

City Council met for a special called City Council meeting on March 8, 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, Interim City Manager Stacy Williams and City Secretary Angela Smith

**EMPLOYEES:** Jennifer Jeude, Robert Reynolds, Ashleigh Broussard-Carter, Leslie Herrera, Pam Cogbill, Sheila Payne, Juanita Limon, Lindsay Carr, Savannah Cunningham, Cody Arnold, Wesley Matlock, Leanne Kirby, Michael Palmer, Sean Anderson

**ATTENDEES:** Anna Boyett, Kris Williams, Kyle C., Mike Penry, LaDerrington Baldwin, Jana B., Jack Wiegat, Jayme Wiegat, Mike Doyle, Eisha Jones, Wade, Durlene Davis, Jamie Boyett, Claudie Ray Scott, Michele Wyatt, Brent McWaters, Eddie Lowery, Vanesa Brashier, Sheriff Rader, Willie Carter, Fred Terrell, Mary Terrell, Bernest Mitchell

Mayor Richard Boyett called the special called City Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm and did a roll call of council, which showed that all were present so there was a quorum. Police Chief Darrel Broussard gave the invocation and everyone recited the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flag.

## **Public Comments**

### **1. Public Comments.**

- Mike Penry - addressed council on concerns with City Manager hiring process.
- Kris Williams - addressed council on Interim City Manager Stacy Williams experience.
- Fred Terrell - addressed council on process for hiring City Manager.
- Durlene Davis - addressed council on process for hiring City Manager.

## **Executive Session**

### **2. Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.071 for Consultation with Attorney.**

No executive session.

## **Return to Open Session**

### **3. Take action on any items from executive session as needed.**

No executive session.

## **Consent Agenda** **Consideration and possible action on (following):**

4. Approval of Right of Entry agreement with Cleveland ISD and City of Cleveland for the Northside Elevated Storage Tank project near FM 2025 and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the document.
5. Approval of a contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for construction materials engineering and testing services for Fire Station No. 2 project for an amount not to exceed \$24,490.00 and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the document
6. Approval of an Opioid Settlement Resolution for Endo Health Solutions Inc., Endo Pharmaceuticals, Endo International PLC, PAR Pharmaceutical, Inc. and PAR Pharmaceutical "ENDO" and "TEVA" and authorize the Mayor to execute the resolution and all other necessary documentation to participate as additional settling parties within the National Opioid Settlement Participation previously authorized by the City

Councilmember Lee made a motion to approve consent agenda items 4-6 with a second from Councilmember Clay. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

### Discussion and Action

7. Consideration and possible action on fireworks display agreement for 2022 with Celestial Displays, LLC and authorize Interim City Manager to sign the agreement

Tourism and Marketing Director Ashleigh Broussard-Carter met with Celestial Displays, LLC and discussed options for upgrading fireworks for the 2022 July 4th fireworks display. In the past, we have gone with the 15 minute fireworks show at \$15,000. Staff is recommending upgrading the fireworks to commercial grade and extending the show to 20 minutes at \$25,000. The cost for the fireworks show comes from sponsorship funds through the Cleveland Unity Committee.

Councilmember McWaters made a motion to approve the option of 20 minute commercial grade fireworks for \$25,000 with a second from Councilmember Clay. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

8. Consideration and possible action on discussion to terminate current Interim City Manager

Councilmember Lee stated he tried to get this meeting moved to the Civic Center but was turned down. He explained the timeline of events from the last city manager resigning to the meetings to appoint the new interim. He expressed his concerns. Councilmember Clay spoke and expressed her concerns about the process. Councilmember Terry gave her rebuttal to comments made as well as her thoughts on the subject. Councilmember Franklin had no comments. Councilmember McWaters provided her comments on the process and selection. Mayor Boyett expressed his opinions. City Attorney Olson replied to a question that was asked "Is it illegal to not post positions?" and the reply was "No."