Town of Cleveland
Special Called Meeting
August 31, 2026
Town Hall
5:00pm

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, Mike Killette, Town Attorney Alex Smith, Justin Ragsdale, Donnie Chastain, Mandy Harvey, Amalia Contras, Ally Contras, June Contras

5:02pm Mayor Sullivan suggested going in to executive session. Councilmember Alex Faulkner made a motion to go into executive session. Councilmember Jason Grigsby seconded the motion. All yes. Motion passed with roll call vote.

Mayor and council returned from executive session @ 5:40 Meeting called back to order from Mayor James Sullivan.

Mayor Report Coach Angelo came by to talk about renewing agreement.
Citizen Mandy Harvey spoke just wanted to know if it was going to still be able to practice at the city park, but she got the news that he has purchased land with a building and purchased turf so for about 2 months they will not be able coming back to the city park.

Mayor Sullivan asked so he needs like another 60 days?
Citizen Mandy Harvey replied like another 60 days his new faculty would be built, and they should start building next week, but they are only doing it on the weekend. It's a surprise to the players but it's supposed to be very nice.
Mayor Sullivan state that we will be getting back with Angleo that is something the council will have to talk about we got to look and see what's going on and get the days he wants.
Citizen Mandy Harvey, so tomorrow is a no.
Mayor James Sullivan stated He came in and I agreed with him and I told the lady at the front to tell him yes, he could have that for that day or tomorrow. Then we would get together and try to work out the details on it.

Citizen Mandy Harvey So you're saying yes, he can go this week or No go? He cannot go this week. He has no idea what to do Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. He doesn't know what you're going to decide, I'm just going back and tell him

Monica Moorer, we will meet again next Thursday
Mayor Sullivan replied “So council, do you want to extend to the rest of the week until our next meeting?
Councilmember Chad Pass made motion to approve until next meeting to decide to extend another 60 days. Councilmember Jason Grigby seconded the motion. All Yes. Motion carried roll call vote.

Mayor James Sullivan presented the budgets there are 2 budgets laid out for you, the first budget we put in vehicle in the budget which was going to be another Ford truck for $84,289.00. Since we did this budget for y’all to approve, we (Ken) have found 2025 Tahoe that we can get that is already rigged out ready to go other than striping or whatever you want to put on the for $ 64,289.00 so my suggestion, I know we have not passed the budget, but if that’s is something you think you would rather do that in 84 is to go ahead and okay for the police department to get this Tahoe because we’ve got him holding it for us, this is the reason for the special called meeting is for this and the we would once the budget is passed if you go with the $64k, once the budget is passed and the vehicle will come off the police department budget.

Monica Moorer this line items says it’s a grant.
Town Clerk that just the line item, that line items is $4000.00 been there since last year it was just a hold it because the way the computer system Xero is you must have line items.

Monica Moorer, oh okay so we don’t get a grant for these vehicles?

Mayor James Sullivan, No we are waiting on one, we applied for the Cawca grant it was $20,000.00 but it’s no guarantee, we will find out something this month in September but we might not.

Monica Moorer, what if we get $20,000.00
Chad Pass asked so if we were to get 2, we would sell all 3 roughly? What Monies do you think we could get out of all 3 vehicles.
Police Chief Ken Evans stated if we got 2 Tahoe’s or 2 vehicles, we would sell the 2 2021s and the 2018.
Asst. Chief Bill Ferry replied Well one of them presently needs about $2000.00 worth of repairs so when you subtract that probably a about $2000-$3000.00 range and the other 2 are in pretty good condition, I’d say $4000-$5000.00 with the equipment but your running into the age of those and for departments looking they know that if the water pump has not been done that’s a $5000.00 repair. They will try and lowball you. Theres certain things on that like that are going to prevent it some selling high dollar amount. But I would say on average, condition and mileage the 2 that don’t have any problems hopefully $4000-$5000.00 So maybe $10,000.00-$12,000.00

Chad pass so there a change we can get 10-12
Monica, if we get the grant and sell those, I say we 2

Chad Pass I would like to get back on we need to budget 1 year Cleveland can’t buy 2 and we are going to get in a bind, if bought 2 because it’s a discounted rate would we still need another one next year or put one in the budget for the following?

