

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – May 17, 2022

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio. Vice Mayor Chris Shay called the meeting to order.

Roll Call.

Present: Vice Mayor Chris Shay
Council Member Scott Black
Council Member Steve Keegan
Council Member Doug McCauley
City Manager Justin LaBenne (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: Mayor Brent Stanley

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 May 3, 2022 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2022 regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Shay questioned the status of removing the stop lights at Maple/Mulberry Streets and at Maple St./Woodland Avenue and replacing them with stop signs (yes, this will be done and this will be communicated to the public). Is there a liability associated with needing to do this (yes). Is there a financial penalty for not doing this (no). Mr. Selvey explained that since we have been told this is the safest way to conduct traffic in these areas, if we do not follow this recommendation our insurance carrier could see this as a liability. Mr. Keegan expressed a concern with the grain train detour in those areas creating a bottleneck of traffic, if there are stop signs instead of a stop light (perhaps during a detour a police officer would need to direct traffic in those areas). This project is funded and is scheduled for 2025. Could the lights be left in place, but be changed to red and yellow flashing lights (that can be looked into).

Vice Mayor Shay referenced a national surge with active shooting violence across the country; he questioned if an alert system could be installed in Council Chambers to alert the police department of problems in this area (there could be technology to address this; a difficulty would be wiring within Council Chambers; this will be investigated).

Vice Mayor Shay offered thanks to Administration for installing an engine brake sign west of city limits, per a resident's request, that was installed very quickly.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ohio Division of Liquor Control, HD Express Mart Inc., Unit B on McPherson Hwy.

Mr. Keegan stated he does not have a problem with this new business requesting this license.

Mr. McCauley questioned Mr. Selvey regarding past practice for new business requests (he is not aware of rejections in the past; this will be only retail sale and the liquor cannot be consumed on site).

Mr. Black also has no need for a hearing and he does not recall any rejection in his 20+ years on Council.

Vice Mayor Shay has no need to request a hearing.

Ms. Dickman will complete the form and submit it with no request for a hearing.

Visitors:

Vice Mayor Shay read a prepared Proclamation for the recognition of National Emergency Medical Service "EMS" Week. EMS staff present at this meeting were recognized.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2022-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH BLANCHARD DESIGN ASSOCIATIONS, INC. OF FINDLAY, OHIO, FOR THE NORTH CHURCH STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF CLYDE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2022-28** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne stated this is the engineering work for the north half of Church Street getting fully

reconstructed with storm sewer, sanitary sewer, new curbs, sidewalks, everything. This is part of the OPW grant submission that Mr. Fiser will do in September for funding next year.

Mr. McCauley questioned the timeframe for this project (fall of next year, 2023; OPW fund submission will be this fall with awarding early next year).

Vice Mayor Shay questioned if Administration will discuss this with Billings Garage prior to this starting (yes, although this project may not go down that far, as it may only go to the railroad tracks).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2022-28**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Vice Mayor Shay announced that Resolution No. **2022-28** passed.

2022-29 A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF CITY SERVICES FOR ONE PARCEL, A 14.8419-ACRE PARCEL UPON JOHN W. & CAROLYN R. RHODES' ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO.

Resolution No. **2022-29** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Selvey disclosed that his law partner is the one petitioning the county for this.

Mr. Keegan disclosed that he owns property that abuts this property. Although it has been a bean/cornfield in the past, he has known that there are two entrances to the property and that it was going to be some type of subdivision someday. He is happy this is finally taking place. He will abstain from voting on this.

Mr. McCauley questioned if there will be easy access to city utilities (yes, he will abut existing city services).

Mr. Black has always agreed with extending our city boundaries as far as we can.

Mr. Selvey explained a process of Clyde needing to pay Green Creek Township for twelve years when we annex someone from Green Creek. Per the ORC, we pay a percentage of the property tax for a couple years, then a different percentage for the next couple of years, and so on. He would appreciate if we could try to reach an agreement with Green Creek Township for a lump sum instead of smaller amounts every couple of years. Council members agree. Mr. Selvey will investigate this with Green Creek Township and if they agree, legislation would come before Council.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2022-29**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Council Member Doug McCauley, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Scott Black.

