

CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, January 14, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Members of the Cleveland City Council met in a special scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021, 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 12, 2021, at 4:56 p.m.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Scott Rusher called this meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Clerk Michelle Lehnus called roll with the following members present:
Present: Scott Rusher, Lee Merrifield, Mike Carroll, David Cordle
Absent: Brian Torres – arrived late 6:55 p.m.
3. **Flag Salute.** Flag salute led by Mayor Rusher.
4. **Invocation.** Invocation was led by David Cordle.
5. **Proposed executive session to discuss the employment, employment performance and possible suspension of Vicki Hagerman, the City Manager, and the appointment of an Acting City Manager and/or designating someone to be in charge all pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 25, Section 307(B)(1)& (7) where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law.** Prior to going into Executive Session Mayor Rusher announced that there would be no public comments at this meeting at that three police officers would be posted at the council chamber doors.
 - a. **Vote to go into executive session.** A motion was made by Scott Rusher and seconded by Mike Carroll to go into Executive Session. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (4-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield, David Cordle
Nay: None
 - b. **Vote to acknowledge return to open session.** A motion was made by Scott Rusher and seconded by Mike Carroll to return to open session. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0) * Brian Torres arrived at 6:55 p.m. while council was in Executive Session.*
Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield, David Cordle, Brian Torres
Nay: None
 - c. **Statement of executive session minute.** The Executive Session minute was ready by City Attorney Bryan Drummond in open session, no other matters were discussed and no votes were taken.
6. **Discussion and vote to suspend or not suspend Vicki Hagerman from her employment duties and authorize and direct the Mayor to sign and deliver the proposed suspension letter to Ms. Hagerman.** No council discussion occurred. A motion was made by Scott Rusher and seconded by David Cordle to suspend Vicki Hagerman from her employment duties and authorize and direct the Mayor to sign and deliver the proposed suspension letter to Ms. Hagerman. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0)
Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, David Cordle, Lee Merrifield, Brian Torres
Nay: None
7. **Discussion and vote to appoint an Acting City Manager and/or designate someone to be in charge and vest him/her with all powers and duties provided by law.** Mayor Rusher noted that the current Operations Manager/Police Chief would be designated to be in charge but clarified that this was not naming him as the City Manager. A motion was made by Scott Rusher and

seconded by Mike Carroll to designate Clint Stout to be in charge and vest him with all the powers and duties provided by law. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield, David Cordle

Nay: None

8. Discussion and vote to accept or reject any resignations submitted since the posting of the agenda. Mayor Scott Rusher announced that no resignation had been submitted and announced this matter would be stricken from the agenda.

9. Adjournment. A motion was made by Scott Rusher and seconded by Brian Torres to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried with the following roll call vote: (5-0)

Aye: Scott Rusher, Mike Carroll, Lee Merrifield, David Cordle

Nay: None

This meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Signature on File
Scott Rusher, Mayor

Signature on File
Michelle Lehnus, Clerk