CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – June 1, 2021

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 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)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting) – via conference call
Finance Director Craig Davis (Not voting) – via conference call
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Absent/ Excused: Clerk of Council Janet Dickman

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 18, 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 18, 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: Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Steve Keegan, Mayor G. Scott Black, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, Council Member Brent Stanley.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

One card of thanks for an expression of sympathy.

Visitors:

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2021-32 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 0.1012 ACRE PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO.

Ordinance No. **2021-32** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated this will clear up some long standing zoning issues for side yard setbacks. This is allowing a property owner to build an addition onto their home. The real estate purchase agreement was attached to this Ordinance and has been signed by the property owners, who approached the city for this sale. They have agreed to the terms, including closing fees and their share of the survey fees that has been completed.

Mrs. Boyer is glad we could do this for the property owner so they can build their addition, and it will be an investment in the property.

Mayor Black noted this was discussed during an executive session.

Mayor Black asked Mr. Davis if the finances for this sale look okay (yes).

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2021-32** had its first reading.

2021-33 AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 377 TO THE CLYDE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Ordinance No. **2021-33** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser noted Chief Campbell is attending tonight's meeting via conference call. As golf cart usage has increased in the City, guidelines have been developed to address issues such as underage drivers with underage passengers and with the condition of the golf cart. Mr. Selvey and Chief Campbell have been involved with the development of the guidelines that are specific to Clyde.

Mr. Selvey stated all of these additions make sense.

Ms. Jackson agreed there have been many younger people driving the golf carts. She questioned if a copy of the Ordinance will be given to golf cart owners or if they will be given a warning for their first offense (the Police Officers will have the discretion to give a warning, pending the severity of the offense). Chief Campbell would like to have a copy of the Ordinance given to all Police Officers who can then reference it and inform golf cart owners as needed.

Mr. Stanley feels this is going to be an issue. He feels the mph is reasonable, but he does not feel the need for seatbelts is reasonable, as golf carts do not have seat belts; Ms. Jackson has many times used or seen golf carts with seat belts. Mr. Selvey stated these are similar to many other municipalities. Mr. Stanley noted thirteen new guidelines now included for golf carts. Chief Campbell feels these are all standard requirements and will be easily enforced. Mr. Stanley

questioned if currently the Police cannot address golf cart issues (yes, they can; this change will have all thirteen requirements in one section, instead of the Officer needing to look up thirteen different sections in the Ohio Revised Code). Mr. Selvey stated Clyde does not currently have golf cart laws, so the golf carts are falling under the motor vehicle laws. So, these are really not new laws.

Mr. Keegan previously rented a golf cart and he felt many of these same guidelines were in place. He questioned if there is a loophole regarding the need for a license, if they say they are using it on a farm (then they would need to keep it on the farm). Mr. Selvey does not feel they could justify this type of situation to a judge.

Mrs. Boyer questioned the speed limits (the idea is to keep them at residential speed limits and on residential streets, not on the highway). She questioned keeping them on 25mph streets instead of 35mph (most residential streets are 25mph; 35mph is in the Ohio Revised Code). Mrs. Boyer thinks we should do our best to communicate, with information on the City website, on Facebook and to communicate to known cart owners (Mr. LaBenne will get the information posted online). She questioned if the 25mph limit would be safer (this may impose limitations in getting from point A to point B).

Mayor Black purchased his golf cart years ago, and it was street legal and approved by the Sheriff's Department. Every year he gets a license plate and shows proof of insurance. He does not see a problem with any of the things on this list. He does not know about the speed limit, as he is not aware of golf carts having speedometers. He feels that only carts that have been modified could have a problem with going too fast. He is glad to see these laws. He has seen kids stand up when driving, driving at night without lights, etc. Mrs. Boyer questioned if it could be a safety concern with cars driving 35mph going past a golf cart; there could always be a safety concern related to a car and a golf cart, but the golf cart just needs to stay to the side of the road for the car to pass it. Mayor Black has seen an increased use of golf carts, including at the grocery store and dropping kids off at school, etc. Ms. Jackson has also seen the golf carts adjust so that a car can pass them.

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2021-33** had its first reading.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

2021-34 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHANGING ENVIRONMENTS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE SOOFA SIGNS; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2021-34** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser explained these are the digital kiosks that Mr. LaBenne previously spoke about at the

last meeting. Mr. LaBenne is available to answer questions.

