

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – September 7, 2021

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 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
City Manager Paul Fiser (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: Council Member Brent Stanley
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 August 17, 2021 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were a couple corrections.

Page 2, Mr. Keegan comment: "... with the bag tag service ..."

Page 8, Remarks, Mr. Keegan: "Mr. Keegan feels they did not do a good job and but this patch will not last."

Motion: to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 regular session of council as corrected,

Action: Approve,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Jackson requested an update on a cat ordinance. Mr. Selvey discussed this issue with Chief Monti Campbell. The Police Department will monitor this issue and will try to enforce the current City of Clyde guidelines by giving citations. If a citizen does not claim a cat, the feral cat issue can be addressed. We can increase the enforcement in the future. Ms. Jackson noted this issue has been debated on Facebook. Mr. Selvey noted the current dog warden is not authorized

to ticket our residents, as she is not our employee.

Mayor Black traveled to Tiffin and met with Rep. Glick, Senator Reineke, Tiffin Mayor and Seneca County Commissioners to view and discuss Tiffin's revitalization efforts. This amazing revitalization was thanks to the city, county and state working together to better the city. They have fixed up downtown buildings and have built luxury apartments downtown on the third floor (they have a waiting list of people wanting to rent them). The DORA is working well and all the businesses are working together for it. The county offices and other professional offices have remained located downtown, instead of moving to a different area of the City. Clyde is not Tiffin in that Clyde is not a county seat, Clyde does not have two colleges and Clyde is not on waterfront. But there are things Clyde could do; examples are: fix up the old theatre that was above the current school board office, remodel downtown upstairs apartments, fix up the building by the alley and the tunnel, beautify the City, convert empty buildings for use and use the vacant block that the City now owns.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors: Halloween Parade Committee – Mike Billings

A financial statement for the Halloween Parade was distributed with the agenda. Mr. Billings reviewed the financial information. Although the parade was not held last year due to Covid, they spent \$190 on other contests, such as the button contest and a home decorating contest. They would like to ask for a little more money this year, \$2,000.00. The Committee is conscientious to keep expenses down.

Ms. Jackson has many fond memories of the parade and feels all look forward to the parade. This is a good event for the City of Clyde.

Mr. Keegan offered thanks to the Committee. He has always felt that this is money well spent. No matter the weather, the parade is well attended. Mr. Billings noted the parade does not have a rain date; it is either held on the scheduled date, or it is cancelled.

Mrs. Boyer echoes all comments and offered her thanks for continuing with the wonderful event.

Mayor Black also offered his thanks. He appreciates the financial statement that this Committee always prepares for Council to review. He offered best wishes for the parade to continue for years to come.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2021-44 AN ORDINANCE RENEWING SECTION 191 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLYDE WHICH LEVIES AN EXCISE TAX OF THREE PERCENT (3%) OF TRANSACTIONS BY WHICH LODGING BY A HOTEL/MOTEL IS OR IS TO BE FURNISHED TO TRANSIENT GUESTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5739.02 (C)(1).

Ordinance No. **2021-44** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated that Administration recommends this renewal. For the past six years, the average tax collected is about \$28,000, with expenses amounting to about \$22,000. Any balance unspent, typically about \$6,000, goes to the General Fund. In the past, funds were distributed between the Clyde BPA and Clyde In Bloom. With the disbandment of Clyde In Bloom, Clyde BPA, who oversees the Winesburg Weekend, is now the only recipient of funds.

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2021-44** had its first reading.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

2021-40 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR VARIOUS SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FOR THE NEEDS OF VARIOUS CITY OF CLYDE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR SAME AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT THEREFOR.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2021-40** was read by title only for its second reading.

Mr. Fiser had no additional comments.

