

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – February 15, 2022

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio. Mayor Brent Stanley called the meeting to order.

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Brent Stanley
Vice Mayor Chris Shay
Council Member Scott Black
Council Member Steve Keegan
Council Member Doug McCauley
City Manager Paul Fiser (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Finance Director Craig Davis (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (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 February 1, 2022 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Vice Mayor Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Mayor Brent Stanley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Mayor Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Scott Black, Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Doug McCauley.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

Scott Miller – Sandusky County Commissioner

Mr. Miller welcomed Mayor Stanley as the new Mayor for the City of Clyde. He offered multiple messages of thanks: to Scott Black for his many years serving as Mayor of Clyde, to Bill Brown for doing a great job with ClydeScope, to Paul Fiser for his years as City Manager, and to the City of Clyde as we are doing a lot of good things. He extended an open invitation to

anyone who would like to attend a Commissioners meeting, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8a-12n. If you would like to be on the agenda, you would need to call in advance. Or Commissioner(s) would be willing to come to a Clyde meeting if we requested this. Mr. Miller explained that the County is currently reviewing a study on ways for supporting the Sandusky County Regional Airport. They are looking for something to be located near the airport, and specifically a business that would have use for the airport services to exist. Housing or residential zoning is not being pursued.

All Council members thanked Mr. Miller for attending this evening. Mr. Black noted Mr. Miller does an excellent job in his commissioner role; Clyde has not always gotten support from the County, so this show of support is appreciated.

Mr. Miller offered a reminder of the ClydeScope and BPA annual meeting on March 17th at noon at Copper Whale Winery in Clyde at noon; Council members are invited to attend.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2022-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ERIE COUNTY LANDFILL FOR THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DEWATERED SLUDGE FOR 2022.

Resolution No. **2022-17** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser noted this is an annual authorization request. For a number of years now we have been doing the hauling of our sludge to the landfill. We did get quotes, but nothing came close to comparing to this agreement expense.

Mr. McCauley questioned the customary fee for this service (\$36-37/ton).

Mr. Shay questioned if Erie comes to get the sludge (no, we haul it; this is the disposal fee).

Mayor Stanley questioned how this amount compares to last year (it is identical).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2022-17**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Steve Keegan, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor Chris Shay.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Scott Black, Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Doug McCauley, Mayor Brent Stanley.

Mayor Stanley announced that Resolution No. **2022-17** passed.

2022-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AQUASHIELD PRODUCTS, LLC OF WESTERVILLE, OHIO FOR THE WATER SLIDE RESURFACING OF THE CITY OF CLYDE PARKS DEPARTMENT AQUATIC CENTER; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2022-18** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser reminded Council that this item was brought by Superintendent Mason to the budget hearings last fall. This resurfacing is needed as the slides are looking dull, and not looking as we would want them to. At that time, this item was not approved; however, Council recently requested to bring this back for further consideration now that we have a better idea about the 2022 budget.

Mr. Keegan questioned if the slide material is fiberglass (yes). If other playground equipment in Clyde is also fiberglass, Mr. Keegan suggests that Clyde staff watch how this process is done so that maybe we could do this ourselves the next time it is needed.

Mr. McCauley questioned the life expectancy of this resurfacing treatment (this is the first time it has been done since the pool opened in 2009). He questioned if the slides are safety certified/inspected (no, but we monitor them).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2022-18**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Doug McCauley, **Seconded by** Mayor Brent Stanley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Scott Black, Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Doug McCauley, Mayor Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Chris Shay.

Mayor Stanley announced that Resolution No. **2022-18** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:
COVID – all clear for now.

Mulberry Street Bridge – work has begun. Sanitary sewer relocation is complete, waterline relocation has begun, and they have removed some of the bridge deck. Everything seems to be on schedule and going well.

2022 Paving Project – advertising and bid dates have been established, with ads being placed on March 4th and 11th, and the bid date is set for March 18th at 10:00 a.m. This is an OPW project, as was the Mulberry Street Bridge project.

Vacant/Abandoned Building Ordinance – work is being completed for a final version and adopting to our numbering system. Legislation should be available for Council at the March 1st Council meeting.

K9 Officer Lasso – will be retiring February 26th and spending his retirement years with Officer Carla, no doubt as an additional home security specialist. Carla's new partner is expected to start duty with her on or about the end of June.

