

City Council met for the monthly City Council meeting on January 19, 2021, in person at 907 E Houston, Cleveland Texas and virtually using Zoom.com and streaming live on the city's Facebook account due to social distancing needs related to COVID-19, with Mayor Richard Boyett presiding.

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

EMPLOYEES: Jennifer Jeude, Robert Reynolds, Lindsay Carr, Ralph Fuller, Ashleigh Broussard, Darrel Broussard, Leslie Herrera, Savannah Cunningham, Mary Cohn, Scott Felts

ATTENDEES: Lance Blackwell, Wanda Campbell, Carl Williamson, Fred Terrell, Pat Caserez, Justin Hamilton, Mike Wood, Irene Mathis, Billy Madrid, Rebekkah Sandt, Mike Scroggins, Les Swain

Mayor Richard Boyett called the monthly city council meeting to order at 6:01 pm and did a roll call of council, which showed there was a quorum and that this is a virtual meeting on Zoom and is on the city's Facebook account as a Facebook Live event. Pastor Carl Williams with Calvary Baptist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Boyett led the pledge to the US flag and City Secretary Smith led the pledge to the Texas flag.

Presentations and Comments

1. **Annual Proclamation of National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer to be held on Feb. 12, 2021**

Mayor Boyett read the proclamation aloud.

2. **Presentation by Aqua Metric on a proposed automatic water meter reading system**

Billy Madrid, Justin Hamilton, Mike Wood, and Irene Mathis with Aqua Metric presented to council. They are a Sensus distributor here in Texas. City staff visited Brenham to view their system. There will be one fixed base tower and one drive by system. The west side – LGI will have drive by system. The system works best installed on water towers as they are 80 feet tall, have power, and are owned by the City. Interim City Mgr Pennington stated that this is a cash project. They will bring back the contract next month and they are a Buyboard vendor.

3. **Public Comments.**

Ralph Fuller, Associate Municipal Judge, gave his thanks to council for being chosen to be the Municipal Court Judge starting in mid Feb 2021.

Jim Carson provided the Chamber of Commerce update.

4. **Reports and comments from City Council, Mayor or City staff.**

City Secretary Smith provided City general election information. Councilmember Lee stated he was not satisfied with Waste Management and that we need a better year than last year. He gets complaints about them all the time. Councilmember Clay commented she likes the lights on Travis and they are very nice looking. She also said thank you to the city staff for the changes that they have been doing as it is making a difference. Mayor Boyett said that the garbage cans from TCDJ were delivered today for the downtown project. Interim City Manager Pennington spoke about call for TxDOT

projects, paving, fire station tour and Rural Workforce Academy. Also stated that the Texas Emergency Hospital is a hub for the COVID-19 vaccine for Liberty County. Judge Steely's going away event will be held on Feb 11th at noon at the Municipal Court as his term is ending on Feb 14, 2021.

Consent Agenda

Consideration and possible action on following:

5. Minutes from City Council meeting held on December 15, 2020
6. Monthly Financial Report
7. A 2021 Joint Election Services Contract between Cleveland Independent School District, the City of Cleveland and Liberty County Election Administrator's Office for Election Services and approve Joint Election Resolution for 2021 Election Services. Considerar un Acuerdo de Elección Conjunta 2021 entre el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Cleveland, la Ciudad de Cleveland y Oficina del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Liberty para Servicios Electorales y aprobar la resolución para los Servicios Electorales 2021
8. An Ordinance ordering and calling the General Election for the purpose of electing Mayor, Council Position 1, and Council Position 2 to be held May 1, 2021, with a runoff date of June xx, 2021. Considerar una Ordenanza que ordene y llame a la Elección General con el fin de elegir la Alcade, la Posición 1 del Consejo y la Posición 2 del Consejo que se celebrarán el 1 de mayo de 2021 con una fecha de desempate del xx de Junio 2021.
9. An ordinance to continue authorization of participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
10. On Construction Contract Change Order No. 1 for Gulf Coast Limestone/Excel Construction for removal of metal trashcans from the Downtown Revitization CDBG Project 7218082 for a net decrease of (\$4,500)
11. On a one year agreement with Cleveland Chamber for use of the Cleveland Civic Center
12. On a one year agreement with Cleveland Rodeo for use of the Stancil Expo Center for 2021
14. On for staff to go out for budgeted Request for Bids for Utility Cut Repairs as needed during the fiscal year 2020-2021
16. Annual reappointment of chairman positions for TIRZ 1 and TIRZ 2 for effective date of Jan 2021

Mayor Boyett read the consent agenda items and Councilmember Lee asked to pull consent agenda item 15 to Discussion and Action and Councilmember Clay asked to pull consent agenda item 13 to Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Lee made a motion to approve consent agenda items 5 through 13 and item 14 with a second by Councilmember Franklin. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.