Council had no additional comments/questions.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2021-40**, **Action:** Adopt,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2021-40** was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

2021-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BONDED CHEMICALS, INC. OF COLUMBUS, OHIO FOR A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE FERRIC CHLORIDE IN THE YEAR 2022 FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Resolution No. **2021-45** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated Clyde has used Bonded for several years and have been happy with their product. This is an annual agreement for this chemical, with an annual usage of 50 ton.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-45**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2021-45** passed.

2021-46 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BERGREN ASSOCIATES INC., SYLVANIA, OHIO FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PUMP CONTROL PANEL FOR THE CLYDE/GREEN SPRINGS PUMP STATION; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2021-46** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser explained that Clyde is only responsible for two pumps and the controller that gets the waste into town. The original panel as the “poor man’s panel” and it deteriorated faster than expected. The pumps are in a wet well, with a lot of fumes. This purchase is in the budget. The new cabinet will be double sealed and better protected.

Mrs. Boyer questioned how long it will take to get it installed (hopefully it will be installed by the end of this year).

It was noted this Resolution states the funds will come from the Electric Fund; that will be corrected to say the Environmental Services Fund.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-46**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2021-46** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

Covid – unfortunately, we are back into Covid. It seems more people are testing positive with this wave than with any of the previous spreads. We have taken a step back and re-implemented most of our original protocols. We had some positive tests that took out CL&P and the GS departments. We managed through that small crisis and most of the staff for those two departments should be back in the next few days. We are separating staff again; one person per truck. There have been a lot of complaints related to people seeing two or three trucks following each other with each truck having only one person in it. That is the only way to provide a safe work environment. We are trying to adhere to six foot distancing again, but that is difficult to do when pouring concrete. Some staff feel quarantine is not needed, but the other half are concerned their safety is jeopardized without quarantine. We will get through this without a lapse in our service delivery.

Investing in Ohio’s Future Grant – this is part of the American Rescue Plan Act, a big hunk of

money dedicated strictly to water and waste water infrastructure. It is very unique. That type of infrastructure always seems to take a backseat to roads and bridges. It is good to have a big chunk of money we can go after for some of our projects that have been in the queue for quite a while. We did submit three rather large projects. We submitted the Sandusky River Raw Water Line, the Woodland Avenue/Maple Street sanitary sewer line, and for some new screw pressers for the wastewater treatment plant. All totaled up to about \$9 million that we applied for. We are hopeful for some good things through this grant.

Other grant opportunities coming forward will be our round 36 of OPW. That needs to be to the county engineer by Friday and we will be submitting two projects. We will submit the 2022 paving program, which will be another rather large pavement program and will get us to a point of most all roads in Clyde being paved. There are not many other communities who could say this.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Fiser reported for Mr. Davis on the financial report. The water, sewer and electric funds balances are all higher than their balances at this time in 2020. The Income Tax Collections are also higher, with collections trending towards the 2018 record year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Fiser reported for Chief Davis and stated it continues to be quiet for the Fire Department, although there was one call today for the turnpike.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Selvey requested to speak, noting that all candidates running for a Council seat are in attendance tonight. He reminded all candidates that he works for the City of Clyde and therefore cannot give any advice to any candidate for anything political. He will remain neutral as is appropriate.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Jackson noted that the 1st Financial Bank, formerly Clyde Savings Bank, has issued notification that they will be closing, which is disappointing to many residents. Their next closest branch is in Delphos.

Ms. Jackson questioned the status of the group home on Buckeye Street as it appears residents are not currently living there. The exterior of the home is being worked on. She questioned if this group home was "grandfathered" into zoning for this location (Mr. Selvey stated we will need to watch and research this case).

Ms. Jackson noted there are signs on Main Street in front of the City Building stating "2 hour parking" only; however, the Mayor's golf cart was recently parked there all day. Mr. Selvey stated it is illegal now for Police Officers to chalk the tires of parked cars and therefore it is hard for them to enforce parking restrictions. He is not aware that this is being enforced downtown, but he will talk to the Police Chief about this.

Ms. Jackson shared a concern with the cross walk at the corner of South Main and Limerick, which school kids could be walking across now that school has begun. She suggested that the cross walk be repainted for the safety of these walkers.

