

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – May 4, 2021

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 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 20, 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 20, 2021 regular session of council as written,

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: 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

Ms. Jackson asked Mr. Selvey what the status is for speaking to Judge Smith regarding the clean up on Elm Street. Mr. Selvey spoke to Judge Smith and was told there have not been many kids in due to COVID. The Judge is projecting we may get some in May, and we will continue to be on their list.

Mr. Stanley recalled speaking about the speed limit change on Woodland; he questioned if there is documentation available that we could provide to the public regarding speed limits (yes, we can provide copies of the statutory State guidelines).

CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you note for an expression of sympathy
- A thank you note for a new sign
- A notice to legislative authorities regarding all permits to sell alcoholic beverages within our political area will expire on 7/1/21, including notice related to filing of objections to renewal of a liquor permit

Mr. Keegan questioned if there have been any problems noted related to alcoholic beverages permits (no).

Council members voiced no objections.

Visitors:

Doug Boyer, Buckeye Restaurant & Suites

Mr. Boyer received a request from a gentleman for the Buckeye Restaurant & Suites (BRS) to host a Cruise In for local residents to showcase restored cars. He would like to provide a safe environment as people park in the bank parking lot and would cross the street to the restaurant. He is requesting to block off the section of George Street between BRS and the bank. Mr. Fiser stated it would be approximately 100 feet; Mr. Boyer marked it off at about 50 feet.

Ms. Jackson voiced a concern with this setting precedence for other businesses who want to shut down a street for an event at their place. She would not be opposed if this event would be coordinated with the BPA, since the streets will be closed down anyway with their events downtown. She is not in favor of doing this for one business.

Mr. Keegan loves a good car show. He agrees with Ms. Jackson's concern with this setting precedence. He feels this could even lead to individual residents wanting to shut down a street for events at their homes. He is not opposed to a car show, but he is not in favor of shutting down a street.

Mrs. Boyer noted the folks approached BRS wanting to do this event and BRS wanted to figure out the safest way to do this. Most cars would be in the parking lot, and people would want to walk around to the BRS and to other places in the community. Other communities block off streets all the time for block parties and it is a nice thing to do.

Mr. Stanley is not opposed to the car show. He understands the safety perspective. He thinks it would be advantageous to put a crossing guard there. With permission from the bank to use their parking lot, there could be twenty cars and this could bring an abundance of people. He is not in favor of shutting down the street, unless it was being shut down for multiple businesses/areas.

Mayor Black also likes car shows and he attends these shows whenever he has the chance. He is on the fence regarding closing the road. He agrees the crossing guard is a great idea. He feels people like to go out to eat in conjunction with car shows. He stated we could look into it further regarding shutting down the street.

Mr. Crawford, visitor, is working with BRS to set up the car show. He sets up multiple car shows in other local communities. He feels if the road is shut down they could also have cars parked on the road. People could then be more spread out. Shutting down the street would make it more of one continuous event, for the car show and going to the restaurant.

Mr. Fiser has received another request from a business owner who would like to close a street while they are filming a commercial for their business. From an administrative point of view, he stated the street would be easy to close and it would not affect our safety services. If we keep everything else open in the neighborhood, he does not have a problem with this. He likes to see us support local businesses. He suggested that attendees might also walk downtown and see some other businesses.

Bev Henson, visitor, is a neighbor to the BRS. She has previously expressed concerns with having the BRS as a neighbor, citing loud noise, almost daily interruptions and privacy issues, noting that a fence has not been built between the business and her home as she was told before the restaurant opened that a fence would be placed there. Ms. Henson was not approached regarding this car show and she feels it is a poor decision. Frequent deliveries to BRS are already an inconvenience with blocking the street to the traffic in that area, for the bank's ATM machine and the post office, etc. She has voiced complaints for this in the past and the issue has not been resolved. If the street were to be blocked off, it would be blocking her private driveway. The BRS does not have a venue for an event like this. She questioned how wide a classic car usually is, noting that George Street is only about sixteen feet wide and she does not feel there would be enough room to park cars. She is also concerned that people attending the car show would infringe on her yard/property which is in violation of a City Ordinance stating that she has the right to privacy of her property. She is against this request.

Adam Lowery lives two houses down from BRS. He feels this location does not make sense for this event. He suggested other locations that would be better, like the Auto Zone business or using some of Whirlpool's parking lot. He has two young sons and feels this event could be a safety issue. He feels news of a car show could spread easily and could result in hundreds of cars showing up. This is an issue because this is a residential area, and the residential zoning was his main issue at the beginning when the BRS opened. He agreed with the suggestion to plan this event with other businesses and other events that could take place together. Without proper planning, this event could get out of hand very quickly.

