

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – November 16, 2021

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 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)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)

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 November 2, 2021 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2021 regular session of council as written,

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.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

Sarah Crist, current Clyde BPA President, has formed a non-profit, Grace Bags 626 to benefit the homeless. This is a 501(c)3 non-profit. She referenced her attendance at the recent budget hearings, when she requested bed tax funds to go to the BPA including \$4,900 to continue with an event she started this past fall called Candyland. Due to her and others resignations from BPA

to be effective after the first of the year, she would like to request a portion of the bed tax funds to go to Grace Bags 626 so that she can continue with the Candyland event through Grace Bags.

Ms. Jackson attended Candyland and it was very nice. She feels it has the potential for being an even larger event. She commended Mrs. Crist for this great idea.

Mrs. Boyer questioned if this change has been discussed with the BPA. Mrs. Crist stated there is nothing in the BPA By-Laws stating that she could not take this event with her. She received no additional help from any BPA member to organize and/or run the Candyland. There is a BPA Board meeting scheduled for this Thursday and Mrs. Crist will bring up this topic.

Mr. Stanley requested confirmation that the amount allocated for this event was \$4,900 (correct; although \$4,900 was not spent this year due to the event needing to be re-scheduled due to inclement weather, Mrs. Crist is requesting the full amount allocated to the BPA for this event for next year).

Mayor Black questioned if Candyland was a new event added to the BPA events this year and that it is new to be added to the budget for next year. Mrs. Crist confirmed it was new; she had hoped to be able to stay on as the BPA President and to continue this event. However, due to changes that have occurred, she is now concerned if the BPA will have any events for next year. She wants Candyland to be a great annual event.

Mr. Davis met with Mrs. Crist to discuss her request. He stated the bed tax amount in 2022 will probably exceed the amount that was budgeted. He feels the City could still give the budgeted amount to the BPA and there would be extra funds available that could be given to Grace Bags. Mr. Davis suggests waiting until after the first of the year. This would allow extra time for Mrs. Crist and the BPA Board members to discuss this situation. He noted the second reading of the budget Ordinance will occur at tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Crist stated she does not want to compete with the BPA. If the BPA receives the Candyland allocated funds and if the BPA states they will do a Candyland event, Mrs. Crist does not wish to receive any bed tax funds. Mr. Davis clarified that the BPA does not receive the bed tax funds in a lump sum; the BPA submits a PO each time they need funds for an event, and only the amount listed on that PO for that specific event is paid out at that time.

Mr. Selvey clarified that if the budget is passed tonight, Council could use its discretion to make an amendment at any time before 2022, and reduce any previously approved budgeted amounts as it chooses. Mr. Selvey noted that no one would "own" the Candyland event; actually, anyone could hold an event and name it Candyland and run it however they want to. Mr. Selvey would appreciate if Council would not vote on this tonight, and allow him time to research this situation and speak with Mr. Davis about it.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

SECOND 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 2022.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2021-51** was read by title only for its second reading.

Mr. Davis had no additional information to add, noting a few typo corrections were made.

Council had no comments or questions.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2021-51**, **Action:** Adopt,

Moved by Council Member Brent Stanley, **Seconded by** Council Member Bobbie Boyer.

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. **2021-51** has been adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

2021-55 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEK SEAL OF NORWALK, OHIO FOR THE SEALING OF THE CITY OF CLYDE PARKS DEPARTMENT PARKING LOTS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2021-55** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated we have used Tek Seal for large projects. It has been eleven years since this lot was last seal coated. This Resolution includes re-striping of the lot. The lots will be ready for next year's park events.

Mr. Davis indicated this was a budgeted item.

Ms. Jackson noted the budgeted amount was \$35,000. She questioned if this project will be completed this year (no, early next spring). She questioned if there is a reason we waited so long this year to get this project started, since budgeted items are available for use on January 1 (no; reason unknown for the delay).

Mr. Keegan is glad the re-striping will be done.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2021-55**, **Action:** Pass,

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

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. **2021-55** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

COVID – all clear for now.

Charter Review – this committee of nine members held four meetings between May to November. They have no recommendations for any changes. Thanks are offered to all committee members for their time and kudos to member Jeff Gillmor who is a five time Charter Review committee member, and to Glenn Kistler who is a four time committee member.

Kennel – thanks to Sandusky County Detective Brian McGrady and the Sheriff's office for the donation of a very roomy kennel to our WWTP. This will be used to house lost dogs as needed. Our old kennel will be fixed up for inside containment during winter.