Snow Control – hats off to the General Services department with assist from Environmental Services on snow and ice control during the February 3rd and 4th storm. Accumulation ranges vary but I would give it a solid 10" and most of our crews have never dealt with that much.

Water Main Break – shout out to our Environmental Services crew for heading out in the inclement weather and handling a water main break for the Village of Green Springs crew that was out of service with COVID.

Police Department – two new Tahoes have been sent to Bucyrus for upfitting with lights, siren, and a body cam system. We hope to have these vehicles in service in a month.

Solar – Clyde Solar Energy Center production for January was 132,820 kwh, third best to date.

Plow – our new Western Star plow truck at the General Services department is getting good review from the operators. As a note: this is our first Western Star, with all the rest being Internationals.

Turnpike Force Main – nothing new at this time. The agreement is still in their hands for review.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis reviewed the 2021 year-end financial statements that were included with the agenda packet:

- All cash fund balances are in good shape
- General Fund cash balance is the highest on record
- Income Tax Collections were record setting

January 2022 should be closed soon; financial statements will be sent thereafter. Income Tax Collections are currently trending similar to this time 2021.

Finance department will begin work with the Julian Group to start the GAAP conversion to file with the State to start the audit process.

Income Tax season is starting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Davis reported they assisted Green Springs Fire Department with a garage fire.

Chief Davis offered thanks to citizens for helping to keep snow cleared away from fire hydrants during the recent snow storm.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Keegan noted that a swing set that was ordered in the fall is to be delivered this week; he questioned when it will be assembled (in the spring).

Mr. Keegan complimented our General Services and Environmental Services departments for their help with snow removal as they did a great job.

Mr. Keegan observed four ice fishing shanties at the reservoir; he brought this up only to determine if we do have recovery training and services, if needed.

Mr. Keegan recently encountered a semi-truck bumper in the road on Route 20; he moved the bumper off the road, but noticed it is still there and needs to be properly disposed of. Road patching on Route 20 was being done today, and it looks good.

Mr. Keegan offered a reminder of the Annual Employee Awards Banquet that is upcoming at the VFW; he complimented the meal that is planned and noted the banquet is very nice. It was noted there will be three years-worth of award recipients in attendance this year, along with entertainment and good food.

Mr. McCauley would like to get together with Mr. Davis soon to become more acquainted with the City financial status and reports (Mr. Davis is happy to accommodate). Mr. McCauley noted the cash balances over the past decade have improved, with some accounts increased by as much as 35-68%. He stated the management of these accounts is commendable (in 2010, the cash balance was \$1,000).

Mr. McCauley referenced two letters of resignation of volunteers for the Landscape Committee. He hates to see volunteers resign, especially since we already have a shortage of volunteers. Volunteers should be treated with decency and respect, they are giving of their time.

Mr. McCauley commended the service departments who did a terrific job during the recent storm. He noted there were cars that remained parked on the street, and were not moved during the storm. This causes frustration for the snowplow drivers. Mr. McCauley questioned if there is a procedure for notifying community members of the timeframe for needing to move their cars that are parked on the street (Superintendent Hamilton has a one-page letter to address this; it will be put on social media, along with a map).

Mr. McCauley questioned who is responsible for abandoned vehicles (Officer Widman and the Clyde Police Department). He questioned who is accountable for this if the code is not enforced (Mr. Fiser will follow up with Chief Campbell; we do have a working list that we reference). Mr. McCauley referenced a Cadillac on Cherry Street that has been in someone's front yard for four years; the vehicle now has expired license plates and flat tires. There are also a couple campers at another property down the street. This has been brought to Council in the past. This type of issue needs to be addressed. He questioned if the code needs to be updated. Mr. Selvey stated this type of situation is ticketable, but it is tough. The current code is out of date and there are a lot of loopholes. We would be better served to update the code and close the loopholes. Mr. Selvey is

willing to sit down and review this issue, possibly at a future worksession.

Mr. Shay echoed comments regarding the snow removal as the street department did an amazing job. Mr. Shay has been trying to address City concerns that are voiced on social media, including snow removal. Mr. Shay has been trying to meet with various departments to learn more about their role within the City; he met with Mr. Hamilton and received an explanation regarding snow and removal. There are differences of opinion regarding the salting of roadways. As a result of his conversation with Mr. Hamilton, he feels he may be able to answer some questions now.

