Town of Cleveland
August 13, 2026
Town Hall
6:00pm

Audience gave Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
Council member Alex Faulkner led in prayer.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor James Sullivan at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

Council members Jason Grigsby, Chad Pass, Monica Moorer, and Alex Faulkner were present. Donna McDougal was absent

Others present:

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley, Office Manager Michele Sanders, Superintendent Steve Pass, Mike Killette, Town Attorney Alex Smith, Justin Ragsdale, Eliso Perez, Jerria Perez, Tario Butts, Donnie Chastain, Crystal Evans

Reading of July 9,2026 minutes. A motion was made by Chad Pass and second by Monica Moorer approved as submitted.

Reading of July 23, 2026, minutes. A motion was made by Chad Pass and second by Monica Moorer approved, with correction on page 10 to put Councilmember Jason Grigsby name not Alex Faulkner about the bandwidth.

Mayor Report: N/A

On Agenda to Speak
BJ Animal Angels Foundation-Unable to attend
Commissioner Brad Harvey-Unable to attend

Cleveland Alcohol Board:
Alcohol Board Representative and Fire Chief Steve Pass stated Mayor, we got an application here from Margarita's Cantina, and I have gone through their application. They had everything in order on it. But on their fire inspection, they had a few violations. I think they're up for reinspection the 21st of this month, which could be sooner if they get ready. But it'd be our recommendation to deny the license till they get these a few violations corrected. So, we do have it on schedule for the 21st, but if they get them done and need them done beforehand, then we can send somebody to inspect it, and then we'll be ready to issue a license.

Mayor James Sulllivan asked to Eliseo Preze y'all be able to get these corrections done by the 21st? Okay, or if you get them done sooner, he said they could get to you soon.

Councilmember Monica Moorer asked So we won't have to meet again in order to pass that, right?

Mayor Sullivan responded, No we don’t.

Steve Pass stated That would be our recommendation that you deny for right now until they get these violations corrected. When they do, they notify us and if they pass the inspection, then I would say okay. If that's want y'all want to do.

Mayor James Sullivan responded Okay, just let us know and then we can let them Yeah, we need to vote, I guess, on accepting.

Councilmember Monica Moorer asked So we're going to vote that once they clear it, then we give them a thumbs up and we don't have to meet again.? Okay, got it. So we say yes, right?

Mayor James Sullivan, Do we have a motion to accept the Alcohol Board's recommendation at this time?

Councilmember Chad Pass made a motion to accept the Alcohol license for Margaritas when they pass their fire reinspection. Councilmember Monica Moorer second the motion. All Yes Motion approved with roll call vote.

Park Board:

Councilman Alex Faulkner Okay, so from the park board, an update I want to give is Coach Angelo has come in a couple times, Miranda, and settled for his time that he's been using our facilities. I was going to talk about the culvert issue, but I see that that's on the agenda for, I'll let Steve do that. We are looking at a workday. Probably sometime closer to the end of the year to get some things cleaned up and work on our infields a little bit because it does look like we are going to be still in this park for next fall season unfortunately. And then I texted Justin a little bit this afternoon and he wanted me to just mention tonight we don't have prices or anything to look at but the park board would like for us to consider replacing. The rubber pitching mound, is it rubber or it's kind of plywood, ain't it?

Justin Ragsdale responded from the public seating, well, it's an aluminum mound. The rubber has completely been torn off of it.

Councilmember Alex Faulkner It's been used for just use for a long time.

Mayor James Sullivan So is that the portable mound you're talking about?

Councilmember Alex Faulkner Yes, the portable mound.

So, I'll work with them on that and try to get some numbers together and bring that back to you all hopefully in the next month or two we can get that may be purchased before we start back ball season. I think that that's all that I have on for now.

Councilmember Donna Mc Dougal Asked Was it just the one field? Is that the pitching mound?

Councilmember Alex Faulkner Yeah, we just have one. Yes, portable. They can move it from field to field if they need to. So, we could just replace that with one and be fine.

Councilmember Chad Pass We at one point we did buy the L screens. Have we got those for every field and facility? I would like to have one of those for everybody that's pitching batting practice. Very minor expense considering what it could save and If y'all don't know my history involved in it, I'd be glad to tell you the story one time, but I think that investment that could be monies well spent. There aren't nobody needs to be throwing batting in practice without behind a L screen or I don't know what you call it softball, but C screen.

Justin Ragsdale replied We just have them for the two lanes and the cages

Councilmember Alex Faulkner Yes; we can look at that for sure. We can get prices on that.