Police Chief Evans if you bought 2 this year, we wouldn't need one because all of ours would be 2024-25s
Chad Pass but if we buy on this year, we're going to need to add one in the budget next year.
Police Chief Evans the Tahoe is a 2025 its new, a bigger department ordered several of them and they didn't get the last 15 that are left them so they are having to dump those they are brand new but out the door is $59,900.00
Chad Pass that's not going to be every year thing.
Asst Chief Bill Ferry can I throw this out there you get new vehicle at a minimum of three-year 36000-mile warranty. I would think with the warranty if we got 2 right now I believe we could even go maybe 2 years just because the warranty is going to cover your major mechanical, but if you go with 1 your still in the same boat, but the one thing to think about is next year this deal that we are getting is an advantage is to us saving money but next year your cost of a vehicle is probably going to go up to 10-15% and the equipment you install in it. But if you do consider the 2 of the savings right now your warranty comes into play. To answer your question, the warranty is going to buy us time to be able to go those 2 years not purchasing another.

Monica Moorer, I have a question, how many officers are there, so we've 4 officers, how long have we had 4 officers? Like are we just added one?

Chief Ken Evans, no well we got one that everyone might be forgetting about is we have one that's be deployed to North Africa since last January, and Shawn started 2 years ago and Bill came on full time, we did have 3 part time officers and I'm trying to move away from parttime officers because they can only work when they can and I need them to work when I need them to work, and its just not feasible. I'm trying to move away from part time and hoping to add another officer.
Monica Moorer, you don't foresee losing one of the four, right?
Chief Evans I do not foresee me losing any of the four, now that's counting on Ryan coming back
Monica Moorer So if Ryan doesn't come back will replace him? Is it in the budget?
Chief Ken Evans Yes, it's in the budget
Monica Moorer yeah, I just don't want to have a vehicle sitting and not being used obviously so we need to know that for sure.
Chief Evans, no he's supposed to be back at the first of the year.
Chad Pass and good point if we do both includes that officer. We would have one just sitting here until he got back, which would also not be helping on the warranty not being used I say for sure 1, if y'all want 2 well do 2,
Monica Moorer, I say if we get the grant get the other one, can they hold two?
Chief Evans No they won't hold it, they didn't want to hold the one.
Monica Moorer, I mean $70,000.00, would go a long way $20k of the grant and $10k for the vehicles to go towards the new vehicle.
Chad Pass so if we went back to 1 a year and bought one today, we got the one of those we now must carry us over till next year and if we want to get another one next year?
Chief Evans we would just keep 2021 we would have to keep the good 2021 and sell the 2021 that needs the repairs and 2018, but we'd have to have that for Ryan.

Alex Faulkner are the Explores just junk? What's the 2021 you have
Chief Evans yes. Explorer, I have 2 2021 Explorers and 1 2018 Explorers
Monica Moorer and then the 18, so they are all Explorers. And these Tahoe's, Tahoe's good?
Chad Pass- not if you ask this Ford Guy.
Monica Moorer Not if you ask this Toyota gal.
Chief Evans the Tahoe and Ford F150s right now that's what everybody's going to . Both of those. They say normally Tahoe for new law enforcement si going to be more than the Ford truck. These the guy told me he said I can't really hold this because these are going to fly.

Chad Pass and were obviously having to put monies in these explorers on a regular basis.

Chief Evans Yes absolutely.
Chad Pass so we save that money as week
Chief Evans we've spent the last two years we've put $1500 in each one of them, and 2018 the all-wheel drive rear suspension and one other thing were running into on the explorers is that McWhorter's used to do some of the repairs but its become so hard to get the parts they cant fix some of the stuff on them they have to go back to dealership.

