

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – October 18, 2022

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 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 Justin LaBenne (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Finance Director Frank Weasner (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 October 4, 2022 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022 regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Council Member Doug McCauley, **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.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

A note of thanks for an expression of sympathy from the family of Joseph Doney, brother of our K9 Officer Carla Schaffer.

Visitors:

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2022-61 AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR LIME SLUDGE REMOVAL FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE CITY OF CLYDE TO MIDWEST COMPOST, INC. FOR A TWO YEAR CONTRACT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFOR.

Ordinance No. **2022-61** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne stated there were two bidders for this contract. The chosen contract is \$.05 lower per gallon than the other bidder.

Mayor Stanley questioned if this is the same price as the last contract (no, the last contract was \$.044).

Mayor Stanley announced that Ordinance No. **2022-61** had its first reading.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2022-62 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF CLYDE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2022-62** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne explained this will be a full network modernization. This is equipment that Will Chambers has installed for a previous employer; he and Mr. LaBenne both have knowledge of using this equipment. We have funds through the American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) that must be used for a specific purpose, including cyber security. Mr. LaBenne intentionally delayed making this decision, until the new IT person was hired and could have input on the type of system they wanted to work with.

Mr. Chambers explained this project will include replacing all network infrastructure in the City. This system will also reduce electricity, as we will cut down thirteen network devices that are not needed. This system will allow more visibility into all of the network; this system is cheaper than Cisco, and it is a better system. Mr. Chambers recounted challenges he had to deal with at his previous employment with the County, when they dealt with a cyber-attack. Following that attack, the County purchased this type of system we will now be getting. This system will allow for a better back-up process. This purchase started out with a quote of \$251,000, but he is looking for ways to reduce that cost; he is looking into additional grant funds for this purchase.

Mr. LaBenne noted they are double checking how the ARPA funds can be used; during our most

recent audit, the auditors did ask a lot of questions regarding our use of these types of funds. He shared that when he started in his IT position, he had a budget of only \$8,000, which was very limiting.

Mr. Keegan offered thanks for the explanation.

Mr. McCauley trusts the judgment of the people who are in the IT position. He feels this is a great use for these funds. He questioned the amount of ARPA funds available (the last appropriation was \$323,000; we may still have a balance available in excess of \$600,000).

Mr. Chambers noted this quote covers all needs for the next five years.

Mr. Shay questioned if the ARPA are a “use it or lose it” type of funds (it must be used by year 2025).

Mr. Black is glad for Mr. Chambers to get this straightened out. He questioned if some of the ARPA funds will be used for additional security cameras, for locations such as Paden Lane and the mural (yes, this system will provide ten times more capacity than we currently have).

Mayor Stanley appreciates this information. He is 100% supportive of anything that can protect our assets and our data. He supports Clyde wanting to be a step ahead in technology. Mr. McCauley agrees it is better to be proactive than reactive.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2022-62**, **Action:** Pass,

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

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. **2022-62** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne gave the following report:

- OmniFiber – They are getting closer to customer hookups. Solicitor permits have been requested but not yet picked up. The City will post pictures on their website of the OmniFiber representatives, so residents are aware of people who may be coming to their door. Mr. Chambers and I had a conversation with Omni’s team today about utilizing parts of our dark fiber to get over the railroad tracks due to the typical permitting delays. All in all, this has been a good team to work with and I have not heard any complaints that weren’t able to be resolved quickly and through explanation and conversation. This will still take time to get everyone online that wants it; Omni will be hooking up people that they can get to easily while other, more complex areas of town may take more time to turn up. It may be first quarter 2023 before this service is available in its entirety.
- Beth is done with work on the mural for the Paden Lane Alley Activation project. We still have lights and benches to install in order to call this renovation “complete”, but the

hard part is over. As a point of interest, we have had musicians ask about playing in the alley and the amount of people interacting and taking photos with the mural is amazing to see. This drives home one key facet of this project – people will promote the town using the mural. This is a draw to the downtown and Clyde – that was my intention behind making this happens, and reality reflects that. This completes three years of her and I corresponding and coordinating to make that mural happen and it feels almost tragic that this part is over. More ideas are to come.

