

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – November 2, 2021

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 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)
Finance Director Craig Davis (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe
Solicitor Zachary Selvey

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 19, 2021 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There was one correction.

Page 4, 2nd paragraph, last sentence: "Ms. Jackson questions who benefits from the City spending funds on a Strategic Plan written by an outside firm; *is it a former business associate, a friend, who.*"

Motion: to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 regular session of council as corrected,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Vice Mayor Jean Jackson, **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.

The minutes of the October 26, 2021 work session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 work session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

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

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

In regards to the ordering of the playground equipment that was approved for the 2021 budget, Ms. Jackson questioned if the ordering was on hold due to the funds not being available or any other issue (no, funds were available January 1, 2021). Ms. Jackson has learned that the equipment was ordered in March and if the funds were available, she questions why it was not ordered two months earlier. Although there was a delay in the equipment being delivered if it had been ordered two months earlier, we could have been higher on the list to receive the equipment and maybe the equipment could have been received in time for it to be used during the year that it was purchased. On July 6, Mr. Keegan questioned the status of the equipment and was told that it all was on back order. However, the purchase order for the swings is dated August 26. This is unacceptable. It was noted the playground equipment and the swings came from the same company. Mr. Davis is unaware of a reason that there was a delay in ordering the playground equipment and the swings. Ms. Jackson asked Mr. Fiser to follow up with Mr. Mason to ask this question.

Mr. Stanley referenced the budget cuts that were made at the budget hearings last week. Although Council agreed at that meeting to cut the line item related to refurbishing the slides at the Aquatic Center, Mr. Stanley now feels this work should be done. The estimated cost is \$29,000, which would still leave a surplus of \$236,000 for our General Fund. The Aquatic Center is a face of our community, not only for our Clyde residents but also for anyone who comes from outside of Clyde. Mr. Davis recommends that this be proposed after the first of the year, and would need a Resolution for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE

A notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control related to Speedway, LLC. The name of their LLC is changing from MPC Investment LLC to SEI Speedway Holdings, LLC. Mr. Keegan questioned if there have been any issues related to any liquor establishments (no). All Council members were in agreement that no hearing on this matter is needed.

Visitors:

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2021-51 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.38 FOR THE CITY OF CLYDE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR 2021.

Ordinance No. **2021-51** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Davis offered thanks to Council, Administration and department heads for putting this budget together. We are hopeful that revenues will increase in 2022, to help the fund balances continue to grow.

Ms. Jackson noted a typographical error on Page 4 where the term FEMA FUND 202 is typed twice.

Mr. Stanley questioned if there is a separate meter reader for both electric and water (no; it is one person with the cost split between the two departments).

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2021-51** had its first reading.

2021-52 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, INTER-FUND TRANSFERS AND INTRA-FUND TRANSFERS TO APPROPRIATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. **2021-52** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Davis stated this Ordinance is for “housekeeping” items and adjustments. The \$40,000 transfer to the Recreation department was related to Council’s choice to waive fees for the Aquatic Center admissions and all Recreation program fees. The \$31,900 was related to insurance proceeds from when the car ran into the Finance building. The \$50,000 is related to the General Services building project.

Mr. Stanley questioned if the \$40,000 was related to the concessions (no, this was only for admission and program fees).

Mr. Stanley questioned if the \$31,900 covered the entire cost associated with that incident (yes).

Mayor Black announced that this ordinance contained an emergency clause.

Motion: to suspend the rule preventing passage of an ordinance at a meeting at which it is first introduced, which is section 4-5 of the Charter, **Action:** Suspend rule,

Moved by Council Member Brent Stanley, **Seconded by** Mayor G. Scott Black.

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.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2021-52** was read by title only for its second reading.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2021-52**, **Action:** Adopt,

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

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.

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2021-52** has been adopted.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

2021-53 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CLYDE WITH OHIO TRUCK SALES.

Resolution No. **2021-53** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated that Ohio Truck Sales (OTS) closed yesterday on the old Fultz business building. OTS is in the business of buying trucks from all over the nation, restoring them and reselling. They will keep their current business building in Sandusky and use it for sales only. This business will employ approximately one hundred employees. This is good for the City and is a good use of this building. This land could also potentially be used for a railroad spur for the other businesses in that area. Because of the potential need for the land to be used for a spur, a clause is included in this agreement that we could cancel the agreement as needed at any time. We will receive the same monetary amount for this agreement as we received when this land was rented for farm use.

Ms. Jackson is thankful this business chose Clyde to come to.

Mr. Keegan questioned if OTS will clean up the brush and wooded area on this parcel (yes, they will clean it, they may place gravel on it, and if the agreement is cancelled the City will keep any upgrades that have been made).

Mrs. Boyer offered thanks to Administration for their navigation of this process.

Mr. Stanley offered thanks for the work that was done to bring another employer to our City. He noted that OTS had a gravel lot at their Sandusky location, and then upgraded the gravel to concrete. He hopes they would not place concrete on this parcel in case it would be needed to use as a spur.

