

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – October 19, 2021

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 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
Finance Director Craig Davis (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: City Manager Paul Fiser

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 October 5, 2021 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 regular session of council as written,
Action: Appoint,

Moved by Council Member Steve Keegan, **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 provided follow-up to the discussion of Tiffin using some CARES Act funds to help small businesses affected by COVID. She shared that Tiffin distributed these funds through their Economic Development/Community Development office.

Ms. Jackson questioned the date the playground equipment and swing were ordered (information not available at this meeting). Ms. Jackson requested that this information be available at the budget hearings.

Mr. Stanley questioned who runs the Tiffin Economic Development (it is structured similar to our ClydeScope).

Mr. Stanley provided follow-up to the discussion related to some sidewalk crossings needing repainted. Mr. Stanley spoke with Bill Hamilton and was told the painting machine is not working currently. He questioned if the painting machine can be repaired or replaced. Mr. Stanley will get a list of crossings that need repainted and give this list to Mr. Hamilton.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

2021-47 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING THE DEDICATION OF A RIGHT-A-WAY FOR PUBLIC USE OF A 1.7647 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED IN PART OF OUTLOT 54 IN THE CITY OF CLYDE, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO. (Addition to Premier Drive)

Ordinance No. **2021-47** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Davis had no additional comments.

Council had no additional comments/questions.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2021-47**, **Action:** Adopt,

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 Ordinance No. **2021-47** was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

2021-50 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE "COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL" WITHIN THE CITY OF CLYDE.

Resolution No. **2021-50** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Davis indicated five members have been appointed. After their appointment is approved, this Housing Council will appoint the final two members. Then the Housing Council will be ready to go.

Ms. Jackson feels there is a good mix of community members on this Housing Council so far; it will be good to see who else joins.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-50**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Bobbie Boyer, **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. **2021-50** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Davis reported the following updates on Mr. Fiser's behalf:

City-wide Trash Pick Up – it was reported that the trash pick-up was a little slower than last time (slower as in not as many residents dropping off trash), but it went pretty smooth.

Playground equipment – is currently being installed and should be completed by October 25th.

Budget Hearings – department heads are ready to present their budget requests.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reported financials for September:

- Revenue report is at 75% received, which is on target
- Expenditure report is at 21% of appropriations unspent and unencumbered
- General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Electric Fund are all higher than their 2020 balance at this time of year
- Income Tax Collections were increased by \$4,181 and are increased by \$505,019 YTD
- There will be an investment board meeting by the end of this year to discuss funds currently in accounts at First Financial Bank

Finance Department software upgrades continue.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Davis reported an incident this evening at the plaza on the north side of the turnpike. This has been a very trying time and prayers would be appreciate for all first responders, including police, EMS, fire, etc. He also extended kudos to all involved.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Jackson feels that residents were pleased with the city-wide trash pick and comments included that residents did not have to wait in line for the pick-up.

Ms. Jackson is sorry to hear of the incident at the Turnpike.

Ms. Jackson stated that COVID is real. She shared of the loss of a good friend, Troy Liebengood who was planning to retire 12/1. Prayers for the family would be appreciated.

Ms. Jackson responded to Mrs. Boyer's prepared speech at the 9/21/2021 Council meeting. Mrs. Boyer has stated that Council voted no on the need for a Strategic Plan. Ms. Jackson corrected this statement to note that they did not vote no on the need for a Strategic Plan, they only voted no to spending \$50-150,000 for a Strategic Plan. She feels Mrs. Boyer only wants a Strategic Plan if it is done her way. This was proven at the 10/27/2021 budget hearing, page 9 of the minutes, after Mr. Fiser had offered to work on a Strategic Plan, Council agreed to this. However, on 11/3/2021 Mrs. Boyer contradicted herself by saying that response goes against what we could do, which was to give funding to hire consultants.

Ms. Jackson questions why taxpayer money should be spent in this way. It has been reported that Mrs. Boyer led a former business, BJH Consulting, who wrote Strategic Plans; Ms. Jackson questions why Mrs. Boyer would not compromise and use her skills from that business to assist with leading a team to write a Strategic Plan for Clyde. Ms. Jackson questions who benefits from the City spending funds on a Strategic Plan written by an outside firm.

