

**CLYDE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Session – April 20, 2021**

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 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  
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 April 6, 2021 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

**Motion:** to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 regular 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:** Mayor G. Scott Black, Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, Council Member Steve Keegan.

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Stanley questioned if there is any information regarding the proposed city-wide trash collection service (not at this time).

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

**Visitors:**

Robin Richter, GLCAP Director of Senior Services, wanted to touch base and let everyone know that Meals on Wheels continues to operate four days a week. In Clyde, they served 95 seniors last year. They do over 30,000 miles of transportation for seniors, and dozens of small repairs.

They have a senior directory that she will email a link to Council. Ms. Richter informed Council that the Senior Citizen Property Tax Levy for a \$1mil replacement to support Sandusky County senior citizens for the next five years is coming up. By 2030, 30% of the Sandusky County population will be aged 60 and over.

Mayor Black offered thanks for this presentation and he hopes they are successful.

Gene Schwochow, Commander of the Clyde American Legion questioned if the Memorial Day Parade will be permitted for 2021. Mr. Fiser has not heard anything from the county regarding parades. Mr. Stanley noted Sandusky is not having a parade due to COVID-19, as referenced in a newspaper article that Mr. Fiser shared with Council. Mr. Stanley suggested that Mr. Schwochow contact the Sandusky Commander to have a discussion. It is unknown if all veterans have been vaccinated. Mayor Black suggested that Mr. Fiser contact the Sandusky County Health Department to see if they have lifted their ban on parades; information will then be shared with Mr. Schwochow. Mr. Schwochow would prefer to not have the parade in 2021; Council is willing to support this. Mr. Schwochow noted concern with spectators on the bleachers at McPherson Cemetery for the ceremony and to listen to a speaker, and his concern with that being an unsafe environment. The City website will share notice that the parade will not be held in 2021.

Ms. Jackson feels that Governor DeWine would allow parades, but she will offer support for this decision.

Mr. Keegan loves all parades, but he will honor this decision. He offered thanks for Mr. Schwochow to attend tonight and to share his opinion.

Mrs. Boyer noted this is her favorite parade, but she prefers we should be safe. She appreciates the Commander's wisdom to recommend we do not have the parade.

Mr. Stanley agrees to honor the Legion's wishes.

Mayor Black agrees with all comments.

### **FIRST READING ORDINANCES**

There was none.

### **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**2021-23 AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF CLYDE, DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL.**

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2021-23** was read by title only for its second reading.



Mr. Davis noted this is the first step in the process to get the city-wide CRA set up. A lot of work was put in to get to this point and he offered thanks to all who helped. If the CRA passes, it must sit for 30 days before we can submit the application. The next piece is getting the CRA Housing Council put together (2 members appointed by the Mayor, 2 members appointed by Council and 1 member appointed by the Planning Commission). The Housing Council will need to look at this objectively and to set forth the parameters.

Ms. Jackson has given this a great deal of thought; she continues to have concerns with this applying to residential and she feels there are still many unknowns.

Mr. Keegan noted this has been discussed many times and he has made it clear he is not for it. He is not for waiving any tax. We currently have a renewal on the ballot for the City, along with the seniors levy and with the schools levy. The schools have new facilities, and they will always be asking for money to run these schools. The CRA would waive tax money, and he feels everyone should pay their fair share. Other options such as low interest loans have been discussed in the past.

Mrs. Boyer is thrilled we are at this point in the process. She looks forward to the vote. She appreciates everyone who has worked on this, and all discussions that have taken place. She is excited about the possibility of being competitive with surrounding communities by having this incentive for those who want to invest in our community and to help our citizens.

Mayor Black noted we have been discussing CRA's for at least a year or more. He feels it is time to decide to go with it or not.