Mayor Black asked Mr. Fiser if there is a problem with having this in conjunction with the BPA summer car show. Mr. Stanley noted the Fair is not having a car show this year as the person who usually coordinates it is concerned with a possible spread of COVID. Ms. Henson has a similar concern.

Mr. Boyer did not come here to ask for permission to promote his business. He wished for Council to help him be safe and promote his business. The BRS has barely survived this past year to keep their doors open. He took a risk opening a business in Clyde, investing a half million dollars in the community. He does not believe Clyde would get 300 cars to show up to this event. They are trying to figure out anything to keep their business open, or they will need to

close. He is unable to put up the fence that Ms. Henson referenced because they barely have the money to purchase food for the restaurant. He puts in many hours to try to help his business survive, and he is asking Council to help him do this event safely.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

2021-31 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALICE AUXTER TO THE CLYDE FAIR BOARD.

Resolution No. **2021-31** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser offered thanks to Ms. Auxter for signing up for another five-year term. She has been an active member and we are glad to have her back.

Ms. Jackson is glad to have her come back to the Fair Board for another term. She invests a lot of time for the Fair. She regularly attends the Fair Board meetings.

Mr. Keegan offered thanks for her dedication to the City and congratulations on another term.

Mrs. Boyer supports Ms. Auxter for another term.

Mr. Stanley offered thanks for her time already spent for the Fair Board and looking forward to the next term. He looks forward to her sharing her ideas.

Mayor Black offered thanks for volunteering for another five years. He has known Alice a very long time. She does a great job.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-31** **Action:** Pass,

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

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2021-31** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

COVID – everything is all clear as of now.

Today is our income tax levy on the ballot. We will be lucky if we get 1,100 people out to vote,

compared to 4,700 voting age people in Clyde. We hope to pass by a hefty margin, but will be glad to just pass it. We continue to use our tax dollars wisely, and hopefully people see that.

Evergreen – they have done some additional clean-up work. We are confident the juvenile court system will help get the Elm Street area even better. Mr. Keegan offered his thanks for Mr. Fiser speaking to the Evergreen representatives. It does look better down there.

Economic Development – there has been an uptick in the state leads. We have been submitting quite a few state leads on some of our bare ground in town and also some buildings. Tomorrow we are having a site visit with the JobsOhio prospective company and staff. Hopefully something good will become of that. We are one of the final places they are going to look at. We had a pre-game conference call today with JobsOhio and Sandusky County EDC so we will be ready for tomorrow. We do have at least one or two projects that are definitely in the pipeline and we will be announcing those as soon as we get the okay from the companies. We are seeing some plans and reviewing some of those items.

Waste Facility – the preliminary study is still moving along and looking at options. A meeting will be held tomorrow with one of the local landfills. It may be close finance wise and competing. More information to come.

Mulberry Bridge project – we are still working with Columbia Gas on that to ensure all the conflicts are accounted for and once they are in and do their work we will not see them again throughout the project. We have stressed how busy Mulberry Street can be and that the closure time needs to be minimal. However, it is a very big project and there are multiple utilities in the way.

US Rt 20/St. Rt. 101 sewer separation project – there are a lot of logistics. Mr. Fiser does not know how the State accomplishes anything. The more we interact with the State the more it reaffirms his stance on not wanting any part of centralized tax collection.

EQ Basin – had its 39th save of about 100,000 gallons of overflow from going to Raccoon Creek. To date, it has saved 18 million gallons. This was a great project. We are starting to pick up some water at the reservoirs and they are at about 85%.

Solar Project – April numbers are not available yet.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis noted they have been working on an upgrade for our payroll and timekeeping system. The current system is being done away with. This has been very time consuming, but they are seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

GAP Conversion – they will take the 2020 numbers and put them under the GAP conversation and that will lead into the audit for 2020. We have an IPA to do the audit probably in July, then submit it to the State for approval.

American Recovering Act – Mr. Davis sat in on a conference call to try to get guidance on approved uses for the latest round of funding. Unfortunately, there was not much information as they are still waiting for the guidelines to be released by the US Treasury. Mr. Davis does have the needed information ready for when the funds do get released and the funds will not expire until October.

We did have a great month in April for Income Tax Collections. We were up about \$100,000 compared to 2020. He has noticed recently local businesses closing early due to staffing issues and manufacturing businesses having supplies issues. This could cause a bump in the road for our income tax collections and Mr. Davis will keep a watch on this.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Davis stated there is not much to report.

