

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – May 18, 2021

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 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
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 May 4, 2021 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

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

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. LaBenne shared information regarding new signs the City is considering purchasing. These three signs are 7.5 feet tall with a 42" digital paper display and could be placed throughout the City, displaying our event calendars and important updates, controlled by the City. There is also a section for business advertisements (controlled by Soofa, the sign vendor) through an app the business would use to rent space on the sign. The signs are mounted with 4 bolts in the ground but can easily be moved, and they are easy to clean and made to be more resistant to vandalism. Revenue could be received through the advertisements depending on annual volume meeting the minimum requirements per sign (around \$1000). The signs could be purchased with ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds. Locations for the signs could be somewhere downtown, maybe the plaza, one at Community Park and a third location has not yet been identified.

Ms. Jackson feels this would be a good thing, possibly even posting ball game schedules on the one at Community Park (unsure if schedules could be posted).

Mr. Keegan feels this is a good idea.

Mrs. Boyer questioned the cost (\$12,000/each, \$36,000 for all three).

Mayor Black requested confirmation that the ARP funds would cover this (yes; yearly maintenance cost could be about \$800, but advertising revenue could possibly cover this cost).

Mr. Fiser confirmed that Mr. Davis continues to attend webinars to learn of approved uses for the ARP funds.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

Bob Bishop, Jerry Gill, Ryan Greenslade

Mr. Greenslade spoke as a representative of the school and of the Flier Football Foundation. This project goes along with the Flier jet (F16) that was completed last year. The next phase was a Memorial Wall, which turned into a couple of walls due to the positive reception to them. The third phase now is for lights on the jet and to light up the Memorial Wall. Funds were cut due to fundraising could not be done during the normal season last year. They are seeking donations to try to finish off this project and are asking if Council would be able to donate. There have been many private citizens and businesses, some from outside of Clyde, who have come forward. There will be two walls with the six branches of the military listed. Residents can purchase a medallion with a military members name on it to be placed on the wall. On September 10 at a home football game will be the stadium dedication and veteran recognition. Council members are invited to attend this program.

Mr. Stanley questioned what Council has donated for projects in the past (the City used their dump trucks to assist with the original turf project; the City and Schools have a great relationship and the City frequently offers assistance that is not necessarily monetary; for the original turf project in 2008 the City gave \$60,000 over a five year period). Mayor Black recalls the City giving \$50,000 for the auditorium project.

Ms. Jackson questioned the cost of the lights (about \$30,000+; we would like to have lights that would be red, white and blue during the National Anthem and then the lights would be blue and gold when we score a touchdown, but this will cost more).

Mayor Black has seen pictures of the jet online and questioned if it is more of a skeleton of a plane instead of a solid plane (yes).

Ms. Jackson questioned if they are still taking names for the wall (yes). She noted the City's project for the veteran banners reached their limit. She questioned the donation cost for a

medallion (\$100; information will be e-mailed to Council).

Mayor Black recalled a discussion at a CHS reunion a while back, where it was discussed to get a real plane to put on display.

Mr. Keegan questioned if they have any money currently to put towards the \$30,000 for the lights (yes, a recent donation of \$5,000 they are hoping to put solely towards the lights).

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

There was none.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

Levy – Mr. Fiser thanked all electors in town. Our levy passage is the biggest news of the past couple weeks, passed by 71%. That is the highest passage percentage we could find.

COVID – we are still all clear as far as staff goes. We have not had anything in quite a while.

Route 20/Route 101 sewer separation – project will start around May 28. For the next four weeks they will be working along Route 20 from East Street to the west. Then the railroad and Mosser think they have everything lined up with ODOT and ODOT's approval for a complete closure on Route 20 and simultaneously replace the grade crossing at the railroad spur and cross the road with the new 18-inch storm sewer. They are shooting for that towards the end of June. There are still a lot of logistics to work on for that project but it is coming along.

Charter Review Commission – this newly formed Commission held their first meeting last week. The meeting was used to “get to know each other” and to review the guidelines. Three meetings will be held, one in September, one in October and one in November, with the goal of making recommendations, if there are any, by the end of the year. Per the Charter if there is any recommendation made it will go before the voters in November 2022.

135 West Cherry Street house – the Prosecutor now has that in their regular foreclosure pipeline. The assumption would be that there would be little to no interest in that and then the Sandusky County land bank would take ownership of it following the foreclosure.

Summer construction – our summer construction season just got a lot more hectic. As of today Mr. Fiser was informed by Norfolk & Southern that all of the rails from Fremont to Bellevue will be replaced this summer and into the Fall. They say it is critical and absolutely needed. We were assured we would get the schedule as soon as it is finalized. They will replace a mile at a time

over that whole distance. They will attempt to split Clyde so it will be half and half.

EQ Basin – had another save last week. It kept about 233,000 gallons from entering Raccoon Creek. This is save number forty.

Solar Center – production in April was 281,000 kwh.

