

City Council met for their monthly City Council meeting on January 17, 2023, in person at 907 E. Houston, Cleveland, Texas, with Mayor Boyett presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard Boyett, Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay, Councilmember Carolyn McWaters, Councilmember Eddie Lowery, Councilmember Fred Terrell

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Boyett called the monthly City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Invocation and Pledge

3. Public Comments

Rachel Hall – Leadership East Texas Class - update outside of log cabin and improve curb appeal. Inside flooring and remodel of restrooms has been done.

Phillip Cameron – moved office in 2011, 2015 was sent notice of annex by city, paid taxes has no city services, no city water or sewer.

4. Reports by City Staff and members of Council to which no action will be taken.

- Employees that have worked 5 years or more. Judge Ralph Fuller and Juan Beltran.

5. Proclamation for the day of Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer. Lance Blackwell – Cities Day of Prayer established in 2019 will be held on Feb. 12, 2023, at 3 p.m. at the Civic Center.

6. LCJ Development regarding Cleveland Square Apts. Proposed to invest over \$95,000 per unit. Through renovation, takes about a year to get the financing together. Starting rehab early next year and completing the rehab in late 2024. 48 units with rehab being done with most residents in place. ADA compliant with five that will be wheel chair accessibility and some for hearing impaired. Residents will continue to pay according to income, except 3 or 4 units that are not covered and the owner pays the difference for as long as tenant is there. LCJ Development is asking for Resolution of Support that says the City Council basically thinks this is a good idea and does not obligate the city except for the reduction of \$250 permit fee being waived.

7. Reports from Staff and Council - Councilmember Fred Terrell - Police Evidence Building – Place on next month's agenda. No action taken.

Consent Items

All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.

Consideration and possible action on:

8. Special Meeting Minutes for December 28, 2022.

9. Resolution 2023-0117-01 ordering and calling the Joint General Election with Liberty County for the purpose of electing Council Position 1, Council Position 2 and Mayor to be held May 6, 2023.

10. Joint Election Services Contract between the City of Cleveland and Liberty County Election Administrator's Office for Election Services and approve Joint Election for 2023 Election Services.

11. Resolution 2023-0117-02 ordering and calling the Joint General Election with Montgomery County for the purpose of electing Council Position 1, Council Position 2 and Mayor to be held May 6, 2023.

12. Joint Election Services Contract between the City of Cleveland and Montgomery County Election Administrator's Office for Election Services and approve Joint Election for 2023 Election Services.

13. Liberty County Inter-local Agreement between the Liberty County and the City of Cleveland. This county agrees to provide manpower and equipment for maintenance of streets, roads, ditches and recreational areas. The city agrees to compensate the county fairly.

14. Ordinance deleting Chapter 2 Administration, Article III Boards and Commissions Division 3 Library Board of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cleveland, Texas; and providing for severability.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay to approve and seconded by Councilmember Carolyn McWaters. Consent agenda items were approved 5 for 0 against.

Discussion and Action Items

15. Consideration and possible action on PDC LLC De-Annexation. City Manager asked that there be a De-Annexation Agreement. If further development occurs then the city would annex the property again.

Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay made the motion to enter into a De-Annexation agreement and Councilmember Carolyn McWaters seconded the motion. Motion approved.

5 for 0 against.

16. Consideration and possible action on curb and pavement striping on Sidewalk Project.

Grant is for making improvements to the downtown area. Recommended adding curbs and crosswalks. \$49 over the grant amount. Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay made the motion to approve and Councilmember Carolyn McWaters seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

4 for and 1 against with Desiree David voting No

17. Consideration and possible action on the Annual Cleveland Chamber of Commerce Agreement.

Annual Chamber of Commerce Agreement – Helps do a cost share between two parties. Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay made the motion to accept condition stated by Atty Mary Ann Powell and Councilmember Eddy Lowery made the seconded the motion with the condition stated by Atty Mary Ann Powell

5 for 0 against.

18. Presentation and discussion on City Sign Ordinance.

City Manager Scott Swigert asked, what direction does council want staff to go regarding the current sign ordinance? Motion was made to table the item by Councilmember Fred Terrell and seconded by Councilmember Eddy Lowery. Item tabled.

5 for 0 against.

19. Consideration and possible action on Gallagher Compensation Study.

Councilmember Eddy Lowry made the motion to accept the Gallagher Compensation Study. Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay seconded the motion. Motion approved.

5 for 0 against.

20. Consideration and possible action on Dispatcher Keller's pay.

Kelly Keller did not appear. Mrs. Keller received her pay. No action taken.

21. Consideration and possible action regarding appointments for boards and committees for 2023.

We currently have 11 boards. Councilmember Eddy Lowery made a motion for the Charter review committee to remove Elaine Campbell and Joe Bob Corley and add Danny Lee, Jerry Miller and Brian Chambers to the Charter. Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay made the motion to add these members to the Charter review and councilmember Eddy Lowery second the motion. Motion approved

4 for 1 against – Councilmember Carolyn McWaters voted No

Councilmember Fred Terrell suggested replacing EDC members Kelly Jenkel-Axton with Daren Baldwin, Michelle Wyatt with Rachel Hall and Scott Lambert with Niki Coats. Councilmember Eddy Lowery made the motion and Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay seconded. Motion approved

4 for 1 against - Councilmember Carolyn McWaters voted No.

22. Consideration and possible action on converting the 6500 gallon tank at the Cleveland Airport from "Jet A" fuel to "Aviation Gas" fuel.

Bring back cost associated with the change. No Action take in.

23. Consideration and possible action on TMLIRP coverage the Mayor and Council members.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem to obtain coverage for elected officials, seconded by Councilmember Eddy Lowery. Motion approved. 5 for 0 against.

24. Discussion on City Employee Training. TML provides training for various areas.

Encouraged to continue training. No Action Taken.