel, Dan Reeves, Lee Merrifield

Absent: None

3. **Presentation by a representative from Core & Main regarding potential installation of an automated meter reading system throughout the City of Cleveland. Possible action related to same.** Representatives from Core and Main presented information to the Council. Records indicate that meters are not monitoring all the water usage. The water plant is currently producing approximately 16 million gallons per month, but the billing only reflects 6-12 million gallons per month. Consumer advantages to the program would include faster leak monitoring and more accurate readings. The new meters would also reduce employee costs as meters would not need to be manually read each month. Members of the Council spoke in favor of implementing the new automated readers. With costs and implementation considerations, a motion to table any action until the next Council Meeting was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Dan Reeves. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

Aye: Brian Torres, Scott Rusher, Ric Rommel, Dan Reeves, Lee Merrifield

Nay: None

4. **Presentation by Brandon Wall from Wall Engineering regarding upgrades to the Cleveland Water Plant and Water Distribution Systems. Possible action related to same.** Brandon Wall gave a presentation to the Council beginning with an explanation of the water plant treatment process, DEQ Consent Orders and Violations, and options/costs ranging from upgrading the existing plant to building a new plant. The costs for Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality compliance requirements range from almost \$800,000.00 for a simple fix that would not be sustainable long term to building a new plant at a cost of nearly 8 million. Stating he was leaning toward building a new plant, Mayor Torres made the motion to table any action and place the matter on the agenda at the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The motion received a second from Ric Rommel and passed with the following roll call vote: (4-0)

Aye: Brian Torres, Scott Rusher, Ric Rommel, Lee Merrifield

Nay: None

Dan Reeves had to leave the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

5. Proposed Executive Session to discuss the purchase or appraisal of real property as authorized by OKLA STAT Title 25, Chapter 8, §307 (B) (3).

- a. Vote to convene in executive session.**
- b. Vote to acknowledge return to open session.**
- c. Statement of Executive Session Minute.**

Possible action, if needed, related to the purchase of real property in open session. The Mayor did not ask to move into an executive session. The Council briefly talked about purchasing property to expand ball fields. It was determined if the budget would allow it, then purchasing could proceed.

5. Adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Ric Rommel. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: (4-0)

Aye: Brian Torres, Scott Rusher, Ric Rommel, Lee Merrifield

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Brian Torres

Annetta Franks, City Clerk