

Town of Cleveland
July 10, 2025
Regular Council Meeting
Town Hall
7:00pm

Audience gave Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor James Sullivan at 7:00pm.

Roll Call:

Councilmembers Jason Grigsby, Donna McDougal, Chad Pass, Tommy Swindle, Alex Faulkner was present.

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley, Superintendent Steve Pass, Town Attorney Alex Smith, Police Chief Ken Evans, Assistant Police Chief Bill Ferry, Office Manager Michele Sanders, Russell Rhodes, Scott Kon, Kala Thomas, Kristy Thomas, Jeffery Ellis, Joslyn Blair, Carolyn Breeding, Evan the Therapy Dog, Monica Moorer

Reading of June 12, 2025, minutes

Reading of July 07, 2025, minutes

A motion was made by Chad Pass and seconded by Jason Grigsby. approved as submitted.

On the agenda to Speak:

Joslyn Blair with the Blount County Juvenile Court system spoke regarding the need for the increase of donation, along with Carolyn Breeding gave a presentation with Evan the therapy dog and what his job duties are for the juveniles when they are having to give testimonies.

Mayor Report:

Mayor James Sullivan informed the council of the copy of the Yearly Audit that was handed out in the special meeting for the council to review for the August Council meeting.

Board Committee Reports:

Park Board-

Alex Faulkner made the council aware that in the agenda packet there is the Flyer for Party at the Park on July 19th, coed softball and wiffle ball tournament. All proceeds from this go to the park.

Grant Committee- N/A

Medical Clinic-

Mayor James Sullivan let the council know he met with a contractor about the updated plans with the drive-through for the Medical Clinic.

Chamber Board- Alex Faulkner said he attended his first Zoom meeting.

Utility Board- Superintendent Steve Pass presented the need for a new ice machine for the shop at the water department and presented a quote of \$ 1299.99.

A motion was made by Tommy Swindle and Chad pass seconded to purchase the Ice machine for the water shop in the amount of \$1299.99. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

Superintendent Steve Pass presented the letter from the bid award to the lowest bidder, Pipework's Plus, for \$774,800, but this is pending negotiations of lowering the price.

A motion was made by Jason Grigsby and Tommy Swindle seconded to accept the bid award to Pipework's Plus pending negotiations to lower price. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

Police Department – Police Chief Ken Evans asked for a refund letter to go the 911 Dispatch for the purchase of radios in 2022, at this time Superintendent Steve Pass spoke for the 911 board and stated that a refund will be issued for each radio in the amount of \$900 for each radio that was purchased in 2022. And 1 year free of service.

A motion was made by Tommy Swindle and Jason Grigsby seconded to accept 911 dispatch reimbursement of \$900.00 per radio that was purchased in 2022- and 1-year free service. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

Police Chief Ken Evans spoke on the benefits of Lexipol for the police department for every changing polices for law enforcement, a presented the \$7,426.80 price and contract for 1st year.

A motion was made by Tommy Swindle and Chad Pass seconded to accept the contract and \$7426.00 or Lexipol for 1 year. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

Police Chief Ken Evans spoke to council about the use of a reserve officer to ride with APOST officer to earn credit towards the Police Academy, and the cost for a reserve officer is \$250.00 with AMIC for 1 year.

A motion was made by Tommy Swindle and Jason Grigsby seconded to pay \$250.00 a year to AMIC for a reserve officer to ride with APOST officer. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

Multi-Purpose Board -N/A

Old Business:

Blount County Juvenile court system in the amount of \$ 5000.00.
After the presentation and more insight from the Speaker Joslyn Blair.

A motion was made by Alex Faulkner and Donna McDougal seconded to donate \$5000.00 to Blount County Juvenile Court system. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

New Business:

Mayor James Sullivan presented the Cleveland Highschool Football sign renewal in the amount of \$100.00

A motion was made by Chad Pass and Tommy Swindle seconded to sign renewal for \$100 to Cleveland High School Football. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

Mayor James Sullivan presented to send Town Clerk Miranda Shirley to the 2-day workshop for grant writing that the Alabama League of Municipalities recommend in the amount of \$350.00.

A motion was made by Tommy Swindle and Jason Grigsby seconded to send Town Clerk Miranda Shirley to the grant writing 2-day workshop in the amount of \$350.00. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

Mayor James Sullivan presented a quote from Rustin Signs on Welcome to Cleveland Signs in the amount of \$7785.00. After much discussion this will be tabled at this time and look for other quotes.

Mayor James Sullivan presented Ordinance 2025-07 Otelco Franchise Agreement.

A motion was made by Donna McDougal and Chad Pass seconded to adopt the Ordinance 2025-07 Otelco Franchise Agreement. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

Mayor James Sullivan presented Ordinance 2025-08 Lodging Tax.

A motion was made by Donna McDougal and Chad Pass seconded to adopt the Ordinance 2025-08 Lodging Tax. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

Mayor James Sullivan presented Resolution 2025-07 Uncontested Council Seat 1 for Jason Grigsby accompanied by the Certificate of Election.

A motion was made by Chad Pass and Donna McDougal seconded to adopt the Resolution 2025-07 Uncontested Council Seat 1 for Jason Grigsby accompanied by the Certificate of Election. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

Mayor James Sullivan presented Resolution 2025-08 Uncontested Council Seat 2 for Donna McDougal accompanied by the Certificate of Election.

A motion was made by Chad Pass and Alex Faulkner seconded to adopt the Resolution 2025-08 Uncontested Council Seat 2 for Donna McDougal accompanied by the Certificate of Election. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

Mayor James Sullivan presented Resolution 2025-09 Uncontested Council Seat 3 for Chad Pass accompanied by the Certificate of Election

A motion was made by Tommy Swindle and Jason Grigsby seconded to adopt the Resolution 2025-09 Uncontested Council Seat 3 for Chad Pass accompanied by the Certificate of Election. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

Mayor James Sullivan presented Resolution 2025-010 Uncontested Council Seat 5 for Alex Faulkner accompanied by the Certificate of Election.

A motion was made by Tommy Swindle and Chad pass seconded to adopt the Resolution 2025-10 Uncontested Council Seat 5 for Alex Faulkner accompanied by the Certificate of Election All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

Mayor James Sullivan presented Resolution 2025-011 Appointment of Election Officers.

A motion was made by Jason Grigsby and Chad pass seconded to adopt the Resolution 2025-11 Appointment of Election Officers. All yes. Motion passed by a roll call vote

Attorney Alex Smith brought up the Commissioner Public Hearing that he and Mayor Sullivan attended. Encouraging as many as possible to attend the Solid Waste hearing on July 29th @ 10am, and the August 7th Blount County Commissioner meeting when the vote should take place about the Tire Land Fill.

Attorney Alex Smith and Superintendent Steve Pass brought up the ongoing litigation about the water line located on 79, Judge King denied the motion on moving court date up, so case will be heard on original court date in September.

The Mayor and Council were presented with June 2025 General Fund and Water Department Financial Statements.

A Move was made by Chad Pass to adjourn. All agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor, James Sullivan

Miranda Shirley, Town Clerk