Mr. Black referenced Mr. Fiser's announcement of his upcoming retirement. Mr. Black requests that Mr. Fiser pass on to the next City Manager the proposal Mr. Fiser put together related to a City trash removal service, for future reference, as this was an excellent proposal.

Mayor Stanley echoed appreciation for the snow removal efforts. He questioned why ODOT plows lift their blade when they get to C.R. 236/Route 20 (Clyde plows that area as we have responsibility for that section of road, since it is paved due to an Urban Paving Roadway Grant). Regarding salting of roads (related to questions from social media that Mr. Fiser received), if there is blowing and drifting they do not salt the roads, and if the temperature is below 15-20 degrees the salt will not work. Salt is expensive, at \$50/ton and using about 1,000 ton/year. It is also possible that ODOT lifts their blade if we have recently salted, so as not to push the salt off the road. Mayor Stanley observed that the majority of parked cars did move off the street.

Mayor Stanley reminded everyone to return their RSVP's for the Awards Banquet to Jackie Hoppe.

After poll of Council and Administration, the worksession on February 22, 2022 is cancelled.

MOTIONS

Motion: to accept resignation of Becky Brooks from Clyde Landscape Commission,

Action: Accept,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Doug McCauley, Mayor Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Scott Black.

Mr. Keegan has known Ms. Brooks for twenty-five years. She has a good heart and has donated her time with many volunteer opportunities. He understands that she writes for the newspaper.

Mr. McCauley spoke to Ms. Brooks at length regarding her resignation, which is unfortunate. He acknowledges that Ms. Brooks referenced work commitments in her letter of resignation, but there was also an underlying issue of a lack of respect for volunteers. This lack of respect needs to be addressed.

Mr. Shay wishes Ms. Brooks well with her new assignment with the *News-Messenger*.

Mr. Black wishes Ms. Brooks well. He has known her for many years, and she was his boss when he used to write for the local newspaper. She is always doing things for the City. She will be missed.

Mayor Stanley wishes Ms. Brooks well. He served as the liaison for the Tree Commission and noted Ms. Brooks attended a seminar to learn more about trees to help her in her volunteer role.

Motion: to accept resignation of Frank Pierce from Clyde Landscape Commission,

Action: Accept,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Doug McCauley, Mayor Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Scott Black, Council Member Steve Keegan.

Mr. Keegan met Mr. Pierce a couple years ago, and he does a good job for the Tree Commission. He is sad to see him go, as it is hard to get volunteers.

Mr. McCauley spoke to Mr. Pierce and they had a long conversation. Mr. Pierce voiced being upset due to a lack of respect and treatment. This was related to the action of one Council member, but the action of one Council member affects all Council members. Mr. McCauley has read the Charter and there is no mention of Council members having any special authority over any City Boards, nor should Council members use or abuse any special authority. We will lose more volunteers if this continues.

Mr. Shay acknowledged that he was involved in this situation. He stated the issue with Ms. Brooks was personal, and had nothing to do with the City or the Tree Commission. Mr. Pierce inserted himself into the issue between Mr. Shay and Ms. Brooks. He wishes them both well, and he regrets this led to losing two volunteers.

Mr. Black is sorry to see Mr. Pierce go as he had taken a large interest in this Commission. It is hard to have two members leave at one time as that really leaves this Commission short-handed.

Mayor Stanley is sad to have this happen. He noted the Landscape Commission currently cannot meet because they would not have a quorum with only two remaining members.

Motion: Motion to enter into an executive session at 7:51 p.m. for the sole purpose to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee., **Action:** Enter Closed Session,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Mayor Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Scott Black, Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Doug McCauley.

Mayor Stanley announced that no further action will be taken following the adjournment of the executive session and the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the executive session at 9:25 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,
Moved by Mayor Brent Stanley, **Seconded by** Council Member Scott Black.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Scott Black, Council Member Steve Keegan,
Council Member Doug McCauley, Mayor Brent Stanley.

Motion: to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:26 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

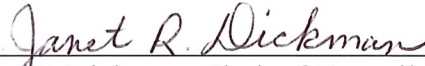
Moved by Mayor Brent Stanley, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor Chris Shay.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Scott Black, Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Doug
McCauley, Mayor Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Chris Shay.



Brent Stanley, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday Feb. 14, 2022 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

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2. Scott Miller
3. Gary Smith
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