

City Council met for the monthly City Council meeting on April 17, 2018 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 907 E. Houston, with Mayor Otis Cohn presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Otis Cohn, Councilmember Mike Penry, Councilmember Marilyn Clay, Councilmember Carolyn McWaters, Councilmember Jennifer Bergman, Councilmember Danny Lee, City Manager Kelly McDonald, City Secretary Angela Smith and City Attorney David Olson

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Bill McAdams, Jim Carson, Lance Blackwell, Ms. Comeaux, Fred Terrell, Mrs. Pendley

**EMPLOYEES:** Billy Pendley Rod Hailey, Glen Barnhill, Sean Anderson, Darrel Broussard, Bobby Pennington, Frieda Joyce

Mayor Otis Cohn called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and stated there was a quorum. Pastor Tommy Ham gave the invocation and Councilmember Bergman led the pledge to the Texas flag and Councilmember Clay led the pledge to the US flag.

### **Presentations and Comments**

**1. Proclamation on Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

Mayor read the proclamation out loud.

**2. Presentation of Service Awards for April**

City Manager Kelly McDonald presented the award to Billy Pendley for his service time of five years. He was present to receive the award.

**3. Public Comments.**

- Jim Carson gave the Chamber update.
- Bill McAdams stated that the council is doing a great job.

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

- Councilmember Bergman apologized for being absent at the last council. She was attending a training class in South Carolina.
- City Manager McDonald gave a calendar of upcoming events.
- City Secretary Smith reminded all that the May 5, 2018 General Election had been cancelled due to unopposed candidates.
- Councilmember Clay thanked Mr. McAdams for his kind words and appreciated Ms. Comeaux for attending the meetings.
- Mayor Cohn thanked Councilmember McWaters for her service as she will be leaving council next month.

### **Consent Agenda**

**5. Consider acceptance of monthly financial report for month ending March 2018**

**6. Consider minutes from monthly City Council meeting on March 20, 2018 and Special Called City Council Meeting, March 6, 2018.**

**7. Consider request from Brazos Transit District for an updated agreement to provide transit services for the City of Cleveland and authorize City Manager to sign**

**8. Consider ordinance of the City of Cleveland suspending the rates proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp for 45 days beyond effective date**

Councilmember Penry made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 5-8 as presented with a second from Councilmember Lee. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

### **Discussion and Action**

9. **Consider request from Cleveland Head Start for waiver of rental fees at the Cleveland Civic Center for half of the ballroom for their preschool graduation on June 21, 2018 at 10:00 am**

Tourism & Marketing Director Joyce informed Council that Cleveland Head Start does hold their three day training class at the Civic Center which they pay for the rooms so she is in favor of approving their request tonight. Discussion occurred on creating policy for in-kind requests as they are becoming more frequent and council needs to be consistent.

Councilmember McWaters made a motion to approve the request from Cleveland Head Start for waiver of rental fees at the Cleveland Civic Center for half of ballroom for June 21, 2018 contingent on them using the Civic Center for their three day event with a second from Councilmember Clay. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

10. **Consider a bid on tax trust property account no. 002590-000011-004 in the amount of \$500 from Principal House Buyers LLC for property located at 604 Lamar, Blagg-Fenner, Block B, Lot 1**

Councilmember McWaters made a motion to deny this bid with a second from Councilmember Bergman. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

11. **Consider a bid on tax trust property account no. 005400-000097-008 in the amount of \$500 from Principal House Buyers LLC for property located at 1704 ½ Ross Ave, Sec 1, Block 5, Lot 13, Acres .1722**

Councilmember McWaters made a motion to deny this bid with a second from Councilmember Bergman. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

12. **Consider a bid on tax trust property account no. 004060-000016-009 in the amount of \$250 from Principal House Buyers LLC for property located at 1009 Adams, Lot 17, Block 1, Edwards Addition, .1145 Acres**

Councilmember Clay made a motion to deny this bid with a second from Councilmember Bergman. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

13. **Consider approving quote for vendor for an emergency alert notification system for the City of Cleveland.**

Chief Building Official Barnhill presented this request to council. Nixle/Everbridge is who Liberty County uses. It is a three year contract and you can use text or email alerts for up to 3,183 customers. This can be increased if needed. The cost is one-time fee of \$4,000 and annual fee of \$3,500. It is emergency notifications only. It will be for the City of Cleveland exclusively.

Councilmember Clay made a motion to approve the vendor Nixle and the quote Q-12442 for the emergency alert notification system with a second from Councilmember McWaters. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

Councilmember Bergman made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Penry.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

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Mayor Otis Cohn

**ATTEST:**

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Angela Smith, City Secretary