

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – February 2, 2021

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio. Mayor G. Scott Black called the meeting to order.

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor G. Scott Black
Vice Mayor Jean Jackson
Council Member Bobbie Boyer (via conference call)
Council Member Steve Keegan (via conference call)
Council Member Brent Stanley
City Manager Paul Fiser (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting) (via conference call)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting) (via conference call)
Finance Director Craig Davis (Not voting) (via conference call)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting) (via conference call)

Visitors signing in can be referenced in the Record Book Supplement.

The meeting opened with The Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 19, 2021 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Council Member Steve Keegan, **Seconded by** Council Member Bobbie Boyer.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Mayor G. Scott Black, Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, Council Member Steve Keegan.

The minutes of the January 26, 2021 work session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 work session of council as written

Action: Approve,

Moved by Council Member Brent Stanley, **Seconded by** Council Member Bobbie Boyer.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, Council Member Steve Keegan, Mayor G. Scott Black.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Boyer felt last week's work session related to CRA's went well, and offered good information. She would like Council to authorize Mr. Fiser, Mr. Davis and Mr. Selvey to begin the application process. She would also like to see information related to the percentage of tax incentives, the timing of incentives, etc. She noted residential applications would occur after the project is completed, and industrial applications would occur prior to the project. She would like to have Mr. Davis create some scenarios, estimating tax abatements.

Mr. Selvey recommends that Council make an oral motion if they would like Mr. Fiser to begin the information gathering and application process. He emphasized this oral motion would not be a vote for or against the CRA, but a vote for Mr. Fiser, Mr. Davis and Mr. Selvey to begin this process.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

There were no visitors who requested to speak at this time.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2021-11 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STOOPS WESTERN STAR OF OHIO, HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC. AND CROGHAN COLONIAL BANK FOR THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF ONE (1) NEW 2021 WESTERN STAR DUMP TRUCK MODEL 4700 SB AND HENDERSON MODEL MARKE SA 11' STAINLESS STEEL DUMP BODY, SALTER AND SNOW PLOW FOR THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. **2021-11** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated this purchase was approved during the budget hearings. The total amount is less than was discussed during the budget hearings. This will be our first Western Star truck; the County is switching their huge fleet to Western Star as they have had a few in use and are happy with them. Mr. Fiser is comfortable with using this company.

Mr. Davis stated this is being paid for over a four-year period. He approached three different banks to discuss financing and selected the one with the best rate. This first year payment will come from the General Services account; remaining payments will come from Street Construction/Maintenance Repair.

Ms. Jackson questioned how long it will take to get the truck (unknown, but expected before next snow season).

Mr. Keegan is glad to see this coming, and that it has a stainless steel box as it will hold up better with the salt use. He is glad to see this on tonight's agenda.

Mrs. Boyer questioned if this will replace a truck that will be retired when this truck is received (that truck has already been retired). How many do we have on the road now (three of the big trucks, but we can also borrow one from EVS).

Mr. Stanley is glad to see this on the agenda and being purchased, but questioned why it is an emergency measure (we would like to get this ordered, considering it was already approved).

Mayor Black announced that this ordinance contained an emergency clause.

Motion: to suspend the rule preventing passage of an ordinance at a meeting at which it is first introduced, which is section 4-5 of the Charter, **Action:** Suspend,

Moved by Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, **Seconded by** Council Member Steve Keegan.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, Council Member Steve Keegan, Mayor G. Scott Black, Council Member Bobbie Boyer.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2021-11** was read by title only for its second reading.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2021-11**, **Action:** Adopt,

Moved by Council Member Brent Stanley, **Seconded by** Mayor G. Scott Black.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, Council Member Steve Keegan, Mayor G. Scott Black, Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley.

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2021-11** has been adopted.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

2021-12 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AARON WILSON AS THE CLYDE-GREEN SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTMENT TO THE CLYDE RECREATION BOARD.

Resolution No. **2021-12** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser feels Mr. Wilson is a great appointment. We are glad to have him representing the School Board.

Ms. Jackson served on the Rec Board previously and worked with Mr. Wilson who was the Rec Director. She looks forward to working with him again.

Mr. Keegan feels Mr. Wilson is a great guy. Mr. Keegan has known him for a few years and he and his family are into sports. He will be an asset to the Rec Board.

Mrs. Boyer thanks Mr. Wilson for being willing to do double duty for us.

Mr. Stanley has known Mr. Wilson for a few years and feels he will continue to do a great job.

Mayor Black has known Mr. Wilson for a long time and Mayor Black was also on the Rec Board at one time too. He knows Mr. Wilson is qualified to serve on this board.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-12**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Brent Stanley, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor Jean Jackson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Steve Keegan, Mayor G. Scott Black, Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson.

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2021-12** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

COVID Update – currently all is well, with no current exposures or cases for employees.

OPW Update – we received confirmation yesterday that the Mulberry Street bridge replacement scored above the line. We will not get official notification until June 1 but the worksheet he received yesterday has always been accurate. We actually made it by one point. This shows how competitive this process is. One point was the difference between getting \$275,000 for that bridge project or not. He is hoping to bring bid authorization to Council on February 16.

US Rt. 20/St. Route 101 Sewer Separation – we are still waiting for some answers from ODOT regarding ethical questions for bid documents submitted. We hope to recommend this project to Council also on the 16th.