Grant:
N/A

Medical Center:
N/A
Chamber -.
Councilmember Alex Faulkner, I've been meaning to do this for a couple months and I always forget but there is in your packet and agenda from our meeting from this week and then some minutes from our July meeting. A lot going on with the chamber, more than I can ever remember to talk about here. So just look at that agenda, look at those minutes, and you'll know what's going on in the chamber. The other thing I want to talk about with the chamber is leadership Blount, and everybody's got some information on leadership Blount. This is a great course that I took last year with the chamber. It is a commitment, like Monica said. It's 9 monthly sessions. And they meet on Wednesdays. Because we are a sustaining partner in the chamber and we give them money every year, we are allowed to send one person to this course at no cost. So at least one person needs to go. If we wanted to send two. It would cost $400 to send that second person. So like I said, I did this last year. It was really good. A lot of good information. You meet a lot of people that you wouldn't normally get to meet and it's a networking thing and I think it could really benefit the town while supporting the chamber. It benefits the town and it is a great support to the chamber. So I would like to make a motion to send up to two people and we would be out of pocket $400 is what the town would be out of and I will in my motion I would just like to give the mayor his whoever you decide you want to send whether it's a council member or an employee whoever's available to give you the authority to decide who you want to send Up to two people and I'll put that that's in a motion.

Mayor James Sullivan We've got a motion. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Donna McDougal seconded the motion. All Yes. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Councilmember Donna McDougal did ask is it during the day.

Councilmember Alex Faulkner replied Yes that it is. It's 1 Wednesday a month and some days we were back by lunch and then other days like when we went to Montgomery it was, we had to meet at 6:00 and get on a charter bus and we didn't get back till 7:00 or 8:00 that night. But it was worth it. We got to do a lot of cool stuff and meet with the representatives down there.
So like I said, and like Monica said, it is a commitment, but I think it's a good thing.

Mayor James Sullivan All right, on that subject, do we have anybody that would like to attend? Monica, did you state you would like to attend,

Councilmember Monica Moorer replied I would.

Mayor James Sullivan Anybody else? If nobody else is going to attend, I will. And see what Alex has experienced.

Councilmember Alex Faulkner It's good. Later in the month, but the actual sessions won't begin until September. But I'll let Miss Jennifer know that you two are in attempt.

Mayor Sullivan Asked I think they are doing like a little kickoff this month

Utility Department-

Water Superintendent stated the only thing I have at the moment is we got a culvert that the park is going to need to be replacing when it's coming out of from the little ball field down into the park and going right through it like the middle of some playground equipment. So, I cannot tell you What is going to be involved. We just know we got to replace. We won't know till you get there. We may have to go halfway to the park or maybe we can tie it in before it gets to the playground because I sure don't want to have to be in the playground. But it's got to be done.

Police Department
N/A

Old Business:

Town Attorney Alex Smith Regarding Ordinance 2026-02. Yes, I got a call yesterday from Brad Harvey, I think you did as well, saying he was not going to be here tonight, to say that he was frustrated with the progress that's been made from the county's side of the RV park is probably an understatement. The county does not have its license agreement signed. And he started telling me

why, but then he didn’t. But he said he didn't see a reason why the town shouldn't go on and pass whatever the council felt like needed to be done from our side to regulate the RV park.
He brought up two points. One’s the 21 days and seven days off, which is what the council, of course they're doing 29 and one, but you can move to the next spot over and just stay at, I guess for years, as long as you continue to do that. The other thing he brought up was that he feels like there needs to be two parking spaces for automobiles per lot, RV lot. We've got that here in one spot and then in the second spot and it's over in section 7B and it says there shall be a parking space for one automobile. But that's to me that in that section it was in the context of not the person that's there but somebody coming to visit somebody that they could have one space but regardless he felt like that there needed to be two. And I can certainly clarify that in that section. He said he didn't see any reason why the town didn't go ahead and do what it felt like it needed to do.

Councilmember Monica Moorer asked So with that being said, if we do ours, which changes the number of days, and they've already got an agreement with the county for the other one, which one is?

Attorney Alex Smith replied Ours controls.

Councilmember Monica Moorer Ours would be the one to control

Attorney Alex Smith reiterated Yes ours

Councilmember Alex Faulkner commented and it's my understanding that Jason brought this up, he couldn't find the 29 and one in the county's licensing agreement. If I remember the 29 and one thing was in the RV parks rules. You remember that?

Attorney Alex Smith replied I didn't see it in his rules. I think he's modified those rules, and I haven't seen anything other than what he initially presented to Miranda yeah, it's supposed to be in the licensed rules but it's not.

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley stated I have not received any updated rules.

Mayor James Sullivan, I didn't see it in there I've read twice and I couldn't find it but I know they talked about that was one of their main topics the day I met with them down there to multipurpose building.

Attorney Alex Smith the 29 and one, from the county standpoint, if you stay 30 days, it takes it out from under a short-term rental tax that the county's going to collect as part of the rental fee for people staying there. Of course, the way we structured it, and it can't, it's going to, they get the money, it just, somebody could just stay perpetually down there under the counties by moving one spot every 29 days.

