

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – March 15, 2022

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 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)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: 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 March 1, 2022 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There was one correction.

Page 4, top of page: "Mayor ~~Black~~ *Stanley* announced that Resolution No. **2022-20** passed."

Motion: to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 regular session of council as corrected,

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.

The minutes of the March 4, 2022 special session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2022 special session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

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.

The minutes of the March 7, 2022 special session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 special session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

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, Mayor Brent Stanley, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Doug McCauley.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Shay questioned the status of fixing the cement (curbs, gutters) in front of the City Building (quotes have been received but there is no timeframe for repairs).

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

Clyde Fire Department (CFD) Firefighter Rick Greiner asked if Council would give their blessing to consider hosting the NOVFA firemen's convention in 2023. He stated 2023 will be the 150th anniversary since the start of CFD. The last time this convention was held in Clyde was in 2003. If approved, CFD would travel to Put-in-Bay on April 24 to present Clyde as a potential convention host.

Mr. Keegan is in favor.

Mr. McCauley is in favor.

Mr. Shay worked for the City in 2003 the last time a convention was held in Clyde. As he recalls it went well and the firefighters had fun. He will look forward to this.

Mr. Black is in favor.

Mayor Stanley is in favor, and would like to have more information to understand what will be involved with hosting this convention.

Mr. Greiner gave an overview of the event. Activities will include: a large parade, a queens contest, approximately 800-900 guests from fire departments throughout Northwest Ohio, a water ball tournament, a band at the campgrounds where guests will be staying. Activities will be done by 11:00 p.m. Friday night and most guests leave after the parade on Saturday afternoon. CFD will need a letter from Council/Administration to confirm their support.

Mr. Fiser noted that Police Chief Campbell is in attendance tonight, so he could be asked how he feels about this possibility. Chief Campbell stated he is not fond of the idea, but he will not oppose it. Mr. McCauley shares Chief Campbell's concern.

The event will be held the third or fourth weekend of June in 2023.

Mr. Selvey recommends Council make a motion to authorize Mr. Fiser to prepare a letter of support for the event.

MOTIONS

Mr. Selvey noted the order of tonight's agenda has been adjusted. We have an Ordinance for the potential hiring of a City employee. Although interviews have been held, nothing is official until it is acted on in an open meeting. The Ordinance is presented with a blank name. A motion could be made to insert a name; then another motion would be made to vote on the Ordinance with the inserted name.

Motion: to insert Justin LaBenne's name in the Ordinance to hire a City Manager,

Action: Approve,

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

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

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

Motion: to issue a letter on behalf of the Clyde City Council of support for Clyde to host the 2023 NOVFA convention,

Action: Approve,

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

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

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2022-21 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A CITY MANAGER AND SETTING A SALARY FOR AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN BENEFITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. **2022-21** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Keegan noted Council held three special meetings for interviews and discussions. He feels they have picked the right person.

Mr. McCauley noted Clyde has had twenty-six years of stability in the City Manager position with Dan Weaver and Paul Fiser, which is a remarkably long period of time for that consistency. Change is coming, change is inevitable. A new City Manager may have a different philosophy, a different approach. It is the position only that is being replaced. Mr. Fiser is leaving the City in a remarkably positive condition financially, structurally and leadership wise. Mr. LaBenne will only have his shoes to fill, not the shoes of a past City Manager. There were qualified candidates, and the decision was difficult. Council was elected by the residents to make the best decisions, and he feels that is what they have done. He is excited for the future.

Mr. Shay offered thanks to Mr. Fiser for all of his years of dedication to the City. He welcomed Mr. LaBenne to his new position as it is well deserved and he is happy for Mr. LaBenne.

Mr. Black offered his thanks to Mr. Fiser as he has been a pleasure to work with. He welcomed Mr. LaBenne.