**Motion:** to adopt Ordinance No. **2021-23**, **Action:** Approve,  
**Moved by** Council Member Bobbie Boyer, **Seconded by** Council Member Brent Stanley.  
**Vote:** Motion carried by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3; No = 2).  
**Yes:** Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Mayor G. Scott Black.  
**No:** Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, Council Member Steve Keegan

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2021-23** was adopted.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **2021-28 A RESOLUTION WAVING THE 2021 AQUATIC CENTER ADMISSION FEE AND RECREATIONAL INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM ACTIVITY FEES FOR THE CITY OF CLYDE RESIDENTS.**

Resolution No. **2021-28** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser noted information was gathered in response to discussion from the last meeting. A five-year history of revenue from the aquatic center and from recreational programming was compiled and shared with Council for their review.

Mr. Davis reported the next round of CARES Act funding is still unclear exactly how it can be

used, but possibly we could use it for lost revenue for programs we have. That is not a guarantee, so if this Resolution passes, we may not be able to recover that income. An additional webinar to provide more guidance for funding uses is scheduled for April 29.

Ms. Jackson is all for this even if the income cannot be recovered. Many residents were greatly upset last summer and this is the right way to say thank you to the residents for their patience. It was a tough year and this year it will be nice to get out again, with the parks and pool filled with kids.

Mr. Keegan feels this is a very honorable thing to do. He hopes it doesn't get stopped by the Health Department, but it may. He questioned how a child will be able to prove residency (possibly through a Clyde-Green Springs School verification, but this is being further discussed; in some instances we will just need to trust the person; currently this will only apply to Clyde residents, not to all students of Clyde-Green Springs Schools).

Mr. Stanley suggested showing proof of residency by showing a utility bill. Mr. Stanley is leaning towards keeping the current Resolution which is for Clyde residents only. Many participants of our Rec programs are Clyde residents since Green Springs has their own Rec programs. With programs cancelled last year, Clyde residents had to go elsewhere to find Rec programs. This would be a way to honor our Clyde residents for their perseverance during the pandemic.

Mrs. Boyer thinks this is a nice thing to do, but she is struggling if this is a fiscally responsible thing to do. Considering the amount of revenue from Rec programs, she recalls asking during the budget session to have \$50,000 set aside for strategic planning but that was deemed too much money. This is hard to see money spent like this when money is not approved to plan for our future.

Mayor Black referenced the discussion of lost revenue and recouping money; irregardless we will have lost revenue because some parents will not let their children participate yet. There are many houses who consider themselves as part of the City of Clyde, even though they are outside of City limits. This Resolution could be amended in the future if a change is deemed appropriate.

**Motion:** to pass Resolution No. **2021-28**, **Action:** Approve,

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

**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.

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2021-28** passed.

Mr. Keegan would hate to see the pool sitting unused for another year, considering the amount of money that was spent when it was built. He understands we need to be careful and will need to use common sense.



Mr. Stanley recommends reminding Mr. Mason to ensure that the concession stand is well stocked, in case the waiving of fees results in higher attendance. Mr. Fiser will follow-up.

**2021-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PIPELINE RELOCATION AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESOLVING A PIPELINE CONFLICT FOR THE MULBERRY STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF CLYDE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS.**

Resolution No. **2021-29** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated there is a conflict with their pipeline and our new bridge project. Typically, utilities are in our right of way and we can order them out if we need the space. We need them to get an additional private easement so that is why we are incurring some of the cost. The money is not an issue.

Mr. Keegan questioned if we are straightening out the curve of the bridge (the conflict is related to a storm sewer improvement that will be part of the project, but, yes, we will be straightening out the curve).

Mr. Stanley questioned how far will they need to move it over (an additional ten feet; an additional easement off the old paint factory property to the east and west; they will relocate probably a couple hundred feet of gas line).

Mayor Black confirmed that we need a new bridge there, and this is just the business that needs to happen to get it done.

**Motion:** to pass Resolution No. **2021-29**, **Action:** Approve,

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

**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 Resolution No. **2021-29** passed.

**2021-30 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN GERBER TO THE CITY OF CLYDE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Resolution No. **2021-30** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser feels Mr. Gerber will be a great addition to the Planning Commission. We typically have to solicit residents to join our committees, but Mr. Gerber approached the City to offer his service.

