

City Council Special Minutes
Mae Raetha Coleman Citizen of the Year
January 9, 2023
5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Crestview City Council for the Citizen of the Year was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor JB Whitten. Board members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich, Council members: Doug Capps, Cynthia Brown, and Joe Blocker. Also present: City Manager Tim Bolduc, City Clerk Maryanne Schrader, City Attorney Jonathan Holloway, and various staff members. Councilmember Ryan Bullard arrived at 5:13 p.m.

2. Ceremony Opening and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor JB Whitten went over the program and explained the process. He recognized the Selection Committee: Jarrod Stewart, Dr. Naomi Barnes, Patrick O'Malley, Hannah Wilburn, and Pearl McKay.

3. Acknowledgement of Previous Recipients

Mayor JB Whitten acknowledged the past recipients in attendance. In 2012/2013, Mae Raetha Coleman was the recipient. She was not in attendance, but she wanted to pass along how proud she is of Crestview. He gave a short biography of each of the recipients that were unable to attend: George Whitehurst, Dr. Naomi Barnes, Malcolm Haynes, Mary Jo Woodruff, Raymonda Schwartz, and Kadance Fredericksen. Recipient of 2018/2019, Claudius Dale came forward to accept a coin in appreciation. For 2021, Felton Barnes came forward to accept his recognition and coin. For 2022, Michael Carroll came forward accept his recognition and coin.

4. Announcement of the 2023 Citizen of the Year

Mayor JB Whitten announced the Mae Raetha Coleman Citizen of the Year recipient for 2023 - Dana Clah. He went over her accomplishments and services to the City of Crestview.

Chief McCosker came forward and spoke on Dana's dedication to the community.

The City Council congratulated Ms. Clah for her support and work in the community.

Ed Harris spoke on Dana's achievements and love for the community.

Mayor Whitten expressed his appreciation of her passion for those with addictions and homeless in the city.

5. 2023 Citizen of the Year Recipient Remarks

Ms. Dana Clah thanked everyone. She stated that she worked with Miss Mae Coleman, so the award is very meaningful to her. She stated she is grateful for the opportunity to continue to work with the justice system and looks forward to working with the community.

6. Unveiling of the Mae Reatha Coleman Citizen of the Year Plaque

Mayor JB Whitten unveiled the plaque containing all ten past recipients in recognition of their accomplishments.

7. Closing Remarks

Mayor JB Whitten thanked everyone for coming.

8. Adjournment

Mayor JB Whitten adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes approved this 23rd day of January, 2023.



JB Whitten

Mayor



Maryanne Schrader

City Clerk

Proper Notice having been duly given



CITY OF CRESTVIEW
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION
JANUARY 9, 2023 • 5 p.m. • CRESTVIEW CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL

CEREMONY OPENING

Mayor JB Whitten

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN OF THE YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor JB Whitten

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS AND PRESENTATION OF MAYORAL COINS

Mayor JB Whitten

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2023 CRESTVIEW CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Mayor JB Whitten

REMARKS

2023 Citizen of the Year Recipient and Members of the Audience

UNVEILING OF THE CRESTVIEW CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PLAQUE

Mayor JB Whitten

CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor JB Whitten

CEREMONY ADJOURNMENT

Mayor JB Whitten

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS 2012-2022

MAE REATHA COLEMAN • 2012-13

Retired nurse, community leader and activist, namesake of the Crestview Citizen of the Year award

GEORGE WHITEHURST • 2013-14

Mayor of Crestview 1996-2007, civic leader

DR. NAOMI BARNES • 2014-15

Educator and community leader, volunteer with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Gideons, co-owner of Class 101

MALCOLM HAYNES • 2015-16

No Child Without Health Care, Kiwanis Club, Seniors vs. Crime, community educational programs, past master of J.R.L. Conyers Lodge

MARY JO WOODRUFF • 2016-17

Community volunteer, directed Hurricane Katrina shelter and operated food service program at Central Baptist Church

RAYMONDA "RAE" SCHWARTZ • 2017-18

Leader in community arts programs, Friends of the Library, Boy Scouting, Okaloosa Arts Alliance and Crestview Friends of the Arts

CLAUDIS DALE • 2018-19

Active in the Order of the Eastern Star, feeding the community, local educational programs and in her church

KADANCE FREDERICKSEN • 2019-20

Activist for the homeless, Ronald McDonald House and hunger causes. She was the award's youngest honoree, nominated at age 12

FELTON BARNES • 2021 *

Community activist, education proponent, member of Carver-Hill Community Coalition, Crestview Citizens Advisory Council, Gideons, and Vietnam War veteran

MICHAEL CARROLL • 2022

Local restaurateur feeding the community, including hurricane victims, children who lost school lunches during COVID, community non-profits, first responders

**In 2021, the Citizen of the Year award dates were changed to the calendar year rather than fall-to-fall*