Ms. Jackson questioned if a decision has been made on the placement of the third one (locations are still being finalized; they would not be hard to move if needed).

Mr. Keegan recalled being told they could easily be cleaned if they are vandalized; are there cameras inside them that could record if anyone does anything to them, or will they be placed near cameras (there is no camera attached although it does record passers-by for walking count; they have been designed to be easily cleaned and not easily destroyable; these are being used in much larger cities, cities with greater crime rates, but with minimal issues).

Mrs. Boyer recalled being told these could be purchased with American Recovery Act dollars, but this says it will be paid for with permanent improvement dollars (we are on a time crunch to get them in and not get behind a bunch of other communities; when the ARA dollars come in, we will do a transfer of the money back to PI or use the ARA funds to pay a PI project that is a similar dollar amount). It was also mentioned it would be about $800 a year maintenance and that could be offset by advertising dollars (we will work with the Chamber of Commerce, BPA, ClydeScope to push out the advertising piece of this project).

Mr. Stanley questioned the delivery date if the Resolution passes tonight (we are still in the design phase; we are targeting early to mid-July).

Mayor Black would like to have them placed by cameras if that would be possible (because they are solar powered, it would be advantageous to place them in high traffic areas where it is well lit and can be easily seen; if vandalism comes up, the company will work with us to address the concern; if it is possible to place them near cameras, that will be done).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-34**, **Action:** Pass,
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 Brent Stanley, Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Mayor G. Scott Black.

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2021-34** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:
COVID Update – hopefully this is our last update. All is clear and we are planning on opening back up tomorrow. He offered thanks for everyone's patience and hopefully that was our one in a hundred-year event.

US Rt 20/SR 101 Sewer Separation – No action yet but we expected that when the northeastern blew in at the end of last week. Mobilization has not started yet but should start around the 7th. Plans are for pipe in the ground to tentatively start on the 14th.

Clyde Light & Power - Peak shaving season at the generator site is upon us. Next week we will probably have some runs with the warm weather. Testing of the generators will be conducted tomorrow and/or Thursday. AEP wants to ensure that all l6 generators or 10 MW are ready.

Mulberry Street Bridge – we are working on contract documents, waiting on July 1st for the final OPW confirmation letter. Bidding to follow shortly after that.

2021 Paving Program – General Services Department, which is now up to full strength, is working on the routes to be paved. Mostly the cross walks at intersections, etc.

Municipal Solid Waste Feasibility Study – this is still moving forward. We are awaiting some answers yet from the closest landfill and Mr. Fiser is coordinating one more visit next week and then we should be ready to talk in a few weeks.

Evergreen Complaint – Mr. Fiser received a complaint from a neighboring business. That business will meet with Evergreen tomorrow to discuss. The new Evergreen supervisor seems to be addressing and handling issues as they come up.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tomorrow the Finance office will open back up to normal traffic.

Regarding the American Recovery Act funds that will be coming, an Ordinance will be brought to Council at the next meeting to set up a new fund to allocate this money as a separate fund for a period of time as it has the potential for being in the account for three to four years.

Our annual audit will begin next week. Beginning last year we had an independent audit instead of having the State of Ohio do the audit and the same will be done this year.

We continue to work on upgrades for payroll, timekeeping and things of that nature.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has had small miscellaneous runs for a gas line rupture, a tree falling, a lawnmower cutting a gas line, but nothing too major.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Jackson stated that the Community Park sign that is at the bottom of the Fair Street hill seems to have part of the sign missing.

Ms. Jackson requested an update on the uses for the ARA funds (similar uses to CARES Act, with the exception of infrastructure improvements; still waiting for final guidelines; could help with lost revenue).

Ms. Jackson questioned the request for a donation to the Flier Football Foundation, that was presented to Council at the last meeting, and Mr. Davis was going to look into this from a

financial standpoint (at this time our finances are in a pretty good position, with income tax collections being good in May; there could still be a negative financial impact to the income tax collections related to lay-offs, etc.; if Council were to suggest a $5,000 donation, Mr. Davis would be okay with that).

Ms. Jackson referenced a letter from resident Bev Henson that all Council members received; she questioned if any of her complaints have been addressed (Mr. Winke, Zoning Inspector, is looking into this).

