

City Council met for a **City Council meeting on August 16, 2022**, in person at 907 E. Houston, Cleveland, Texas, with Mayor Richard Boyett presiding.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay, Councilmember Carolyn McWaters, Councilmember Eddie Lowery, Councilmember Desiree David; Councilmember Fred Terrell

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor Richard Boyett

**ATTENDEES:** Interim City Manager Robert Reynolds, City Secretary Terralyn J. May, Deputy City Secretary Jennifer Jeude, City Attorney Mary Ann Powell, Finance Director Leslie Herrera, Police Chief Darrell Broussard, Library Director Mary Cohn, Public Works Superintendent Cody Arnold.

**Roll Call:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and did a roll call of council, which showed that there was a quorum.

**Invocation and Pledge:**

School Superintendent McCanless gave the invocation and everyone recited the pledge to the U.S. and Texas flags.

**Public Comments:**

No Public Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Clay shared employee anniversary milestones.

Presentation - Employee Longevity Appreciation by Police Chief Darrell Broussard

- a. 5 Years – Jeffrey Arnett Jr., Police Department
- b. 20 Years – David Edwards, Police Department

Nick Fanin with GrantWorks presented his companies services.

Craig Clairmont with KSA Engineers presented the progress on city-wide projects.

**Discussion and Action Items**

**Item 7-12** - Councilmember Eddie Lowery made a motion to approve Items seven (7) through twelve (12) as Consent Agenda Items that was seconded by Councilmember Fred Terrell.

All council members approved – motion passed.

**Item 13** - Attorney Mary Ann Powell clarified that the Ordinance #1302-220816-1 an Ordinance of the City of Cleveland, Texas authorizing the suspension of the effective date for an additional ninety (90) days beyond the august 5, 2022, effective date proposed by Entergy Texas, Inc., in connection with its rate increase application entitled “application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for authority to change rates”, filed on July 1, 2022; authorizing participation with the Entergy Texas, Inc. service area cities steering committee hiring of experts; authorizing the city’s participation to the full extent permitted by law at the Public Utility Commission of Texas; requiring reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject, and declaring an effective date had been previously approved in July of 2022.

**Item 14** – Attorney Powell explained the changes in legislature effecting this the agreement by and among the City of Cleveland, Texas, Reinvestment Zone Number Two, Cleveland, Texas, and Cleveland Municipal Utility District Number One.

Councilmember Lowery made a motion to approve the ordinance based on the agreement of the TIRZ that was seconded by Councilmember McWaters.

All council members approved – motion passed.

**Item 15** - In-Kind use of the Cleveland Municipal Park by 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Play for Kade Fundraiser, Co-Ed Softball Tournament presented by Civic Center Director Ashleigh Broussard

Councilmember McWaters made a motion to approve that was seconded by Councilmember David.

All council members approved – motion passed.

**Item 16** - “City Facility In-Kind Use” policy presented by Civic Center Director Broussard.

Councilmember Lowery made a motion to approve that was seconded by Councilmember Terrell.

All council members approved – motion passed.

**Item 17** - Administrative and Engineering Services for the Community Development Block Grant Regional COG Method of Distribution (CDBG COG MOD) administered through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the City of Cleveland to go out for bid presented by Interim City Manager Robert Reynolds.

Councilmember Lowery made a motion to approve that was seconded by Councilmember McWaters

All council members approved – motion passed.

**Item 18** – Interim City Manager shared staffing needs of the city.

**Item 19** – Interim City Manager Reynolds discussed the current RFQs – TCEQ Permit, 12” Waterline and General Engineering asked to move to the end of the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem agreed.

**Item 20** – Councilmember Lowery led a discussion regarding a review process of the City’s Boards, Committees and Commissions.

**Item 21** – Interim City Manager Reynolds gave the history and desired uses for the City owned lot at the corner of West Hanson and South San Jacinto streets.

Mayor Pro-Tem Marilyn Clay chose to go into Executive Session to discuss the City Manager Position based on Texas Government Code 551.074 Personnel Matters.

Council left for Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

**Action from Executive Session:**

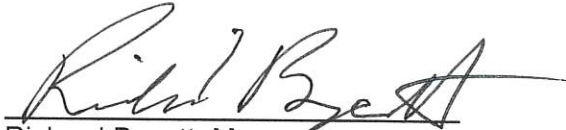
No action resulting from the Executive Session.

**Item 19** – Interim City Manager Reynolds introduced Hector Fortier with Bleyl Engineering who shared his company information and introduced Travis Walker and Blake Derringer.

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Lowery made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember McWaters. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022

  
Richard Boyett, Mayor  
Or Marilyn Clay, Mayor Pro - Tem

ATTEST:

  
Terralyn J. May  
City Secretary