Councilmember Chad Pass And it's hard to even patrol that, I would think. but is it normal to just go ahead and build that without something in place?

Councilmember Monica Moorer we talked about we had that discussion.

Mayor James Sullivan but I think the county is having some issues just from what I could gather from Brad. They're kind of getting flustrated.

Councilmember Chad Pass But it really boils down to do we want folks to be allowed to live there?

Majority of council members stated that they do not want permit trailers at this park.

Mayor James Sullivan What is the pleasure of the council on the ordinance 2026-02 Recreation Vehicle Park

Councilmember Chad Pass made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-02 Recreation Vehicle Park. Monica Moore seconded the motion, All Yes motion carried with roll call vote.

New Business:

Mayor Sullivan presented CGAT certificate for the Town Clerk's dollar raise.
Councilman Chad Pass made a motion to give Town Clerk $1 raise for CGAT Certification.
Mayor James Sullivan Second the motion. Any discussion

Councilmember Monica Moorer asked the Town Clerk So yeah, this, you did get a raise earlier this year for something that was in the handbook, correct? So like a certification

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley responded Yes, Certified Municipal clerk yes, it's a certification

Council member Monica Moorer, Okay. I did look back at the thing that we signed when we brought you on. That was something you were working towards. But so it's not in the handbook that we give raises for those things, correct?

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley responded Right.

Councilmember Monica Moorer asked The CGAT and all that came after the handbook was adopted. Okay. So, it's after the handbook. We were actually discussing when it came about back there (executive session) and we didn't know that. So, is the one that you're working towards in the other one, the last one, the third one? Yeah, that one also is not in the handbook.
We just got to decide like, are we abiding by the handbook and how often are we adding new certifications in order to get paid? We're not against paying. We just need to have a guide because if we're giving raises just based on every certification that people bring to us, I mean, we've got to have some kind of distinction.

Council member Alex Faulkner But neither of those are in the handbook as a certification.

And the resolution says nothing about giving a raise. Yeah, that one also is not in the handbook. It just states that she's enrolled in that.

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley responded yes Amroa. That's on the resolution That one's not until 2027. Correct. But that also goes hand in hand with my daily job that I do as the treasurer and my job title.

Council member Alex Faulkner asked if it was relevant to Town Clerks job

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley responded, relevant. Because of how much knowledge I have learned, and there's tests involved, guys. This is not just show up for class, here's your piece of paper. No. I must study, I have to take tests. You must sit in a class with Randy Taylor. And he's highly intelligent and he's a great teacher, but a lot of knowledge has been brought to the town from those classes that I take.

Councilmember Monica Moorer And it is, it's our understanding that the town is paying for these classes and that you are doing them on town time while you're getting paid to do this class?

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley responded with Correct

Councilmember Monica Moorer A certification is not listed under the certification raises in our employee handbook

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley responded No, it's not.

Mayor James Sullivan All right, any other discussion?

Councilmember Monica Moorer So we'll be looking at another certification next year in 2027 that's also not a part of the handbook. And this will be another discussion.

Mayor James Sullivan Unless it's amended. You know, the handbook's amended.

Councilmember Monica Moorer How often do they come up with new certifications for employees? Are they always adding certifications?

Mayor James Sullivan, I don't know if there's any more after she gets through with these.
I don't know if there's anymore.

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley replied, Not unless I get my master municipal clerk certification.

Citizen from the public area asked out loud what do you make now? (out of order)

Town Clerk replied 25.88, 26.88..

Citizen replied You don’t know what you make? (out of order)

Town Clerk replied it goes into the bank and goes right back out.

Councilmember Monical Moorer Who gives approval for these classes? They don't have to be a council thing.

Mayor James Sullivan Well, some of these started before I came in, but then some of them I did approve. Okay, we've got a motion and a second on the floor. Is there any other discussion? Motion failed due to Tie

Ayes:	Nayes:
Donna McDougal	Jason Grigsby
Chad Pass	Monica Moorer
Mayor James Sullivan	Alex Faulkner

Mayor James Sullivan next on the list is $2,500 donation to the Blount County Educational Radio-thon.We do that every year, but that'll be coming up here.I think next month or at the end of this month. September. We usually do 2,500 They divide that up between, I think, four different teachers over there

Councilmember Alex Faulkner made a motion to donate $2500 to the BCEF radiothon in September. Councilmember Jason Grigsby seconded the motion. All Yes. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Councilmember Monica Moorer stated that she had benefited from this grant many times.

Mayor James Sullivan in your package, you're going to find it's a standing one every year. Resolution 2026-05 adopting the Transportation Plan to Rebuild Alabama. It's yearly. Do we have a motion to pass that?

