

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – August 3, 2021

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 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)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)
IT Administrator Justin LaBenne (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: Finance Director Craig Davis

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 July 20, 2021 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There was one correction.

Page 2, 6th paragraph, Mayor Black statement, "... the City will *be* following through ..."

Motion: to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 regular session of council as corrected,

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

Ms. Jackson questioned the status of installing camera(s) at the reservoir (Mr. LaBenne has reviewed possible locations for camera placement; it will take some work to run lines to these locations but this will continue to be addressed; Mr. LaBenne has communicated this information to the family).

Mr. Stanley questioned the status of starting a Clyde run trash collection service (Mr. Fiser has

found that the City could not compete with the exceptionally low monthly rate that Mr. Stanley is currently paying; the information the City has gathered can be brought to the next Council meeting; Fremont will be doing a renewal soon and Mr. Fiser is waiting for that information).

Mr. Stanley questioned the status of a strategic plan (Mr. LaBenne is finalizing the plan format).

Mr. Fiser reported that Cyclone has agreed to charge the same base price, \$7,500, for a citywide trash pick-up, as they did the last time. Mr. Davis asks that Council select two dates for consideration for the citywide trash pick-up day, from the following choices: 9/11, 9/25, 10/9 or 10/16. He will then work with his staff and Cyclone to select a date. The last trash day was 10/19/19.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

Bill Brown, ClydeScope, reviewed a visit from a few weeks ago. Senator Reineke and Representative Click toured Monday, July 19th visiting areas such as downtown businesses, an alley, an upstairs theater, and tunnels in a basement. They discussed the overall history of Clyde, the bike trail, the museum and the cemetery. Ideas were shared for tours that would highlight our deep history that is here. A future idea includes a turnpike exit in Clyde to offer easy access to our City. Mr. Brown has learned many things over the years and with this tour, he has really gained a lot more knowledge of Clyde. Tours would offer additional revenue opportunities to our other businesses. The Representatives suggested we visit Tiffin and see what they have done in their downtown.

Thanks were offered to Council for passing the CRA. Mr. Brown believes having the CRA is important for the community. He also extended thanks to Mr. Davis for all of his work and preparation related to the CRA application process.

Discussions are being held related to vacant buildings in the downtown area and how this affects economic development. Good first impressions are important for visitors to see when they enter into town. Suggestions for improvement will be brought to Council for review.

BPA had a great Farmer's Market that was held on Saturday. Another event is scheduled for October. Funds were raised for the BPA, and funds were raised in memory of Kim Wilhelm.

Ms. Jackson referenced history of Thaddeus Hurd at the Clyde Museum. There is a lot of history information available at the museum.

Mr. Keegan has always lived in Clyde. He likes antique shops and he hates to see Clyde memorabilia leave the Clyde area. He has many items of local interest.

Mrs. Boyer feels it is great to hear these types of ideas. She recalled that she invited representatives from Tiffin to attend the first worksession after she joined Council, to share

information regarding their downtown revitalization. She encourages a visit to Tiffin. We can learn many things from other communities.

Mr. Stanley is very interested in what was covered. He would like opportunities such as this to be offered to all Council members (if all or a majority of members are present, and Council members will have any opportunity to voice opinions or ask questions, it would need to be considered a meeting, with advance notice of a special meeting being publicized and meeting minutes being taken). Mr. Stanley has only lived in the City limits for eleven years and he does not know all of the history. He is interested in learning more.

Mayor Black had the opportunity to go on the tours. He described some of the many interesting things they saw. He thanked Mr. Brown for organizing the tour as he enjoyed attending.

Mayor Black agreed it was a good Farmer's Market that was well attended.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2021-37 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Resolution No. **2021-37** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser explained this is an annual "housekeeping" item to approve the recommendations for the tax levies. He noted this \$330,000 is less than 1% of the City budget.

Mr. Stanley questioned if we receive this money back from the county (yes, this will be included as revenue at the budget hearing).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-37**, **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: 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. **2021-37** passed.

2021-38 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Resolution No. **2021-38** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser shared that Clyde has been very fortunate to have had at least one project approved every year for the past eleven years. During that time, we have received between \$3 to \$3.5 mil. We will be submitting another set of projects for next year including the paving for 2022 and the Woodland Ave/Maple Street Sewer.

Ms. Jackson commends Mr. Fiser for his efforts with the OPW.

Mr. Keegan and Mrs. Boyer echoed that comment and offered thanks.

Mr. Stanley questioned if we have only two shovel ready projects (we have the river project, but it is not worth a try with OPW as it will not score well; we can have another infrastructure project ready). Mr. Stanley noted there could be federal funds coming for infrastructure projects and we would not want to miss out on that opportunity (Mr. Fiser is aware and we can have other projects ready).

Mayor Black extended thanks to Mr. Fiser. He noted these OPW funds have allowed us to do many projects we might not otherwise have been able to do.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-38**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Steve Keegan, **Seconded by** Council Member Brent Stanley.

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. **2021-38** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

COVID – we are back to having COVID updates, unfortunately. We currently have two out on quarantine, one with an exposure and one testing positive.

Rt 20/SR 101 Sewer Separation – we were rolling along just fine, maybe a week behind schedule but nothing out of the ordinary considering the weather. That came to an end with the curb pour the other day. Mosser, their surveyor or the curb sub-contractor had a bust in their layout. We are now sorting out how much needs re-worked and they are fighting out who is responsible, but it is not us.

2021 Paving Program – We bid this project last Friday and had five bidders. The low bid of \$415,000+/- was submitted by M&B Asphalt. The engineer's estimate was \$425,000. We will have the award legislature at the next meeting. To review, that project includes all of Farnum,

Liberty, Spring Avenue, Railroad, George, Nelson, Ott, East Buckeye, Loomis and Ames; then Church from Duane to Lemmon and the very north end of Elmdale.