Ms. Jackson questions Mrs. Boyer's past statement that she "brought on Brent Stanley" to this Council. Ms. Jackson clarified that the voters brought Mr. Stanley to this Council. She noted that the Buckeye Restaurant currently has various salads named after Mrs. Boyer and another Council candidate, although it is unknown if this other candidate approves of having a salad named after him. Ms. Jackson feels this Council is a team, a business team, not a sports team as Mrs. Boyer had previously referenced. A business team works together and they go with what the majority wants to do, like a democracy. But Mrs. Boyer refuses to give up on spending \$50-\$150,000 for what she wants, not what the taxpayers and Council want, and Mrs. Boyer has felt this way since she first came on Council 1/2/2018. There have been two Councils who have voted against spending funds for this purpose, including a Council with Mr. Stanley voting. If Council members are divided, it is due to Mrs. Boyer bringing Columbus level politics to Clyde, but Clyde just wants honesty from Council. Mrs. Boyer has stated that Clyde is a laughing stock to other communities because we do not have a Strategic Plan; however, the Clyde City Manager has a five year plan, Sandusky County has a Strategic Plan of which Clyde is a part of it, and America In Bloom provided a detailed plan for Clyde. Mrs. Boyer's calling and begging Council members to vote with her in favor of a consultant for a Strategic Plan seems desperate. In a recent speech by Mrs. Boyer, she used the word "I" twenty-eight times; that says something to Ms. Jackson and it should say something to everyone. We will see what the voters have to say on November 2nd.

Mr. Keegan reported three streetlights being out: 1) George Street at the bike trail, 2) Ott Street, across from where two Fair Board members live, 3) Mulberry Street near Woodland Avenue.

Mr. Keegan reported there is a swing missing at Gus Wolf Park, and the lines for a handicapped parking space need refreshed with paint.

Mr. Keegan stated the new playground equipment looks great. He hopes they can get a couple picnic tables placed in the park, including a handicapped picnic table.

Mrs. Boyer feels it is good to talk about a Strategic Plan. It is hard for her to understand how those on Council do not seem to understand that when you do a plan like this it includes the community, business partners and people who would be best to be included and you need an outside person to facilitate, someone who brings an expertise on how to work with communities and how to work with large corporations. She feels it is sad that Clyde would not spend one dime on this, and that is a problem. Other leaders around us do not understand why we would not have a Strategic Plan as that is a basic thing that communities use. Mrs. Boyer acknowledges that she has written many Strategic Plans, she has facilitated and that is why she is the only one on Council with the deep level understanding of the process. She would think that on a team we would look to each other's expertise and listen to each person's expertise. She does not agree that her efforts are "Columbus politics", she only feels that most communities do Strategic Plans. Writing a Strategic Plan takes time; Mrs. Boyer has a full time job and a small business. She does not have time to do the work to develop a good Strategic Plan, but she would participate if we engage an outside consultant.

Mr. Stanley agreed that the city-wide trash pick up seemed slower. He suggested offering recycling of items such as tires and paint, with the county having a small offsite of what they do at the Fairgrounds twice a year. Mr. Stanley is interested in seeing the numbers for this year compared to the last trash pick up.

Mr. Stanley has questions regarding the Financial Statement, such as the water fund, and how the balances change from month to month. Mr. Stanley will find time to sit down and review with Mr. Davis for Mr. Davis to explain this process. Mr. Stanley referenced the excess Income Tax Collections that were reported last month, and questioned if any of that excess has reverted back (no, that could possibly occur next year). Mr. Stanley suggested we keep this in mind as we prepare the 2022 budget.

Mr. Stanley shared a concern for the general public related to the deteriorating curbs in front of the Municipal Building and in front of the Finance Office. He is concerned with a past statement that the curbs are not scheduled for repair until 2025. He would like to make a motion to set aside funds to make these repairs sooner. Mr. Selvey suggested that this topic be discussed at the budget hearings, and a motion be made after the budget hearings if appropriate. Mr. Davis noted Mr. Fiser has already looked into getting estimates for these repairs.

Mayor Black offered thanks to the City staff for their help at the city-wide trash drop off. He stated the traffic there seemed steady, but not as busy as the last time. He noted the last time it was held, it had been many years since it had been offered. It seemed that all went well.

A Work session is scheduled for October 26, 2021; the Budget Hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

MOTIONS

Motion: to accept the resignation of Paula Renfro from the Clyde Recreation Board,

Action: Accept,

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.

Ms. Renfro was thanked for her years of service, as she did a good job.

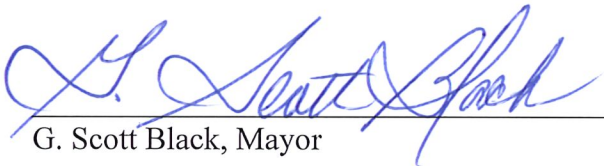
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 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 = 5).

Yes: Council Member Steve Keegan, Mayor G. Scott Black, 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 October 19, 2021 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

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3. Doug McCarty
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