Mr. Keegan feels the City has had to address issues at the Industrial Park multiple times over the recent years. Today there was a mess down there after it rained with a black oily substance from the parking lot running into the ditch. There have been problems with items being flushed down the sanitary sewer. There have been fires there too. He knows people who have worked there. Mr. Keegan attended meetings related to the cancer cluster. Following a meeting he spoke to representatives from the EPA and discussed things that happened back in the 1970's when there were not the same regulations as we have now. He has contact information for the EPA and he could call them about the mess that is down there, but he won't do that. He hopes the new guy at Evergreen will get things better.

Mr. Keegan questioned if all the rails going through town for Norfolk Southern will be replaced (yes). It was noted that rails will be dropped in for a section about a mile long (they are getting started now; the grade crossing will be done late summer or early fall).

Mrs. Boyer questioned if the waste management feasibility study is costing us anything (no, Mr. Fiser and Mr. Davis are doing the study; they will be looking at a budget for a separate department; Mr. Fiser has been asking residents for their current monthly bills for his review; the rates vary greatly and he does not know any other business that can get away with that; these comparisons will be submitted to some officials with our inquiring). Mrs. Boyer does have some concerns with the City taking on a whole new department since we do have multiple options for waste management services in our community (this proposal would be discussed at length when the study is complete).

Mr. Stanley would like to keep other options in mind if the City finds they cannot move forward after the feasibility study is reviewed, such as bringing in other companies (we could go out for bid for one hauler). Mr. Stanley suggests having a "preferred hauler" that the City would reference as being the preferred hauler, within the list of options of haulers within the City.

Mrs. Boyer feels we need to look at our history and learn from our history.

Mr. Stanley questioned the status of the electric car charging stations (our assistant grant writer has everything pulled together for Mr. Fiser's review).

Mr. Stanley questioned why the Police are monitoring Woodland Avenue, as reported in the Police Department report (due to complaints from the public).

Mr. Stanley questioned the respirators that were purchased by the General Services Department (probably cloth masks). Mr. Stanley suggests we buy respirator cartridges that are replaceable instead of buying full respirators (the purchase was probably respirators for concrete cutting).

Mr. Stanley would like the City to make a donation to the Flier Football Foundation.

Mayor Black will be glad to have the City opened back up for business. He carries his vaccination card on a lanyard.

Mayor Black saw on the news tonight that the Russian hackers for the gas pipeline just hacked an American meat packing plant. We need to be more diligent against hackers.

MOTIONS

Motion: to donate $10,000 to the Flier Football Foundation to be earmarked for the sole use of the lighting for the veterans wall project, **Action:** Donate,
Moved by Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, **Seconded by** Council Member Brent Stanley.

Ms. Jackson referenced the City and schools working well together, and Clyde Light and Power already works at the stadium with the lighting. This would be a nice memorial for our veterans.

Mr. Keegan questioned if Mr. Davis is okay with this amount (yes, no issue with this). Mr. Keegan is all for this. Being in the stadium on a Friday night watching the Clyde Fliers can take concerns off your mind for a while. This is an honorable memorial for the veterans. He does not have a problem with donating $10,000.

Mrs. Boyer questioned if we have gotten an update on how their donations are going (they are planning to attend a Green Springs Council meeting; they have gotten some donations). She likes that this would be an opportunity for young people to see the values of the military, and the link to work ethics and educational opportunities.

Mr. Stanley feels this is a great community effort. There are many sporting opportunities at that stadium, not just football. This puts a good face on our community and is a good donation to support. The new turf they are now installing at the stadium will give us more opportunities for more events for people to attend.

Mayor Black supports this program. He wishes the school would have gotten back to us with the progress they are making in getting donations. He would have been more comfortable with a donation amount of $5,000 instead of $10,000 but he does support this project.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).
Yes: Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, Council Member Brent Stanley, Mayor G. Scott Black, Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Bobbie Boyer.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Stanley requested an update from Mr. Brown, ClydeScope. Mr. Brown reviewed

ClydeScope activities.

Mr. Fiser stated the Sandusky County Commissioners and Sandusky County EDC have agreed that although the "inhouse deadline" passed for the tax exemption for the Evergreen expansion, the deadline has been extended. This will probably be processed at the next meeting. Sandusky County EDC and the Evergreen plant lead will probably be in attendance.

Ms. Jackson questioned if the Hardees is going in next to the truck stop building (it will be attached to the building).

Mayor Black questioned if a donut shop would be going in next to AutoZone (not confirmed at this time).

ADJOURNMENT
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 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: Mayor G. Scott Black, Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson.

G. Scott Black, Mayor

Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday June 1, 2021 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Bill Brown
2. Chris Athey
3. Gary Smith
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