Mulberry Street Bridge Replacement – Bids are this coming Friday. The Engineer's estimate is \$550,000. There appears to be a lot of interest as nine sets of plans are out.

Sofa Signs – The signs are here and ready to be installed.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Fiser explained that a Housing Council will be needed for the CRA. Members of this Council will be comprised of two members appointed by the Mayor, two members appointed by Council, one member appointed by the Planning Commission and two members appointed by these five members.

2022 Budgets – everyone is working on their budgets. For example, Mr. Fiser and Superintendent Biggs traveled to Wauseon WWTP today to look at their new dewatering press. It is very efficient compared to our sixteen-year-old centrifuge. We will be discussing that during the budget hearings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Fiser reported there has been one structure fire, a vehicle in a garage, located in Green Creek Township. The Department has responded to a couple motor vehicle accidents.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Jackson stated the BPA Farmer's Market was nice, and they will possibly need to get more food vendors to attend. She met representatives of L&K Tire Service at the market; the representatives noted they are very thankful for doing recent business with the City.

Mr. Keegan spoke about the WWTP dewatering sludge process; he noted Whirlpool has a process that works very well (Mr. Fiser will check into this).

Mr. Keegan has driven through the downtown area, including the alleys, during the middle of the night. He has noted thirty-five parking spaces behind the downtown businesses; however, the street sweeper had to go around parked cars on the street. There is no parking problem now, but there would be if all the vacant buildings had a business in them.

Mr. Keegan offered thanks for the dangerous intersection sign that has been posted at Vine/George Streets.

Mr. Keegan previously questioned if the bike trail is patrolled; he noted he saw a Park Ranger making rounds on the bike trail recently.

Mr. Keegan spoke with the residents on Cherry Street, and he spoke to the victim that was discussed at the last Council meeting. The residents are worried that someone will destroy the new park equipment when it arrives. There is nice equipment at the school and picnic tables in

areas where there are many cameras. He would like to see cameras at all City parks.

Mr. Keegan observed the alley behind the old 5 and Dime store is in terrible condition and needs attention (most of the area is privately owned; the City only owns five parking spots there).

Mr. Keegan reported a street light out at the corner of Hill and Ott Streets. On Amanda Street there are two lights missing, before Vine Street.

Mrs. Boyer thanked the BPA for a great event. She was happy to see many people out attending this event and she was able to meet some new entrepreneurs.

Mr. Stanley reported a sidewalk area at the corner of Hill and Ott Streets that is damaged and needs attention. Previously there was a cone there, but the cone is gone; the edges of the damaged area are sharp.

Mr. Stanley reported the curbs on Main Street are in poor condition and need to be re-done; he questioned if this is scheduled for 2025, and questioned if we can wait that long to do this (paving on Main Street is scheduled for 2025, however we are getting quotes now for repairing the curbs).

Mr. Stanley shared information on a company in New York that buys sludge blocks to burn for power; he suggested possibly our WWTP could sell our sludge cakes after the dewatering process as opposed to paying to get rid of the sludge (this could be brought to the budget hearing for consideration).

Mayor Black questioned the status of a waterline to Old Fort (we are reviewing; Mr. Fiser is not comfortable yet with the revenue projections).

Mayor Black questioned the status of a sewer line to the Turnpike (we got a draft agreement; the mark ups are being reviewed by Solicitor Selvey).

Mayor Black has lost a cousin to COVID. His cousin was otherwise healthy, but was not vaccinated.

Mayor Black referenced comments on Facebook following the last Council meeting. The comments to the effect that Council members “scattered” following the meeting are not true as Mayor Black and Mr. Keegan were in the parking lot talking for a good amount of time. Other comments were to the effect that Council members “did not care” about the victim that was discussed, however, the meeting minutes show otherwise. Mayor Black noted that multiple Council members have spoken with the family members and to the victim in the time since the last Council meeting.

Mr. Stanley inquired about the requirements for the CRA Housing Council members (they need to be City residents). Mr. Stanley questioned if it could be a Council member (Solicitor Selvey legally advises against this, as it could be a conflict of interest). Mr. Stanley questioned if it

could be a BZA or other City committee member (yes that would be okay). Solicitor Selvey stated the Housing Council will help set guidelines that Mr. Fiser will need to enforce. He advises against having any members who could have a conflict or would be self-dealing. Mr. Fiser added that the Housing Council will conduct annual inspections of property within our district and will hear appeals.

Mr. Stanley inquired what will be done with funds for infrastructure at the Sandusky County Regional Airport (Mr. Fiser will look into this).

MOTIONS

Motion: to recommend using October 9th or October 16th for the citywide trash pick-up,

Action: recommend,

Moved by Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, **Seconded by** Council Member Bobbie Boyer.

Ms. Jackson selected these dates as it might be cooler weather in October, not so hot for city workers who are at the trash pick-up. There was positive feedback after the last one.

Mr. Keegan stated this was well attended the last time it was scheduled. He does not feel it will cost as much this time because it has only been two years since the last one; in 2019, it had been many years since the last time. He feels this is a good thing.

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.

Motion: to enter into an executive session for the sole purpose of the purchase or sale of land at 8:11 p.m., **Action:** Enter Closed Session,

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

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 no further business or actions will take place following adjournment of the Executive Session, other than to adjourn the regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the executive session at 8:44 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 Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, Council Member Steve Keegan.

Motion: to adjourn the regular session at 8:45 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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

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: August 3, 2021 Regular session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Bar Brown

2. Doug McCauley

3. Gary Smith

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

13. _____

14. _____

15. _____