Mayor Stanley offered thanks to Administration and for everything that Mr. Fiser has done. Mayor Stanley met Mr. Fiser eleven years ago when Mr. Fiser gave Mayor Stanley's son a ride home after his son had been fishing at the reservoir. Mr. Fiser has done a fine job, and he will still be around this area as a possible resource. Mayor Stanley looks forward to the next step and the next City Manager. It was a heartfelt process with good candidates. This decision was not taken lightly. Appreciation was expressed to all candidates.

Mayor Stanley 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 Steve Keegan, **Seconded by** Council Member Doug McCauley.

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.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2022-21** was read by title only for its second reading.

Mr. Fiser extended thanks for the kind words. He is comfortable with the fact that he did the best job he could do. He has worked with Mr. LaBenne for the past twelve years, they have gotten along well and he is sure it will be a smooth transition. Last Friday was 31 years for Mr. Fiser with OPERS. Mr. Fiser had all good Council members to work with and he has enjoyed public employment. He looks forward to what is next in his future.

Mr. Shay is also retired from OPERS. Mr. Fiser will be missed.

Mr. Black noted there have been good times working with Mr. Fiser and they have taken fun trips. He has seen some "forgettable" things and some not so forgettable things.

Mayor Stanley expressed appreciation for Mr. Fiser's service to the City and for what Mr. Fiser has brought to the table.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2022-21**, **Action:** Adopt,

Moved by Vice Mayor Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Council Member Doug McCauley.

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 Ordinance No. **2022-21** has been adopted.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

2022-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 15 – FIRE PREVENTION CODE, AND CREATING CHAPTER 1525 – REGISTRATION OF VACANT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, IN THE MANNER AND WAY SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH HEREIN BELOW.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2022-19** was read by title only for its second reading.

Mr. Fiser gave a recap of the discussion from the last meeting. It will take little effort to enforce/enact this Ordinance, and it will have the potential for many benefits.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2022-19**, **Action:** Adopt,

Moved by Council Member Steve Keegan, **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.

Mayor Stanley announced that Ordinance No. **2022-19** was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

COVID update – one staff member was exposed and is now in quarantine.

Awards Banquet – the Annual Awards Banquet will be held this Saturday, beginning at 6pm. The banquet had to be cancelled the past two years, so we will be offering awards to three years-worth of recipients in one night. We have received almost one hundred rsvp's; 980 years of public employment will be recognized.

Mulberry Street Bridge – work is progressing nicely. The storm sewer installation is currently being worked on. Next, the roadwork will be done to realign and create a smoother curve, beginning hopefully around April 1st. The box culvert placement did take two days and was nicely done.

2022 Paving Program – bid openings will be on Friday. Asphalt prices are unknown; there may be a little extra in the budget for this line item. We may be one of the first in this area to begin paving this year.

Turnpike Force Main – we are nearing the final agreement; legislation will be presented before Mr. Fiser leaves.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report at this time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Fiser had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Keegan graduated in 1977 and worked at the Erie Island Turnpike Plaza; gas was 58 cents per gallon.

Mr. McCauley also graduated in 1977, worked for Sohio and can attest to that gas price. Mr. McCauley offered thanks to Mr. Fiser for his years of service and for making Clyde what it is today.

Mr. Black traveled to Florida in 1969 and gas was 7 cents per gallon during a gas war.

Mayor Stanley stated Council members have spent the past few weeks reviewing resumes and conducting interviews for the City Manager position. Council members have worked well together and they did their due diligence. All were good candidates; they chose the best candidate for our vision, our future.

By poll of Council and Administration, the March 22, 2022 work session was cancelled.

MOTIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

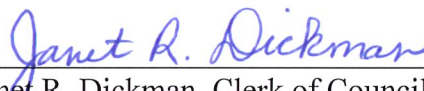
Moved by Council Member Steve Keegan, **Seconded by** Council Member Doug McCauley.

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.



Brent Stanley, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday March 15, 2022 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Bill Brown
2. Gary Benner
3. Jeff Gecmer
4. Gary Smith
5. Rick Gramp
6. M. Apple
7. Ronda Campbell
8. Becky Brooks
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