The Chicken BBQ went off without a hitch; he offered his thanks.

Some firefighters attended a training session in Indianapolis.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Jackson commended the Fire Department for the Chicken BBQ. The food was delicious and the traffic set up was very well done.

Ms. Jackson referenced a positive comment on Facebook related to a city staff member who was mowing along the bike trail and he stopped mowing while the resident walked past that area.

Ms. Jackson received a comment regarding curbs along Main Street with missing concrete (we are starting to get quotes on this).

Ms. Jackson referenced the brightness of the lights on Route 20. Someone asked if there could be a shield added to the side of the light so it would not glare into the driver's eyes.

Ms. Jackson commended two police officers who assisted after Ms. Jackson reported a situation with a two-year old child who was outside alone in early morning hours. She expressed dismay and disappointment that other drivers in the area did not stop to ensure the child would be okay.

Mr. Keegan offered commendations for the Chicken BBQ.

Mr. Keegan spoke to a resident who lives in Wildcat Shoot and has a drainage issue (we are unsure if we can take this issue to the railroad as it is the only drainage issue in the area; there is not a storm sewer close by; Mr. Fiser will follow-up).

Mrs. Boyer noted it is public service recognition week. She offered a shout out to City Administrative staff and all City staff, offering her thanks for service to the City.

Mr. Stanley offered thanks for the update on the sanitation collection.

Mr. Stanley referenced bi-weekly reports that show a lot of equipment needing repair in the past couple of weeks, and questioned if this is more repairs than usual (Mr. Fiser will review). Mr. Stanley understands that Clyde staff take good care of our equipment and he would like to ensure that preventive maintenance is being performed to avoid unnecessary repairs.

Mr. Stanley feels Economic Development (ED) is a big deal for the City. He would like to be a part of and receive notification of ED items prior to just hearing about it at Council meetings. He commended Mr. Fiser for the job he does, and he would like to be a part of it (we will try to keep everyone as informed as we can; most things are business confidential; for example, the meeting tomorrow will not discuss the companies name at that time).

Mr. Stanley commended City staff for a great job the past couple weeks, including a snowstorm that took down a lot of branches.

Mayor Black toured the Clyde Museum recently and he encourages others to visit if they have not been there in a while. The next set of veteran banners were on display and they talked about the success of that program.

Mayor Black hopes everyone voted today. He noted that election day was not listed on the City calendar or the City website. Mr. Fiser reported notices are posted on social media and thanks were offered to Mr. LaBenne for his help with this.

Mayor Black offered commendations to the City staff who have been working in Wildcat Shoot the past couple of weeks. They are dedicated and they work hard. They noticed a problem in his yard and will consider putting some lifters to raise the grates of the catch basin to street level.

Mayor Black enjoyed the chicken dinners this past weekend.

Mayor Black questioned if we have any progress on running the sewer line in addition to the water line to the turnpike (we met a couple weeks ago; they are in the process of drafting an agreement which we will start redlining back and forth and making sure we agree on their terms and they agree on ours; then it will be brought to Council).

Mr. Keegan questioned if the turnpike intends to pay 100% of these costs, as they did with the water line (yes).

Mayor Black wishes it would be looked into for having the BRS car show in the same location as the BPA car show, which is the grassy area near the finance building.

Bev Henson offered thanks for the veteran banners that are on display downtown.

Mr. Keegan reported there is something on the chimney of the old Gill building in the alley behind the Board of Education (Mr. Fiser will look into this).

Ms. Jackson agreed that the banners have been highly received; a suggestion was made to put the banners on Route 20 permanently (the cost of the hangers would need to be looked at).

Mr. Stanley spoke to Mr. LaBenne about some charging stations; AEP funded a portion of this cost for Tiffin. This would bring other people to our town to use these, and the City could charge for this service. We should see if this grant is still being offered (we have started looking into this).

Mr. Stanley reported the sidewalk on Ott Street, near the school maintenance garage, has an area that is broken up for the raised handicap ramp. This could be a hazard for a kid walking in that area (Mr. Fiser will follow up).

MOTIONS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

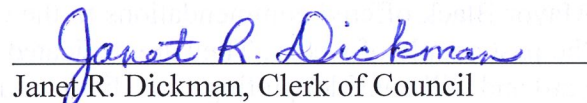
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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


G. Scott Black, Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday May 4, 2021 - Regular Session

Visitors - PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Br. Huse

2. Ed Corley

3. Doug Boyer

4. Pence Crawford

5. Gary Smith

6. Adam Lowery

7. Becky Brooks via conference line

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