Abstain: Council Member Steve Keegan.

Vice Mayor Shay announced that Resolution No. **2022-29** passed.

2022-30 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FINANCE DIRECTOR.

Resolution No. **2022-30** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Keegan offered congratulations. He approves.

Mr. McCauley also approves. He has known Mr. Weasner for a long time as a well-respected man of this community. Mr. Weasner is always giving of his time and his character is impeccable. He will be an asset to the City of Clyde.

Mr. Black offered a welcome and feels he will do an excellent job.

Vice Mayor Shay has known Mr. Weasner for many years and is very happy with this decision. There were multiple qualified candidates. Mr. Weasner comes highly recommended.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2022-30**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Vice Mayor Shay announced that Resolution No. **2022-30** passed

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne gave the following report:

- Welcome Frank Weasner to the City as our new Finance Director, starting 5/31/2022. Multiple qualified candidates were interviewed; Mr. Weasner will be a great fit. Many other community members agree with this choice. His orientation will include a tour of various City buildings/departments.
- Maple St. Pedestrian Improvements - \$215,000 awarded from TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant. Scheduled for ODOT Fiscal Year 2025 so there is time to look at potential traffic flow issues and possible resolutions.
- IT Position – interviews still need to be conducted
- April 2022 Income Tax Collection - \$592,238 compared to \$507,319 last year.
- Properties – 135 W. Cherry Street sold at sheriff sale and new owner has mowed lawn and patched roof; 303 S. Main will be back to the bank, roof will be tarped and they will try to maintain it until it is put up for sale
- Attended a land bank meeting; information will be reviewed for how to get properties

submitted to the land bank proper

- Was asked to be part of a Panel Discussion with Mayor Sanchez and Russ Zimmerman for Leadership Sandusky County. It was good to talk to them and share what Clyde is doing and hear about projects they have going on.
- I have offered new initiative suggestions for ClydeScope to work on including ownership of downtown buildings to renovate and do the work that investors are looking for; a new adhoc "action committee" to request bed tax money for projects such as arts and entertainment.
- Paden Lane – Waiting on a grant award from ClydeScope to Sandco for masonry and painting work to be completed. After which the frame will be erected and the mural painted, hopefully in a few weeks.
- Attending AMP Board Meeting tomorrow with Mr. Fiser.
- I will be attending another two-day OEDA course on May 19th/20th in Columbus on Workforce Development.
- Omni Fiber – Visit on Monday the 23rd, they will bring equipment and they already have the internet connection purchased and made; this will be to fire up the equipment in the bunker; they hope to start building out fiber in June and to complete by fall. They will help wire Community Park with fiber, free wifi and hopefully tie a video camera system into it; downtown area will also be equipped with fiber all over for our future use. There will be two fibers for every street for smart city initiatives in the future. They will lease the bunker to do these projects, instead of passing bills/invoices back and forth.

FINANCE REPORT

None at this time.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Keegan noticed on the CL&P building/substation on Woodland Avenue that there is new graffiti on the side (cameras have been installed, but they still need to be set up). Maybe a pressure washer and a solvent could clean it off.

Mr. McCauley noted several weeks ago at a Council meeting it was decided to allow enforcement of the feral cat issues to move forward; he questioned the status. Mr. Selvey stated an officer was sent to one house that seemed to have a severe problem. In our Ordinance is a leash law, that covers cats as well as dogs, and a resident is permitted four or fewer pets. The woman admitted to the officer that a cat causing issues was hers so the officer wrote a ticket and she appeared in court this week, with this issue to be addressed in thirty days or so. This is being done on a call basis, with residents needing to call the police department with information related to issues. Mr. McCauley is pleased we are not ignoring this.

Mr. McCauley previously brought up an issue with weeds and a grate issue on Main Street; the weeds are growing taller and the grate issues were not addressed. He does not want to see a liability issue with this (this will be looked into).