Ms. Jackson referenced the new sign that has been placed across the street; the sign states this Council meeting starts at 4p, when in fact it starts at 7p. She questioned who is in charge of the information that is placed on these signs, and offered a reminder that the information needs to be accurate.

Ms. Jackson questioned a bike repair station (it was purchased with a grant and has been well received).

Mr. Keegan questioned if the electrical line has been cut that goes to a blue house that is falling down on Cherry Street; he noted an electric meter is still there and questioned if there is concern that the meter could be stolen (the house should come to the county land bank soon, then the property will be for sale).

Mr. Keegan questioned the status of new playground equipment for the City park (there is a delay in the shipping of the equipment).

Mr. Keegan recalls when there was a “no parking” order for Main Street on Tuesday nights, then the City street sweeper would come through town on Wednesday morning. Business owners would sweep the sidewalks in front of their business on Tuesday evenings. However, the “no parking” is no longer being enforced.

Mrs. Boyer questioned who we would be competing with for the \$9 million we applied for related to the water fund projects (all of Ohio; there have not been many guidelines offered, like OPW has, but a couple guidelines are that the project must be ready for construction and it must involve more than one community). She questioned who manages these funds at the State level (Department of Development).

Mrs. Boyer questioned who owns the house on Cherry Street (the people who own the house on the corner of Forest and George Streets are the owners).

Mrs. Boyer thanked Mayor Black for sharing information regarding the visit to Tiffin. It is exciting, what they have done there. She reminded Council that three years ago she invited Tiffin representatives to attend a Clyde Council Worksession. During this worksession, the representatives explained that they started with a Strategic Plan, a plan to look at the entire City. Mrs. Boyer suggests that at the upcoming Clyde Budget Hearings money be set aside for a Strategic Plan.

Mayor Black stated there will be a dedication ceremony on Friday night at Clyde High School for the new football field. There will be a good football game, good speakers and a military fly-over. It would be nice if Council members can attend.

Mayor Black questioned an incident recently where a car was damaged by a piece of chimney that fell on it. This occurred in the alley behind Edwards Jones and Rookies Den businesses. The car owner was told he is responsible for any repairs. Mr. Fiser stated the chimney is from a building owned by the City (former Gill building). The cost for the damages has been submitted to PEP City insurance, but they did not approve it. Mr. Fiser will try to negotiate a fair settlement with the owner for compensation. Mr. Selvey agrees with the PEP legal assessment. Government cannot be sued or held responsible due to sovereign immunity. However, legally it is okay for Mr. Fiser to negotiate and be a good neighbor.

Mayor Black referenced the discussion about the 2-hour parking on Main Street. He noted that Council meetings can go longer than two hours, so anyone who is parked in front of the City Building for a Council meeting would be in violation. He noted that the day in question, was the day he traveled to Tiffin to tour and meet with representatives. He felt this was City business and therefore it was okay for him to park there. He stated he did not see the 2-hour parking sign.

The Tree (Landscape) Committee will be celebrating Arbor Day on 9/25. They will be at McPherson Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. to recognize a tree there that is 245 years old. This tree has had a song written about it, and the song was performed at a past Clyde Fair. Clyde residents are asked to post photos of someone hugging a tree on 9/25.

Mr. Keegan noted he has always been an avid CHS football fan.

MOTIONS

Motion: to donate \$2,000 to the Halloween parade, **Action:** Approve,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

ADJOURNMENT

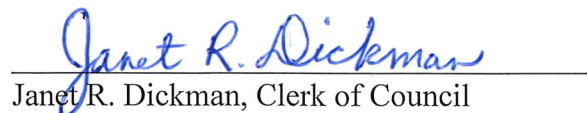
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Council Member Bobbie Boyer, 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: Sept. 7, 2021 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Chris Thayer

2. Gary Beaman

3. Mike Bithip

4. Doug McCarty

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