

CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Thursday, January 13, 2022

Members of the Cleveland City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at the Cleveland Community Center located at 211 North Broadway, Cleveland, Oklahoma with Mayor Brian Torres presiding. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the front door of the Cleveland City Hall on January 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Brian Torres called this meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Clerk Ashley Schulze called roll with the following members present:
Present: Brian Torres, Chris Gabriel, Damon Lester, Anakin Bryan, Mike Carroll
Absent: None
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Led by Mayor Brian Torres.
4. **Invocation.** Led by Bryan Drummond.
5. **Consideration of approval, rejection, amendment and/or postponement of the minutes as follows:**
City Council Minutes of December 13, 2021
The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by council. Brian Torres asked if the city had sold any of the surplus items listed in the minutes. City Manager Mike Vaughan informed council that nothing has been sold yet. A motion was made by Damon Lester and seconded by Anakin Bryan to approve the minutes as written for the regular schedule meeting held on December 13, 2021. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: (5-0)
Aye: Brian Torres, Chris Gabriel, Damon Lester, Anakin Bryan, Mike Carroll
Nay: None
6. **Consideration of acceptance, rejections, and/or amendment of the Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the council. Mike Carroll asked about the interest on the Deposit Account. Mike Vaughan will look into this. A motion was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Damon Lester to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. This motion passed with the following roll call vote: (5-0)
Aye: Brian Torres, Chris Gabriel, Damon Lester, Anakin Bryan, Mike Carroll
Nay: None
7. **Discussion concerning list of purchase orders paid.** Councilor Mike Carroll asked about the taxes on royalties out of Library Memorial. Clerk Ashley Schulze informed Council that the Library gets oil royalties every month so this was for the taxes on what was paid to the library. No further discussion occurred.
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 from the public signed in to speak:
Raymond Lord- as needed
Gary Goss- as needed
9. **Discussion with Gary Goss from Harbor View apartments regarding Ordinance No.2021-640 Ambulance Fee and Ordinance No. 2021-641 Water Rates.** Gary Goss and Raymond Lord from Harbor View apartments discuss with the council the \$25 fee for the Water Treatment Plant that has been added to every unit instead of just too every meter for the apartments. Mr. Goss wants the council to reconsider the per unit basis. Mr. Goss states that this extra charge will cause a negative impact on the folks who live there causing a hardship. Mr. Goss and Mr. Gaylord have cleaned up the property, put new roofs on, re-surfaced the party lot. All the money the money they make on the property goes right back into it. They stated that by their financial reports the total income they made in 2021 for the property was \$29,000.00. By adding these extra fees, \$25 for the water plant construction and \$5.00 per unit for the Ambulance Subscription will cause them to not be able to keep upgrading the property. Councilor Chris Gabriel stated that he was not a fan of the extra fees but a fan of being fair and the whole community has taken this same financial hit regardless of income. Brian Torres stated that

this was the option they chose to do when Cleveland needed a new water plant and the council had to try to figure out the best way to get it paid for. This option was the only one that was a level playing field for everyone. Mike Carroll also informed Mr. Goss and Mr. Gaylord that they are not the only complex taking this hit that the nursing home is hit we these fees too as well as other complexes. Councilman Chris Gabriel stated that he will contact the city and have someone go out and make sure they have the correct size of meter installed due to the high usage of water.

10. Presentation of awards to Police Department Personnel. Police Chief Clint Stout and Assistance Chief Philip Keeling presented officers with awards for their impact on the community and their actions. Officer Jeremy Bartley was presented an award of commendation for his outstanding service and performance to the department and community. Officer Brendan O’Driscoll was awarded the life saving award and ribbon for acting with disregard for his own personal safety and due to his prompt and alert action, saving the life of a an individual by his heroic actions. All council members thanked the Cleveland Police Department for their hard work and let them know how much they appreciated each and every one of them.

11. Discussion and update from Police Department regarding crime statistics, grants, and donations. Police Chief Clint Stout let council know that Officer Philip Keeling is doing an awesome job on getting donations and grants. This is the list of what has been awarded:

Indian Electric- \$1400.00	Walmart- \$2000.00	KAMO- \$600.00
American Heritage Bank- \$250.00	Hickory House- \$150.00	CSC- \$1000.00
Jag (vests)- \$4096.80	Anonymous Donation- \$200.00	
Cleveland FOP (Swat Training)- \$600.00		
Project Tribute Donated- 10 Tourniquets, 10 Medical Packs		
City of Edmond Donated- (2) 2011 Dodge Charged Fully Equipped- have not received yet		
Osage County Donated- (1) 2006 Ford E350 Van		

There have been other grants and donations that have been submitted:

