



Cleveland City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 02, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department – 342 Campbell Street, Cleveland, GA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Josh Turner, Council Members Nan Bowen (Mayor Pro Tem), Annie Sutton, Jeremy McClure, and C.J. McDonald

Also, present were City Manager Kevin Harris, City Attorney Keith Whitaker, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie

INVOCATION

1. Pastor John Harrison, Nacoochee Presbyterian Church, and White County Ministerial Alliance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Proclamation

Mayor Turner stated that the Proclamation will be presented at an event later in the month.

Motion by Council Member Sutton, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the Proclamation.

3. Officer of the Year Award

Chief Shoemaker stated that Officer David Bruce was selected by his peers as Officer of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Approval to add signers for the America250 checking account

Mr. Harris stated that a new checking account designated for America 250 is needed to simplify reporting and for accountability purposes. He stated that the check signers would be the Mayor and Council, himself, Finance Director John Solmon, and City Clerk Lisa Ritchie.

Motion by Council Member McDonald, seconded by Council Member McClure, and voted, unanimously, to approve the America 250 checking account signers.

5. United Way Payroll Deduction

Mr. Harris stated that all employees will have the opportunity to voluntarily participate in payroll deductions to support the United Way of White County.

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member Sutton, and voted, unanimously, to approve employees the option to voluntarily participate in payroll deductions to support the United Way of White County.

CALLED MEETING/MEETING MINUTES

6. February 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

7. February 23, 2026 Called Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council Member Bowen, seconded by Council Member McDonald, and voted, unanimously, to approve the February 2, 2026 Meeting, and the February 23, 2026 Called Meeting Minutes.

CITY ATTORNEY KEITH WHITAKER

Mr. Whitaker had no items to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN HARRIS

Mr. Harris discussed the following items:

- Progress on the new City Hall/Police Department
- Openings of two positions in the Fire Department
- America's 250 is under way
- Commendations to Officer Bruce and Public Safety as a whole

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Ritchie gave the announcements.

8. The White County Water Authority Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the White County Water Authority
9. The next Cleveland City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department
10. The Planning and Zoning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Springs Community Center/Police Department

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pending Litigation

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, to enter an Executive Session at 6:46 p.m.

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member McDonald and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Council Member McDonald opened the door to allow citizens to return to the regular meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by Council Member McClure, seconded by Council Member Sutton and voted, unanimously, to adjourn the Meeting of March 2, 2025, at 7:19 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, _____.

Josh Turner

Mayor

Jeremy McClure

Council Member
District 3

Nan Bowen

Council Member
District 1
Mayor Pro Tem

C.J. McDonald

Council Member
District 4

ATTEST:

Annie Sutton

Council Member
District 2

Lisa A. Ritchie

City Clerk