Ms. Jackson offered thanks to Mr. Gerber. He is very active in our community and it will be nice

to have him on the Commission.

Mr. Keegan recalled that Mr. Gerber was on a Board in the past. He thanked him for his past service and for being willing to serve again.

Mrs. Boyer was at the meeting that the Planning Commission discussed this new member and they seem very happy. She supports their recommendation and welcomes him to the team.

Mr. Stanley offered thanks to Mr. Gerber for coming forward to fill this vacancy. He offered thanks for his past service on BZA and look forward to future years with him on this Board.

Mayor Black offered thanks and welcomes Mr. Gerber back to service to the City.

**Motion:** to pass Resolution No. **2021-30**, **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:** 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. **2021-30** passed.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

COVID Update – we are all clear, with no potential exposures in the past month.

Evergreen – Mr. Fiser met with Evergreen plant leads last week. They reviewed community concerns. The Evergreen team has had vacuum trucks on site as they are wrapping up post-fire construction. The area closest to the bike trail looks much better. The ditch was mowed down on Friday and vacuum trucks should be back again this week. All in all the big issue is looking much better. Mr. Selvey has gotten a map of the area on the left side of the plant and on Elm Street off to Judge Smith so those conditions should also be improving. The Parks Department has hauled numerous loads of trash out of the Premier/Elm Street area so things are looking better.

Onsite preconstruction meeting was held last week with Norfolk Southern and Mosser Construction regarding the Route 20/St Rt 101 sewer separation. As the meeting progressed, it became obvious we actually have two Route 20 closures planned for this summer. We have been waiting quite a while for the railroad spur grade crossing on Route 20 to be completely redone. We are just trying to time it so we can get in there, close Route 20, and do it. Mosser will also need to be closing Route 20 to come across with the new storm sewer. We have agreed to try to work together to coordinate so they are both doing the crossings at the same time and inconveniencing the traveling public as little as possible. They are both trying to get ODOT on board and hopefully we can get this done at the same time. Either way, both will get done this summer.



Veteran Banners are going up. Mr. LaBenne, Heritage League and CL&P have all tried diligently on this project. They are working with a local person to make the banners. It is a great project to honor our local heroes. It is receiving great reviews. With the first round being up they are getting many more applications for banners for the second round. Each of the three rounds will be up for two months. It looks like this will also go into next year.

Fair Board – If Council is interested in attending, the Fair Board has scheduled a special meeting this Thursday 4/22/2021 at 6 p.m. for the sole purpose of further discussions on whether to hold the 2021 Fair or not. A lot of the members have some concerns, some members do not have these concerns. At some point a decision will need to be made.

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Davis emailed March 2021 finances out to everyone. All the fund balances are up compared to this time last year. The only decrease was the Income Tax Collections which were short \$22,000 but we are up \$14,000 YTD. We continue to keep an eye on this.

Some pre-planning things will need to be done for the upcoming funding that we will be receiving.

May 17 is the new Income Tax date. We have had a steady stream of customers at the drive thru window requesting assistance with their taxes.

We are still working on the upgrades for utility billing and payroll. These upgrades will make us more efficient.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Davis reported a structure fire Saturday morning. It was a two-story house on Midvale, with fire coming out of the attic on arrival. The crews did a great job, containing the damage basically to the attic.

Also, last week we had 28 firefighters that got a Hazmat technician refresher course. This is an eight-hour course that is done annually.

The chicken BBQ is Sunday. When people come to pick their dinners up, we will try to have a traffic pattern initiated. Come from east to west to enter the station; there will be no left hand turns out of the station.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Ms. Jackson noted the parks are looking good.

Ms. Jackson has heard nothing but praise for the veteran banners. A gentleman who passed away on Sunday, when his family came later to pick up his ashes, his banner was going up and this was a wonderful feeling for the family to be coming through at this time and this meant a lot to his family.

The speed limit has changed on Woodland Avenue down to 25 mph. There are complaints of a blind spot at Mulberry and Woodland. At one point in time, a couple feet were taken off of that hill. It can be a problem when brush is left at curbside for pick up.