- Ben Roethlisberger-K9 Grant
- USDA- Dog Pound/Baseball Field Lights
- Spirit of the Blue Foundation- Bola Wraps \$2200.00
- National Police Foundation- Taser \$1000.00
- Devon Energy- Vehicle Donation
- Chesapeake Energy- Vehicle Donation
- Patriot Chemicals- Monetary Donation
- Smith Pump and Supply- Monetary Donation
- Southern Star Energy- Vehicle Donation
- Cleveland Lease Services- Monetary Donation
- Bank of Oklahoma- Monetary Donation
- Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office- Vehicle Donation
- Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office- Vehicle Donation
- Tulsa Police Depart- Vehicle Donation
- Oklahoma City Police Department- Vehicle Donation

Clint Stout gave the crime stats for 2021. Officer Stout pointed out that DUI’s have went down due to COVID restrictions. Officers were not patrolling near as much. Domestic Violence has went up from 2020 when it was 4 calls for the year to 2021 that shows 12 calls, also related to COVID with more people being at home. COVID also showed an impact on non-traffic offenses, where in 2020 it was 14 calls, and went up to 48 calls in 2021. . Also in 2021, there were 8988 Calls for service for police, fire, and EMS, which is a call an hour every day. Mayor Torres asked if anyone had reached out to see if this report can be turned in for COVID related issues. Chief Stout will look into this. Councilman Anakin Bryan stated that he was very appreciative of every officer for keeping the town safe. Councilman Chris Gabriel stated that he is very proud of the group of officers we have today and is proud to be part of this community.

12. Consideration of approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$117,858.77 to HCCCO, LLC. Change order is for additional line, valves, fittings and tie into Lone

Chimney line, add aerobic system, add additional hatches for access and maintenance, and requesting an additional 110 days due to COVID related issues and material delays. City Manager Mike Vaughan explained that in order to move forward, he would recommend the change order. Councilman Mike Carroll asked did they not take into consideration on the original plan because these are things that need to be done and should've been included in the plan. Councilman Anakin Bryan asked why an aerobic system was needed. City Manager Mike Vaughan stated that it was Randy from Wall Engineering's recommendation due to all the clay and dirt at the location. Also, that we do not want the waste to go back into the lake. Council discussions occurred and want Wall Engineering to come explain the change order more in depth. A motion was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Anakin Bryan to postpone Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$117,858.77 to HCCCO, LLC, until the next regular council meeting to be held on February 10, 2022. This motion passed with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

Aye: Brian Torres, Chris Gabriel, Damon Lester, Anakin Bryan, Mike Carroll

Nay: None

13. Consideration of approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement of:

a. **Pay Request #30 in the amount of \$181,401.86 to HCCCO, LLC for Water Treatment Plant**

Improvements. A motion was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Chris Gabriel to approve pay request #30 in the amount of \$181,401.86 to HCCCO, LLC for Water Treatment Plant Improvements. This motion passed with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

Aye: Brian Torres, Chris Gabriel, Damon Lester, Anakin Bryan, Mike Carroll

Nay: None

b. **Pay Request #31 in the amount of \$28483.95 to Wall Engineering, LLC for Engineering Services for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements.** A motion was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Chris Gabriel to approve pay request #31 in the amount of \$28,483.95 to Wall Engineering, LLC for Engineering Services for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements. This motion passed with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

Aye: Brian Torres, Chris Gabriel, Damon Lester, Anakin Bryan, Mike Carroll

Nay: None

14. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve or reject the contract with Signaltek. Operations Manager Clint Stout stated that the contract with Signaltek is up and that he would recommend renewing the contract. Stout stated that when the lights are down it creates havoc on our emergency personnel. Signaltek is always there to fix the issues as soon as they get a call and they inspect all of the stop lights. Mayor Brian Torres asked if this was the only group that does this and could we get a better deal. Stout informed him that yes there are other groups but we have never had problem with Signaltek and the technicians are very easy to contact and get here when we have an issue. A motion was made by Damon Lester and seconded by Mike Carroll to approve the contract with Signaltek. This motion passed with the following roll call vote: (4-1)

Aye: Chris Gabriel, Damon Lester, Anakin Bryan, Mike Carroll

Nay: Brian Torres

15. City Manager's Report which may include updates and/or announcements of events, projects, and general operations of the City of Cleveland. Mr. Vaughan gave his report. Utility billing for the month was at \$319,762.00 which was up \$28,000.00 from last month. Sales Tax is up 13% and use tax is up 8% for the month. Water Plant construction is moving along, walls are being formed. ODOT painted lines on the roads. The walking trail has been cleaned up from the bridge construction. The city bought a 2009 dump truck for \$28,000.00 and has received around \$8,000.00 for scrap metal.

16. Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Torres and seconded by Damon Lester. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

Aye: Brian Torres, Chris Gabriel, Damon Lester, Anakin Bryan, Mike Carroll

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.