

City Council met for the monthly City Council meeting/Public Hearing and Joint Public Hearing/Meeting with Zoning Commission on April 20, 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, City Manager Bobby Pennington, and City Secretary Angela Smith

**(virtual and in person) ATTENDEES:** Vanesa Brashier, Lance Blackwell, Tom Rutledge, Chris Trotter, Frieda White, Rodney Harrison, Rueben Johnson, Kelly Jenkel-Axton, Jim Carson, Preston Boswick, Mike Penry, Eisha Jones, Cheryl Driver, Brent McWaters, Sharica Lewis, Rekekka Sandt, Courtney Culpepper, Scotty Lewis, Hoots & Howling, Durlene Davis, Bob White

**EMPLOYEES:** Jennifer Jeude, Ashley Broussard, Leslie Herrera, Savannah Cunningham, Darrel Broussard, Sean Anderson, Mary Cohn, Robert Reynolds, Marina Ybanez, Lindsay Carr

Mayor Richard Boyett called the monthly city council meeting to order at 6:00 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 Rob Davis with Cleveland Church of Christ gave the invocation, all present said the pledge to the US flag and the pledge to the Texas flag.

The Zoning Commission meeting was opened by Board Vice Chair Mike Penry at 6:04 pm and established their quorum. Board Chair Julia Payne was absent.

### **Joint Public Hearing with City Council & Zoning Commission**

1. **Open Public Hearing on proposed ordinance to amend the Comprehensive Zoning and Map to accurately reflect certain annexed areas on the map by following the lot lines.**

Public Hearing was opened at 6:04 pm. There were no comments or questions.

2. **Close Public Hearing**

The public hearing closed at 6:06 pm. Zoning Commission moved into the Boardroom to complete their meeting and will come back to City Council with their formal recommendation.

### **Public Hearing on Zoning Change**

3. **Open Public Hearing on proposed ordinance amending the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Map to allow water and sewer plants to be eligible to apply for a specific use permit in all existing Zoning Districts**

- a. The public hearing will be held specifically on the following item:

A final report of the Zoning Commission recommending approval and consideration by City Council of an ordinance of the City of Cleveland, Texas, amending the City's code of ordinances by revising Chapter 126, "Zoning" by adding a new section 126-122(8), amending section 126-137(3), amending section 126-147(3), amending section 126-162(5), adding a new section 126-172(e), amending section 126-192(56), adding a new section 126-202(3), and adding a new section 126-212(38),

providing that water and sewer plants are eligible for consideration under a specific use permit in all zoning districts; providing for severability; providing for repeal; providing for a penalty as provided by section 1-10 of the code of ordinances; providing for other provisions related to the subject.

Public hearing was opened at 6:06 pm. This change will allow water and sewer plants eligible for consideration under a specific use permit in all zoning districts. There were no comments.

4. **Close Public Hearing**

Public hearing was closed at 6:10 pm.

**Presentation and Comments**

5. **Presentation of Employee Service Awards for April 2021**

Marina Ybanez was present to receive her award from City Manager Pennington for her five years of service with the city.

6. **Presentation by Swim USA-Woodlands on local swim outreach plans**

City Manager Pennington and his staff have been working on a new project to assist the kids in the city. Chris Collier spoke about a year round swim lessons program with Swim USA using the Conroe ISD Natatorium. City Manager Pennington spoke about the interlocal agreement that is being worked out with the Cleveland ISD to use their bus and driver for transportation. A liability form is required to go onto the bus and once they are turned over to the Swim-USA care, they are covered under their insurance.

7. **Presentation by TNP – Tom Rutledge on Cleveland ISD School Construction Projects for location near FM 2025**

Tom Rutledge spoke on the school project. There have been several meetings with city staff and/or council. He spoke about the access issue on FM 2025. Discussion occurred about building a road from the new proposed school to US 59 where it connects to Washington.

8. **Public Comments**

Jim Carson provided the chamber update.

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

- Bobby Pennington – launching Food Truck Fusion on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Stancil Expo
- Danny Lee – thanks for coming, splash pad is coming up and there are roads and pot holes that need fixing. Cleveland is growing.
- Delores Terry – City is coming up. Thanks Robert Reynolds for your hard work.
- Carolyn McWaters – Glad to see all and happy to be here.
- Marilyn Clay – thanks all. Introduced an investor in the audience from Washington State, Nancy Trumble Laney.
- Angela Smith – gave civic center update on construction

**Consent Agenda**

**Consideration and possible action on following:**

10. **Minutes from City Council meeting held on March 16, 2021**