Ms. Jackson would like to get Council's feelings regarding the Fair, in preparation for Thursday's meeting. County fairs are going forward. Mr. Stanley requested information from Mr. Fiser regarding state restrictions, related to such things as sanitation, crowds, etc.

Mr. Keegan would like to see us have the Fair if we can. There are a lot of restrictions and a lot of unknowns. We did not have it last year. People will need to use common sense.

Mr. Keegan noted the Evergreen property does look better.

Mrs. Boyer offered thanks to all for the CRA. She feels it will be a good tool in our toolbox.

Mrs. Boyer noted this month marks the one-year anniversary of the Ohio Care Line, which is a free emotional support system. She encourages employees and family to call if they have stresses in their life.

Mr. Stanley questioned how the speed limit changes came about (statutory speed limit within City limits is 25 mph; we have an old agreement with the county that Woodland from Limerick to Route 20 is a joint road; we do all the maintenance, snow and ice control, signage; it is unknown why there were some 35 mph signs still up; this could cause some hiccups related to traffic violations in this area). Mr. Stanley noted he was not aware this was going to change.

Mr. Stanley questioned activities for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July (we have locked in the fireworks for July 3<sup>rd</sup>; we will need to discuss how active we will be with park activities).

Mayor Black noted City workers have been down in Wildcat Shoot working on the handicap corners, putting in new curbs and walkways. They are doing an excellent job and are very courteous.

Regarding the Mulberry Street to Woodland turn, he has driven in that area for a very long time. He considers it a little of a bother, but if the driver pays attention it is not that unsafe.

Mayor Black attended the recent Fair Board meeting. If they have the Fair, it will not be the same Fair that they have had. There are Fair Board members who are adamant they will not participate. There will not be a car show. Some would like to see a partial Fair, without a parade, but with concessions and rides. Some concerns include sanitary stations at each entrance, but Clyde has many entrances throughout the downtown area. This could cause a problem if inspectors come. The ride company would need to follow safety standards for wiping down the rides. There will be a special meeting coming up for further discussion. Mr. Keegan questioned if only two Council members could attend the Fair Board special meeting (they all could attend and observe, but they could not deliberate any city matters).



Mr. Selvey weighed in on the speed zone. We have some weird areas just because of the way areas were annexed in. The Police Chief and his staff are well aware of the loopholes related to speeding. We will have the 25 mph pretty steady throughout the City. As long as we do not go lower than that we do not need State approval.

Mayor Black noted the Queens and the Queens dinner will not be the same for the Fair. Discussion occurred about the go-kart race, but not at length. The race is the most expensive thing that goes on during the Fair.

Mr. Stanley reported that a BZA member, Waylon Garza, was hit and drug by a car. He is doing pretty good, but thoughts and prayers to him are appreciated.

Mr. Stanley reported there are ruts on the ball diamonds. Opening day for baseball is May 6, which does not leave much time to get the diamonds in good shape.

Council agreed to cancel the April 27, 2021 work session.

### **MOTIONS**

There was none.

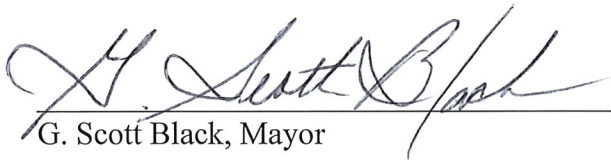
### **ADJOURNMENT**

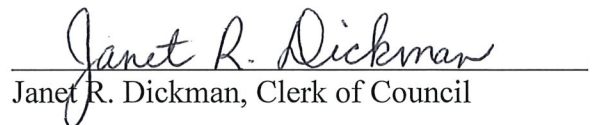
**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

**Moved by** Mayor G. Scott Black, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor Jean Jackson.

**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.

  
G. Scott Black, Mayor

  
Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council





**CITY OF CLYDE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday April 20, 2021 – Regular Session

**Visitors:**

1. Ben Brown
2. Chris Gray
3. Gene Schoonhoven
4. Gary Smith
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