Winesburg Weekend – Winesburg Christmas Weekend will be held this weekend, Friday to Sunday. The parade will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the tree lighting and then fireworks thereafter. The City is all ready for this event, and are expecting it to be a good weekend.

Football – a Division 5 playoff football game will be held at CHS football stadium also on Saturday night at relatively the same time as the parade. Discussions are being held to address traffic routing to the high school, around the parade and downtown activities.

Mulberry Street Bridge – Great Lakes Demolition is tentatively looking to start the project in mid-February. They are hoping to time it just right so they are ready to pave right when the asphalt plant opens.

Police Cruisers – two new cruisers will be sent out for graphics this week or next.

PI Projects – Mr. Fiser is trying, although somewhat unsuccessfully, to get a jump on the large number of permanent improvement projects for 2022.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reviewed the financials for October.

- General Fund cash balance is at \$2.4 mil
- Electric Fund cash balance is at \$7.9 mil, about \$800,000 higher than this time last year
- Income Tax collections are \$21,316 higher than October 2020, and about \$526,000 higher YTD than 2020.
- Interest income is dismal, compared to 2010 when interest income was about a half million; an Investment Board meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss the need to move funds due to First Financial Bank closing.

Software upgrades continue.

An open position in the income tax department has been filled. The new staff member is in training.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Davis reported a mobile home fire on CR 212 on Sunday. There was also a roll-over accident with an individual being trapped. Icy road conditions snuck up on us, as Route 20 was a mess.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Jackson spoke about the intersection at Main Street/Limerick Road, regarding a complaint of speeding when coming north into town. When school lets out there is also a problem on Limerick Road. In the past, a Police Officer would sit at a house in that area; she questioned if a Police Officer could sit on either corner of that intersection to monitor traffic speeds.

Ms. Jackson referenced a Pretty City Law that was in place in the late 1990's or early 2000's. The first year it was on the books it was said to have gone really well. Mr. Selvey recalls that this law was in place for a five-year period; it could be renewed, but they let it expire. This law included fines for residents who did not comply with its guidelines. Mr. Selvey will check into this.

Ms. Jackson offered a suggestion to add a position for a grant writer. Mr. Stanley suggested using GLCAP to assist us at no cost to find grants. Ms. Jackson acknowledged this suggestion, but would like to have someone who is designated specifically for the City of Clyde.

Ms. Jackson has heard that there is an irrigation system for the fields of the ball diamonds, but it is not being used (the irrigation system is used, in fact a new pump has been put in; the fields get wet and there may be a drainage issue).

Ms. Jackson offered a suggestion of the City buying the building after the bank closes, and use the building for a community center, planned activities and renting it out for events.

Mr. Keegan commended the nice new playground equipment at Cherry Street Park; he would like to see this in every Clyde park.

Mr. Keegan questioned if the fire whistle and the tornado siren are working correctly (they have been tested and repeat tested; all are okay now).

Mr. Keegan is proud of our Clyde Flier football team as they finished second in their division. He is also proud of the good sportsmanship of the Clyde Fliers.

Mrs. Boyer commended the City for a good job of cleaning up the old paint factory lot.

Mr. Stanley referenced the new business OTS, who is occupying the old Fultz building, They are doing excavating and cleaning up the area.

Mr. Stanley referenced the dismal interest income. He questioned if the investment decisions need to go to the Investment Board (Mr. Davis is conservative with the investments, to not be risky with taxpayer money). Mr. Stanley is concerned, as the investments are making about 1/10 the amount compared to last year. He questioned the amount of investments (\$16 million, local CD's). Mr. Stanley feels the City needs to diversify to try to get more in interest income, suggesting the Investment Board should provide investment guidelines. Mr. Davis noted the Investment Board meets two times per year.

Mayor Black feels it is not good to get risky with investment money when the money is not yours.

Mayor Black mentioned that Tiffin has a person who is involved with grants.

By poll of Council, the November 23, 2021 work session is cancelled.

MOTIONS

Motion: to enter into an executive session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss a certain personnel action, sale of property, pending or imminent court action, **Action:** Enter,

Moved by Mayor G. Scott Black, **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.

Mayor Black announced no further Council action will take place following the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the executive session at 8:50 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 Steve Keegan, Mayor G. Scott Black, Council Member Bobbie Boyer, Council Member Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Jean Jackson.

Motion: to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 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.


G. Scott Black, Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 11-16-2021 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Sarah Crist
2. Ben Brown
3. Don McCarley
4. Chris Fry
5. Wayne Wells
6. Gary A. South
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