

City Council met for their monthly called City Council meeting on July 19, 2022, in person at 907 E. Houston, Cleveland, Texas, with Mayor Richard Boyett presiding.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Richard Boyett, Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay, Carolyn McWaters, Eddie Lowery, Desiree David, Fred Terrell, Interim City Manager Robert Reynolds, City Secretary Terralyn May, City Attorney Mary Ann Powell

Mayor Richard Boyett called the monthly City Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm and did a roll call of council, which showed that there was a quorum. Pastor Charles gave the Invocation and everyone recited the pledge to the US and Texas flag.

## **Presentations and Public Comments**

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

- **Jimmy Rodriguez** - spoke about getting batting cages at city park
- **Karri Duggar** - spoke about Cleveland Historical Museum issues and needing volunteers

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

- **Fred Terrell** - spoke about wanting to discuss updates on current projects
- **Carolyn McWaters** - spoke about Ollies grand opening and ballfield dedication
- **Terralyn May** - excited to be here
- **Richard Boyett** - presented plaque to outgoing councilmember Danny Lee
- **Darrel Broussard** - spoke about the active shooter course program being held at Cleveland Jr. High

## **Consent Agenda**

### **3. Approval of Monthly Financial Report**

Councilmember Terrell made a motion to move Item 3 to discussion and action.

Finance Director Leslie Herrera went over items on the monthly financial report.

Councilmember Terrell made a motion to approve the monthly financial report with a second from Councilmember McWaters. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

## **Discussion and Action**

### **4. Discussion by citizen Julia Payne on issues in the Tanglewood subdivision and consideration and possible action by city council**

Citizen Julia Payne addressed council on issues in the Tanglewood subdivision related to traffic, drainage and road damage.

### **5. Consideration and possible action on recommendation from Health Benefits Committee for insurance bids from recent RFP and awarding bid for medical insurance for city employees and retirees for fiscal year 2022-2023 with no change in dental, vision or life vendors**

Chuck with Gallagher addressed council on the 2022-2023 fiscal year employee insurance. This year would be a passive enrollment with no changes. The Health

Benefits Committee recommends moving forward with no changes and the City absorb the additional costs.

Councilmember Clay made a motion to approve with a second from Councilmember McWaters. All members present voted "AYE".

6. **Discussion and possible action on agreement with Pace Stancil to reset monuments that have fallen over in the Cleveland Memorial Cemetery.**

West with Pace Stancil addressed council on the proposed agreement. The City will pay \$300 a piece for labor and materials for 12 monuments and Pace Stancil will donate labor and materials for 12 additional. Pace Stancil will reset monuments and clean them up.

Councilmember Lowery made a motion to proceed with a second from Councilmember McWaters. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

7. **Discussion, consideration and possible action on request to discontinue the Austin Memorial Library membership fees**

Library Director Mary Cohn spoke to council about the Austin Memorial Library fees and the benefits of discontinuing membership fees.

Councilmember Clay made a motion to discontinue the fees with a second from Councilmember Lowery. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

8. **Consideration and possible action on placing a barricade on Mildred Street in effort to alleviate additional traffic through the Tanglewood neighborhood due to the Northside School opening this fall 2022.**

Chief Broussard addressed council in support of having the barricade to assist with alleviating school traffic in the neighborhood.

Councilmember Lowery made a motion to place permanent barricades on Mildred Street with a second from Councilmember McWaters. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

9. **Consideration and possible action on in-kind or reduced fee facility use request from Leadership East Texas Inc. for classes to be held at the Civic Center starting September 2022 and going through April 2023.**

Jim Carson with Leadership East Texas spoke to council on his request for an in-kind or reduced fee for the Leadership East Texas classes at the Civic Center. that are held September 2022 through April 2023.

Council discussed the current costs for renting the civic center and if fees can be set for in-kind requests. Civic Center Director Ashleigh Broussard-Carter said that the in-kind policy can be revisited and updated.

Councilmember Lowery made a motion to reduce the facility fee for Leadership East Texas to ¼ of the cost of what the rental of the room would be with a second from Councilmember Terrell. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

Council left for Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

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

11. Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property to wit: real property located generally north of the intersection of Blair Street and Birch Street.
12. Closed Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the applications for appointment of the City Manager.

### Return to Open Session

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:23 p.m.

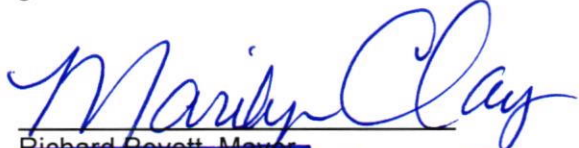
13. Take action on items from executive session as needed.

No action taken.

### Adjourn

Councilmember Clay made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Lowery. Council adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022

  
~~Richard Boyett, Mayor~~  
MARILYN CLAY, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

  
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Terralyn J. May  
City Secretary