Reservoirs are at about 91%.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis stated the Finance department continues to work on software upgrades.

He reviewed the April 2021 financial report, noting the following highlights:

- All fund balances are in good shape compared to this time last year
- Income Tax Collections were up over \$106,000; YTD we are up \$121,000
- General Fund cash balance is up and is the highest balance since December 2018; this fund is being cautiously monitored

Income Tax due date was yesterday, May 17. Last Friday and yesterday were very busy days for Finance staff. We should have a good idea by the end of the week of income tax collected compared to last year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Davis stated there were a couple calls for service that were unfounded.

One shed fire last week was not too serious.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Jackson stated in front of the driveway toward McPherson Cemetery where they dug up the road, it is still pretty rough.

Mr. Keegan questioned if there are back taxes due on the house on Cherry Street (yes, a bunch; the county will waive them once the land bank takes possession). There will be costs for demolition of the house).

Mr. Keegan shared his recent experience with Republic Services related to the monthly rate he was paying them for garbage pick-up. He cancelled Republic and signed up with Cyclone.

Mr. Stanley noted the experience Mr. Keegan just spoke of is the reason he brought up this topic at Council recently. He has information for two other garbage pick-up services. He feels unjust rates are being charged in some instances if the resident does not challenge the price they are quoted, and this bothers him. He hopes the City can come up with some costs and prices soon for a possible City garbage collection service.

Mr. Stanley expressed concern with the railroad shutting our town down over the past weekend,

from city limit end to city limit end, for about two hours. We must be able to do something about this. Mr. Keegan reviewed past discussions with the railroad representatives regarding this issue. This is a safety issue as well as an inconvenience for residents.

Mr. Stanley questioned if the Route 20 sewer separation project will begin Memorial Day weekend (they will probably just be mobilizing at that point).

Mr. Stanley questioned if the City building will be opened up to the public when COVID restrictions are relaxed (yes, probably June 1). Mr. Fiser has been asked if we will offer season passes for the pool when the restrictions are relaxed; however, he feels we should continue with our current plan to offer a free pass to City residents only. If there would be any need to close again, we should stay with our per pay/per day for this year.

Mr. Keegan questioned if we know all of the regulations we will need to deal with at the pool (not yet; our interpretation is that we will be cleaning two to three times per day and watching social distancing). Mr. Keegan heard of a pool that was planning to allow a group of swimmers in the pool for 45 minutes, then they would get out, the staff would clean for 15 minutes, then another group of swimmers could enter for the next 45 minutes. We will stay in touch with the Health Department and make sure those in our county are staying on the same page.

Mr. Stanley asked Mr. Greenslade if Green Springs Council will also be approached for a donation, since it is the Clyde-Green Springs School system (they have just started this process, so they will be making their rounds; some support from Green Springs has already been discussed).

Mr. Greenslade questioned if the decision for the free admission to the City pool will include only Clyde residents, or if it will include Clyde-Green Springs School students (it was discussed thoroughly to only offer to Clyde residents; it may be quite crowded, if it is a hot summer; the decision was based on offering the free passes to families who pay Clyde taxes; ultimately, Clyde and Green Springs are one as a school system but are separate as a village and a city).

Mayor Black has heard of complaints on Facebook related to the free admission for Clyde residents; it was perceived that out of town swimmers would not be permitted this year. This perception is incorrect

Mayor Black has heard that Whirlpool will be calling back some staff who took a voluntary layoff.

Mayor Black was at Community Park tonight and noted it was nice to see the kids playing ball, after not being able to play last year.

Mayor Black reported the City work that was being done in Wildcat Shoot has been completed and they did an excellent job.

Mr. Davis was questioned regarding the City's ability to offer a donation to the School for their

project. Mr. Davis asked if there is a timeframe for this project, so that he could consider the City finances before making a recommendation. They will be re-starting the wall project within the month. Base lighting will be started soon, regardless of future donations. Mr. Davis will be prepared for further discussion at the June 1 Council meeting.

Mayor Black shared his experience from last Friday related to the stopped train blocking the City crossings throughout town. The traffic was very congested. He would like to ask them to move the stop sign a little further out of town so it doesn't block every intersection in the City.

By poll of Council the May 25, 2021 work session is cancelled.

MOTIONS

Motion: to enter into an executive session at 7:55 p.m. for the sole purpose of the purchase or sale of land, **Action:** Enter Closed Session,

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.

No further action will be taken by Council after the executive session, other than adjourning the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:40 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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.

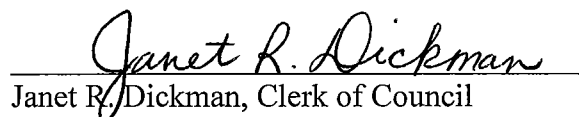
Motion: to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:41 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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

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.


G. Scott Black, Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday May 18, 2021 Regular session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Chris Selby
2. Bob Bushong
3. Greg R. Allen
4. Gary Smith
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