Chad Pass- What do you think Monica
Monical roll dice and hope we get a grant
Jason Grigsby do the Tahoes have cages in them?
Chief Evans So my Truck does not have a cage in it because we use it take to classes and conferences and the traveling that I have to do its $1200.00 to put in a cage. They have all the lights the console, computer stands, everything but the cages. So Id would take a Tahoe, Asst Bill Ferry would get my Truck and put Shawn if Asst Bill truck which he is THI now so he need to carry around all this traffic homicide investigation equipment. Hes Certificated traffic homicide because y'all remember the state quit if we had an accident here in town you know alcohol involved or reckless driving in any way that the states not going to work that wreck and if it's a death so we have to have a certified officer and Shawn completed that this past year.
Councilmember Jason Grigsby in your experiences if we wanted to put a wrap and make it look a little nicer sticker on it verses regular stickers how much does that usually run for a police cruiser?
Asst Bill Ferry, what I have on my truck presently was $850.00, if you want to go with color or more graphical your probably looking $1400.00 to $1800.00
Chad Pass – I can get us a discount on that.
Asst Bill Ferry we just went black and white because that was the least and most that stood out the best, we did have some color on the Explorers and its an option its just it was a money issue.
Chief Evans I'm just a plain person; I like to live clean and plain
Asst Ferry, we figured POLICE just jumped out at you
Monica Moorer-Sirens are enough, Well I think we should do both because I know that things are going up and if we're already going to have one in the budget for next year why not get them at discounted price.
Chad Pass Did you just put that in a motion?
Monica Moorer: Yes I motion
Chad Pass: I seconded the motion.

Mayor Sullivan all right, we have a motion and a second do we have any other discussion?
Monica can we take 2 years off right and the following year?
Mayor James Sullivan-Possible
Chad Pass for sure one, but I do think where that is I think we need to get on a schedule of putting 1 in budget in following years

Alex Faulkner, can I ask something, if we get 2 what's the switch around, whose getting what? Im like Councilmember Jason, I mean what you're doing I guess is more experienced patrol men in the newer vehicles maybe extends the life a little bit.
Chief Evans Bill and I will get the Tahoe's/ and we will put Shawn in Bills and put stickers on and mine just like Bill has on his. We can take I've got money in my maintenance budget for that I can do the cage about 1200 bucks Put cage in mine and put cage and stickers and put Ryan in , Bill and I are more experiences and we have transported without a cage before, and if we had to transport I wouldn't want a younger officer to experience that, we both had our teeth cut with the county so we've got a little bit more different experiences that what the other 2 officers get here in the town of Cleveland.
Chad Pass as a former Bus Driver the senior bus drivers get the new buses, with air conditioning. I never had one with air conditioning.
Bill Ferry One thing we can do Mrs. Monica where you were saying if you Monica where go with 2 we can rotate and still keep the one that needs to be driven, which in my theory would keep mileage off the new ones, but instead it just sitting out there we could myself or the chief could rotate it in that way it's just not idle.

Chad Pass-Well I promise you like your truck parked up by the road at your house deters speeding and you're not even in it. So, a well-placed vehicle in certain spots whether it's manned or not, could be used.
Alex Faulkner-well the only reason I asked about the switching of the vehicles around is that I think a lot about its hard-to-get police officers now. So, we got to do everything we can if we have good ones to keep the good ones and they don't pick up and go somewhere else, and having a new vehicle is a draw.
Chad Pass imagine if we put some suped up decals on it,
Alex Faulkner That's what we know what you got to do
Town Clerk Can I ask the motion to purchase 2 correct?
Mayor Yes
Monica Moorer made the motion Chad pass seconded the motion to purchase 2 2025 Chevy Tahoe's for the police department. All Yes. Motion carried with roll call vote.

Chad Pass made motion to adjourn Jason Grisby seconded, Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mayor, James Sullivan

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Miranda Shirley, Town Clerk