Mayor Black heard one comment regarding this transaction from Spader Trucking. Spader Trucking hopes that OTS will be a good neighbor and they will keep their property looking nice.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-53**, **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 Steve Keegan, Mayor G. Scott Black, Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson.

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2021-53** passed.

2021-54 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FOR THE NEEDS OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022 AND THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO.

Resolution No. **2021-54** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated this is an annual bid process. Price increases may be due to transportation price increases. Although we did not receive a bid for the diesel fuel, that will not be an issue. Typically, we do not meet the \$50,000 threshold for a bid for this item. Beck Suppliers will probably be submitting a quote for this item. The price increases will amount to about \$9,000/year for the Alum and \$3,000/year for the Lime.

Ms. Jackson noted a typographical error in the spelling of ~~Parisppany~~ *Parsippany*.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-54**, **Action:** Pass,

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.

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2021-54** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

COVID – currently all clear for City staff.

OHIO TURNPIKE FORCE MAIN – City Administration is currently redlining the draft agreement. Discussions continue related to the rate.

VACANT BUILDING LEGISLATION – An ad hoc committee has been formed through ClydeScope to develop legislation related to vacant buildings. It will be a simple, direct and easy to enforce legislation. One of the needs for this type of legislation is related to safety issues for first responders. Mr. Fiser noted we do not have a lot of vacant buildings. This legislation is being modeled after a similar legislation used in Sandusky.

POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES – two new patrol SUV's are headed to the graphics shop. They will then go to a vendor to be upfitted.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reported the Finance department has been busy with the budget and with year-end closing.

Income Tax Collections for the month are up by 6%.

Our Income Tax Clerk, who has been with us since 2016, is resigning to relocate out of the area for a family commitment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Davis stated there have been 133 fire calls YTD. This puts that number on pace to be 160 for the year, which would be an increase of 30 more calls compared to 2020.

Firefighters have been busy winterizing fire pumps.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Jackson offered thanks to the Exchange Club for a great job with the Halloween parade, which many people attended. She heard that Trick or Treating went well, and the BPA's Candyland was a nice event too.

Ms. Jackson shared a comment that she heard at the Candidate night at the Library. It was questioned if the City could put in a section of sidewalk on Woodland Avenue near the High School for the safety of students who walk in that area.

Ms. Jackson received a suggestion related to the grain trains that stop and block traffic. It was questioned if Clyde PD could direct traffic further out of town so that semi-trucks can keep moving and not sit idle which causes them to be behind schedule.

Ms. Jackson questioned the Parks and the Police Department monthly reports, which have been missing from various monthly packets.

Ms. Jackson has heard from various City employees, from three different City departments, that they feel there is a disconnect between the supervisors and the employees. It is hoped this can be worked out so that everyone can be on the same page.

Ms. Jackson hopes that citizens went out and voted today. She hopes they will vote for candidates for City Council and for the Clyde Schools who will be the best for Clyde, and to not vote for any candidate who will have their own agenda.

Mr. Keegan questioned the amount of salt the City has available as winter weather approaches (the salt shed is close to full; the shed can hold about 400 ton).

Mr. Keegan questioned if the vacant building legislation will apply to vacant houses (no, only commercial vacant buildings). He questioned if owners of vacant houses are being contacted.

Mr. Keegan offered thanks to the Halloween Parade Committee.

Mr. Keegan offered congratulations to the CHS Flier football team. He also offered kudos to the coaches for putting back-up players into the game, as these players also put in a lot of hard work

and hours at practice. He commended the CHS coaches who did not try to run up the score.

Mr. Keegan stated the playground equipment looks great at Cherry Street. It was noted the equipment is now ready for use.

Mrs. Boyer offered a shout out to Sarah Crist for her work with the CandyLand event.

Mr. Stanley offered thanks to Administration and Council for the productive budget meeting.

Mr. Stanley offered congratulations to the Clyde Flyer football team, and wishes them good luck at their next playoff game this week. He also offered congratulations to the sixth grade Clyde biddy football team who won their Championship game recently.

Mr. Stanley offered thanks to City staff for the Halloween parade; he heard there was good attendance at the parade.

Mr. Stanley noted the 6% increase in Income Tax Collections and questioned if the final numbers will be available at the next meeting (yes).

Mayor Black commended the Halloween Committee for a great job. Although there was some rain, it was still fun.

Mayor Black has also heard of City staff feeling a disconnect with management.

Mayor Black has had experience with uncooperative owners/banks of vacant houses. He shared information about a vacant home in his neighborhood that was finally sold and is now renovated into a very nice home.

Mayor Black questioned yellow and blue flags that were placed in his yard (these are to mark gas and water lines). He stated these were placed there about three months ago and were never removed; he suggested they should be removed in a reasonable timeframe.

Mr. Stanley wished good luck to all candidates running for City Council and the School Board.

MOTIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 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: 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: Tuesday 11-2-2021 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

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