

City Council met for the monthly City Council meeting on February 16, 2021, virtually using Zoom.com and streaming live on the city's Facebook account as the arctic winter storm prevented travelling and 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

No attendees except the City Manager and City Secretary were physically present at this meeting due to city hall being closed because of arctic storm. All other participants were virtual.

Mayor Richard Boyett called the monthly city council meeting to order at 6:04 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. Danny Lee gave the invocation and all present did the pledge to the US flag and the Texas flag.

Presentations and Comments

1. **Presentation of Employee Service Awards for February 2021**

City Manager Pennington stated that this month's service award went to David Everhart with Public Works. He has worked for the city for five years.

2. **Proclamation in observance of Black History Month - February**

Mayor Boyett read the proclamation aloud.

3. **Cleveland ISD update by Mr. Chris Trotter**

Mr. Trotter provided an update on school construction projects. He was asked about generators at schools and the reply was that every building will have a generator installed. City Manager Pennington spoke about the water projects that the city will be working with the school. Mr. Trotter thanked the city for their partnership with the school district.

4. **State of the City Address by Mayor Richard Boyett**

Mayor Boyett gave his State of the City Address.

5. **Public Comments.**

None

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

Councilmember James Franklin – Thanked city employees for all they are doing during this storm.

Councilmember Carolyn McWaters – Agreed with Mr. Franklin's statement and stated City Manager Pennington and City Secretary Smith and entire city staff has done a great job.

Councilmember Marilyn Clay – Commended city staff for a great job and acknowledged Black History reading program. On Sunday, Robert Reynold, Patrick C and Marilyn attended the ribbon cutting for the Catholic Church new property. She mentioned that

William N. Thomas was the first African American to be elected to City Council as recorded at the Cleveland Historical Museum.

Councilmember Danny Lee – proud of the employees of the city.

City Secretary Angela Smith – informed city council that the May 2021 General Election will be cancelled due to unopposed candidates.

City Manager Pennington informed city council that the Cleveland Civic Center has sustained water damage due to arctic storm.

Consent Agenda

Consideration and possible action on following:

7. **Minutes from City Council meeting held on January 13 and January 19, 2021**
8. **Monthly Financial Report**
9. **Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ending December 31, 2020**
10. **Resolution of the City Council of Cleveland Texas Declaring Certain Personal Property of the City to be Surplus and Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Dispose of this Surplus Property (Police department vehicles)**
11. **Amended contract with KSA Engineering for Phase II, Downtown Revitization Project due to lower engineering grant costs**
12. **Contract with Aqua Metrics for automatic water meters/tower**

Mayor Boyett read the consent agenda items.

Councilmember Lee made a motion to approve consent agenda items 7 through 12 with a second by Councilmember Franklin. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Discussion and Action

13. **Resolution for street closure on March 4, 2021 at the intersection of N. Travis and E. Crockett for the installation and reveal of Mayor Otis Cohn's memorial marker**

Councilmember Clay made a motion to approve the resolution for street closure with a second by Councilmember McWaters. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

14. **Consideration and possible action on accepting the Fire Station Committee recommendation for new fire station and consideration and possible action on approving revised contract with BRW Architects, Inc. for new fire station project and authorize city manager to sign the contract**

There are some changes to the contract as there were some savings that were made which reduced the fees to \$422k, which puts the new fire station estimate around \$4.3 million, or less.

Councilmember Franklin made a motion to approve the contract with BRW Architects, Inc for new fire station project and authorized the city manager to sign the contract with a second by Councilmember McWaters. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.