

City Council met for a special called City Council meeting on January 7, 2022, in person at 907 E. Houston St., Cleveland, Texas, with Mayor Richard Boyett presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard Boyett, Mayor Pro-Tem James Franklin, Councilmember Carolyn McWaters, Councilmember Delores Terry, Councilmember Marilyn Clay, Councilmember Danny Lee, City Attorney David Olson, City Manager Bobby Pennington and City Secretary Angela Smith

EMPLOYEES: Sean Anderson, Ida Rodriguez, Savannah Cunningham, Jennifer Jeude, Scott Felts, Darrel Broussard, Stacy Williams, Ashleigh Broussard-Carter, Robert Reynolds

ATTENDEES: Vanesa Brashier, Fred Terrell, Mary Terrell, Joshua Zigal, Lance Blackwell

Mayor Richard Boyett called the special called City Council meeting to order at 2:00 pm and did a roll call of council, which showed that there was a quorum. Councilmember Lee arrived at 2:09 pm. Lance Blackwell gave the Invocation and City Manager Bobby Pennington led the pledge to the US and Texas flag.

Public Comments

1. **Public Comments.**

No public comments.

Executive Session

2. **Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.074, personnel matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties and/or compensation of the Interim City Manager.**

Council left for Executive Session at 2:05 pm.

Councilmember Lee arrived at 2:09 pm.

Return to Open Session

Council returned from Executive Session at 3:06 pm.

Councilmember Clay made a motion to adjourn. Motion failed due to lack of second.

3. **Consideration and possible action to appoint an Interim City Manager**

Councilmember McWaters made a motion to appoint Stacy Williams as Interim City Manager starting on January 10, 2022 with a second from Councilmember Franklin. Councilmembers Franklin, McWaters and Terry voted "AYE" with Councilmembers Clay and Lee voting "NAY". 3-2 Motion carried.

Councilmember Lee stated that his reason for voting against was that he had not had an opportunity to talk with Stacy. Lee thinks Stacy is a great guy and does good as Public Works Director. "We will help you out, but this process is not being done right." Mayor Boyett stated that the process for selecting an Interim City Manager was not being done right. Councilmember Clay stated she has spoken with Stacy as Public Works Director and thinks he is doing an excellent job here at the city. She was not informed about the meeting and the process was not done right.

Councilmember McWaters requested to add that if the Interim City Manager position does not work out for Stacy that he be able to return to Public Works Director. Attorney David Olson informed council that the authority of that decision rests with the City Manager's office and council does not make that decision and recommends leaving the motion as is.

City Manager Bobby Pennington thanked the City Council for the privilege of working with them for the last year. "City staff is great and Stacy will do a great job as Interim City Manager."

Councilmember Terry thanked Stacy for stepping up.

4. **Take any action on items from executive session, as needed.**

Councilmember Clay made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with a consulting firm with a second from Councilmember Franklin. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

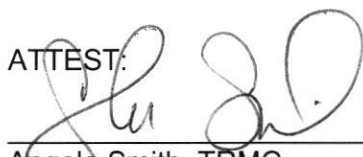
A question from the audience was asked to council if they had a chance to read a resume. Mayor Boyett responded "no".

Adjourn

Councilmember Lee made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember McWaters. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of February 2022.


Richard Boyett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Angela Smith, TRMC
Director of Admin Svcs
City Secretary