Councilmember Donna McDougal made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-05 Transportation Plan to Rebuild Alabama. Chad Pass seconded the motion. All Yes. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Mayor James Sullivan Next is, and this will be for Attorney Alex Smith , Ordinance 2026-04 annexation for Jeff McCorders Quick lube.

Attorney Alex Smith Yeah, Mayor. I sent the Miranda petition that had the correct legal in it. I had the wrong legal to start with. He was putting 40 something acres in, but Mayor and I got that straightened out. Did he come by and sign the new petition? He did sign a note that he wanted his property annexed, but by law he's supposed to attach a map which I've done to the one I prepared for the property coming in and it has to include the legal description.

So my suggestion is that assuming he comes in and does it that council could vote tonight to approve it subject to Jeff coming in and signing the new petition.

Council Member Monica Moorer
Is he asking for just his quick lube or is he asking for all his property there?

Council Member Alex Faulkner
I think the other is already in.
Mayor James Sulivan
His other business is, but he also owns property beyond that.
Yes, south of that on 79.

Mayor James Sullivan Okay, you've heard Alex's recommendation. Do we have a motion that when he signs it, then it good.

Councilmember Monica Moorer made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2026-04 Annexation for 35883 State Hwy 79 McWhorter's Quick Lube. Chad Pass second the motion. All Yes. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Mayor James Sullivan next on the new business is memorandum for debris removal and monitoring services between Blount County Commission and the Town of Cleveland. This is another one of those yearly that they send out.

Councilmember Donna McDougal
Is this on Hazelrig Road?

Mayor James Sullivan responded No, this is if something happens, some kind of disaster or something in the tangle, they partnered to get clean up.So do we have a motion to it?

Council member Donna McDougal
So we're just re-upping.

Mayor James Sullivan Yeah, we're just re-upping it.

Councilwoman Donna McDougal made a motion to adopt the Memorandum for debris removal and monitoring services. Councilmember Jason Grigsby second the motion. All yes. Motion carried with roll call vote.

July 2026 General Fund and Water Department Financial Statements presented.

Councilman Alex Faulkner I asked one question on the the check registered from the general fund about halfway down check number 1214.It says town general fund for $10,000.

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley replied That goes to Valley Bank where we open the account with Valley Bank to be able to have the credit card credit cards.

Council member Monica Moorer Is that what that little thing in the back is? I saw that.
Council member Alex Faulkner Okay, cool.
Councilmember Monica Moorer That's what this is.

Councilmember Donna McDougal This is not on the agenda, and I know I was late getting here for the work session and Public Hearing. Did the phones, did the employees get all the phones? Would we have the right to have their numbers? I'd like to have their numbers.

Mayor James Sullivan, we have some, we've been testing them. Police have been testing them. Once we get them all in .

Councilmember Alex FaulknerYeah, I want to talk. Can Igo back this for a second? So I thought we approved for a credit card.

Mayor James Sullivan That is, if I can explain to you, that is a credit card What that is, we put $10,000 in account there and if we use the card, that money comes out of that 10,000.

Councilmember Alex Faulkner it's a debit card.?

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley responded No, it's a credit card. We make a payment back to it , they send us an invoice. We make a payment back to that account. We're charging it against the balance that you've already put in.

Councilmember Monica Moorer Are they charging us interest on this? Oh, okay.

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley No, they're paying us interest on it. Actually, we're making good interest off of it.

Councilmember Alex Faulkner But it doesn't really sound like it's a regular credit card.
I've never heard that before.

Mayor James Sullivan We met him in at the convention. It's a credit card.
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Town Clerk Miranda Shirley We had a $10,000 checking account had to go with a credit card because that's where the payment comes out of, out of that $10,000, So when we use the card, I think we put $211 on it for August. So when the payment comes through, it's going to come out at $10,000.I transfer the money back into that $10,000 to pay for the credit card payment.
So it's kind of like a middleman on the credit card payment. Does that make sense?

Councilmember Alex Faulkner replied Yes.

Town Clerk and they're paying really good interest on that.
Councilmember Monica Moorer We'll get those statements in our staff.

Mayor James Sullivan Yes.
Councilmember Monica Moorer Yeah, I saw it here, but we'll get it monthly. Okay, cool.

Town Clerk Miranda Shirley Yes. And this is just the first month that we've had it open.

Alex Faulkner That's all I got.

Mayor James Sullivan. Anything else?

Citizen stated ME: Mayor, could I ask to get a definition?

Mayor Sullivan Yes.

Citizen Mr. Faulkner said that Coach Angel only came by a couple times and settled and he said our Park. I need the definition of our park . The community of Cleveland or the council?

Mayor James Sullivan No, it's community park. Alex, do you have anything else? Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

Council member Chad Pass made a motion to adjourn, and Donna McDougal seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Mayor, James Sullivan

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Miranda Shirley, Town Clerk