2021 Resurfacing Program – we are starting to get that around with plans and bid documents. This will be about a 4,000 ton project, to involve all of Ames Street, Farnum, Liberty, Loomis, Nelson, Ott, Railroad and Spring Avenue. Also parts of Buckeye from Main to Church, Church from Duane to Lemon, George from US Rt 20 to Maple, Elmdale from Mason to the deadend and also the Finance Department. Authorization to bid also coming to Council on the 16th.

Resiliency Project – looks like Monday morning might be our first call for peak shaving at the Clyde/Onsite Generation site. A winter coincident peak is possible on the AEP Ohio system. The goal will be to shave roughly 10mw off our load probably Monday morning between 7:00-9:00 a.m.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reviewed the final financial information. Income tax collections were down in 2020; January 2021 collections are up

Today is the first day for Mr. Davis to get back into his office after the building was hit by a car

Mr. Brown has set a meeting with State Rep Reinke for general discussion of Senate Bill 212 on what that may look like. As Mr. Davis reflects back on the work session meeting he recalls about six years ago he started looking into a CRA for Clyde. Other municipalities mainly use this for commercial development and a little for housing. As he collected information for Clyde, there were two new residential developments, more new homes after the housing crisis and commercial and retail development was occurring as well. This was a good controlled growth so he stepped back from the CRA, questioning if we still needed that type of tool. Previous Council discussions have geared towards exterior maintenance codes and wanting buildings to look better, but he questions if CRA could address this issue. Questions about the CRA include questions about the threshold for the CRA. He wonders if there are two different issues here to be discussed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Davis reported the department assisted with a mutual aid house fire with Green Springs. There was also a house fire in York Township that we requested aid from Bellevue.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Jackson thanked the street crew for keeping up with the recent snow. Whoever is doing it, they are doing a better job (the drivers are a couple years more seasoned, and we are using the one-ton plow more on the cul de sacs which makes it is easier to maneuver).

Ms. Jackson stated the toilet on George Street (previously reported) is partially gone and partially still there.

Ms. Jackson agrees with Mr. Davis' comments regarding the CRA.

Mr. Keegan agrees with Ms. Jackson regarding the great job being done by the snow plow drivers.

Mrs. Boyer congratulates Mr. LaBenne for making these meetings available by zoom. She would like this to advance further by allowing more citizens to take part in these meetings.

Mrs. Boyer questioned the message boards on how the message can be added (they can be programmed from Bill Hamilton's office). She suggested updating the message to a vaccine message.

Mrs. Boyer appreciates Mr. Davis' comments regarding the CRA, and she agrees we still need to look at the exterior codes and the availability for grants.

Mr. Stanley also thanked the crew for the snow plowing, but he commented that right before this meeting started he noticed the snowplow pushed snow back into resident's driveways that had already been cleared out (it would not be efficient for the snow plow driver to try to stop and start his plowing to avoid driveways; the City handles all calls as they come in).

Mr. Stanley questioned the resiliency project about shaving MW off the load on Monday (yes there is a good chance for a peaking operation on Monday).

Mr. Stanley is glad to see we got funding for the bridge project (we are doing preliminary work related to the water and the sewer lines).

Mr. Stanley questioned if we are aware of any community grants being used in Clyde at this time to help individuals with housing repairs (nothing that the City administers). He stated that GLCAP is a big provider of grants in Sandusky County for housing maintenance. He feels the CRA would be an additional tool for the City tool box and we could also give information to residents regarding GLCAP grants. He is aware that GLCAP has an excess of funds at this time but he is unsure of their requirements and would need to do more research on this. Mr. Davis thought GLCAP was more related to heating and cooling systems. Mr. Stanley requested that Mr. Davis do some research on other grants that would be available in addition to GLCAP.

Mayor Black thanked City workers who were out during the recent snow storm, noting that his wife also experienced frustration of shoveling out their driveway and having a snow plow push snow back into the driveway.

MOTIONS

Motion: authorize Administration to begin working on the application process for CRA, to bring back to Council the first meeting of March, **Action:** Authorize, **Moved by** Council Member Bobbie Boyer, **Seconded by** Council Member Brent Stanley.

Mr. Selvey noted this would just be exploratory, this would not be voting for a CRA.

Mr. Keegan is not for the CRA. He has listened to the discussions. He disagrees with a statement from Mr. Brown that Clyde has not been able to attract new manufacturing, commercial or retail in recent years. Mr. Keegan has seen a lot of development in Clyde, and Clyde has not been sitting still. Other communities who lose businesses become desperate and they are willing to give away anything. Discounts are given to businesses that agree to come in. He is not willing to give away any tax income. He feels these discounts to the business end up being an increase in taxes for residents. Many families live paycheck to paycheck and these increases are hard to accept. There has only been one year, during a recession that Council did not need to balance the budget and that was due to City supervisors being told to not ask for anything.

Mayor Black stated we could have the CRA and the House bill at the same time. He stated the Bill would charge 70% tax for the schools, but the CRA proposal is for 50%, so the schools would be better off with the CRA.

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4; No = 1).

Yes: Mayor G. Scott Black, Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson.

No: Council Member Steve Keegan

ADJOURNMENT

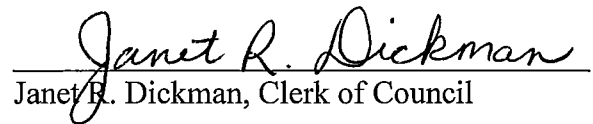
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

Moved by Mayor G. Scott Black, **Seconded by** Council Member Steve Keegan.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, Council Member Steve Keegan, Mayor G. Scott Black.


G. Scott Black, Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: February 2, 2021 Regular session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

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