Mr. LaBenne spoke to Kelly Askins, Sandusky County Humane Agent, regarding the feral cat issue and other avenues are being looked at to see if she could assist. Mr. Selvey stated she does

not have the power to enforce our laws because she is not a City of Clyde law enforcer. For example, we have an agreement with Green Springs that any GS police officer can come to Clyde and enforce laws if done on schools grounds and vice versa Clyde police officers can go to Green Springs. An agreement would need to be reached to “deputize” Ms. Askins to write tickets under our Clyde code and we would limit that to certain sections. Many communities do this. We would need to look into insurance issues.

Mr. Black questioned the status of road fill for an area in need (yes, they will be coming back to get it corrected).

Mr. Black suggested a round-about as a possible solution for Maple Street.

Mr. Black questioned the status of the Blue Collar restaurant getting permits to be able to open, asking if there is anything we can do to help him (construction must be done to get a health license and he must have a health license to get a liquor license; currently, construction materials are hard to get; he is hoping to be able to open in a month or so). Mr. LaBenne had Sandusky County Commissions send information and sample legislation to possibly have Clyde join up with the local building code enforcement for commercial (nothing residential) that would then let them go to Fremont to work on their state permits instead of going to the state. This could potentially speed up this process.

Vice Mayor Shay referenced the proclamation for EMS. He retired from Sandusky County EMS in 2020 after serving 27 years with the county plus an additional six years for additional services. He reviewed EMS stations in our area, their staffing hours and their sometimes challenging work environment. Fire department staff are also trained at various levels.

Vice Mayor Shay represented Clyde last week in Findlay to receive our Tree City USA award. This was a good experience and he learned a lot. The award and additional information was given to Mr. LaBenne, along with other suggestions and recommendations.

Vice Mayor Shay has thank you cards for Dr. Zimmerman and Theresa Joseph who attended the last Council Worksession to discuss feral cats. Their expertise was vital and appreciated. He asks that Administration and Council members sign the cards before he sends them.

Mr. Keegan requested that a sidewalk on the corner of Buckeye and Mulberry be checked, as there is a plate sticking up out of the sidewalk at least an inch. This could be a safety hazard.

Mr. Black would like to budget possibly \$15,000 annually for feral cat issues (spaying and neutering). He would like to update our Ordinances to deal with cats. He would like to have guidelines we can enforce, as some currently are a little vague. He would also like to address changing rules related to abandoned/junk vehicles. Mr. Selvey has spoken to Mr. McCauley regarding the abandoned vehicles and we have started to enforce the cat guidelines. Mr. Selvey suggests delaying these discussions until a June or later work session to allow us to see how the current cat issue that is in the court system plays out. Also, we could have more information related to the abandoned vehicles issue. He would like to see what we can accomplish by using

our current codes, before changing them. Discussions will also be held with Police Chief Campbell and Mr. LaBenne regarding enforcement. Mr. Black just wants to make sure we stay on track. Mr. Selvey suggests having any budgeted monies earmarked for a broader issue, not just for spay/neuter.

Mr. Keegan agrees this is a big issue and the resident who attended the worksession needs to be supported. Vice Mayor Shay agrees it should be addressed sooner rather than later. Mr. Black has issues with feral cats in his neighborhood too.

The work session scheduled for May 24, 2022 is cancelled.

MOTIONS

There were none.

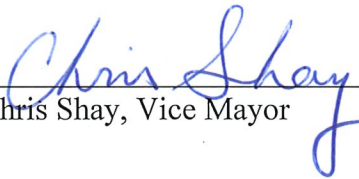
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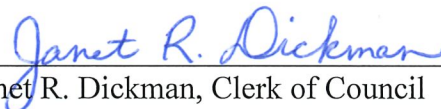
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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


Chris Shay, Vice Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday May 5/17/2002 Reg. session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Allison Michaels

2. Mrs Michaels

3. Gary Smith

4. Earl Townsen

5. Nicholas Mitchell

6. Frank Weasner

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