- During a recent vacation, some ideas for preventing speeding were observed but those ideas cannot be used here. Other ideas are speed bumps, speed ramps and speed cushions. The speed cushions are being looked into to trial.
- Budget is next week so we are ironing out last minute details and Mr. Weasner and I are preparing for both our first runs at the process.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following updates:

- Attended a three day conference with Ohio Association of Public Treasurers and gained valuable knowledge
- Working on the preliminary budget to get ready to present next week

Mr. Selvey noted the Budget Ordinance could be read by title only at its first reading, without being an emergency measure, due to section 4.3 of the Charter if a majority plus one of Council members votes to read it by title only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Keegan drove by the Clydesdale subdivision and found that the brush pile that was mentioned by a visitor at the last Council meeting has been cleaned up. He agreed with previous comments noting this private property did not require the contractors to follow City codes and therefore their street is not in good condition to allow the City heavy trucks to drive on it.

Mr. Keegan reported a decorative light that is not working, located near the old Dime Store storefront (a replacement light has been ordered, waiting for it to be delivered).

Mr. Keegan shared information on two new members being accepted to join the Fair Board, Starla Bentley and Karen Ollervides. Fair Board members questioned if the green space across the street from the City Building could be used for additional amusement rides during the Fair.

Mr. Keegan noted the recent trash drop-off days were another success. He offered a reminder that it was previously discussed to schedule this event for the week after the City-wide garage sale days in July, and to offer this event every other year instead of every year.

Mr. McCauley referenced the previous comment regarding speeding motorists; he noted when travelers go through Monroeville, they automatically slow down due to a reputation of ticketing speeders.

Mr. McCauley offered kudos for the marvelous job that was done with the mural. He noted this

takes a special talent. He hopes the mural will be maintained with proper security and lighting.

Mr. McCauley questioned the status of a home on Spring Street that is in the landbank (the landbank had some issues getting money, but this home is on the list; the asbestos survey has been done).

Mr. McCauley reported some potholes on Buckeye and Main Streets and he hopes these can be repaired before winter.

Mr. McCauley inquired about the natural gas aggregation (a letter is being sent by AMP to residents; some were received today). This will be in line with what Columbia Gas is charging. It was noted that natural gas prices have tripled (the company we were using went bankrupt). Mayor Stanley is concerned with customers using increased amounts of electricity as an alternative to natural gas and how that could affect our grid (we have capacity). He asks that we be aware of customers who could have issues with large balances due for electrical consumption.

Mr. Shay voiced a concern that he is not able to receive emails directly from Clydescope (Mr. Chambers will look into this).

Mr. Shay spoke about the speeding complaints. He feels this can be a problem throughout the City. He referenced complaints recently from a resident on North Street, and complaints were also voiced for that street in 2021. He supports the use of traffic tickets to deter speeding. Mr. LaBenne noted the Police Department does use ticketing now to deter speeding.

Mr. Shay observed some American flags and military flags in a dumpster at the McPherson Cemetery; he would like to see more respect shown for the flags.

Mr. Black is not in favor of using speed bumps to deter speeding. He supports aggressively ticketing, to gain a reputation of enforcing motorists to follow the posted speed limits.

Mr. Selvey offered information regarding some towns who have gotten in trouble for using ticketing as a revenue source. This can happen if the town is found to target "out of towners" or if they focus more on highway speeding versus side street speeding. The payroll budget for the Police Department is the most expensive line item in their budget; a speed bump could be considered another "officer".

Mayor Stanley received a concern regarding several lights along Woodland Avenue near the high school that are not working. He brought up the need for sidewalks near the high school for students who walk to school, and at least getting a sidewalk by the baseball field. The students are walking in the street since there are no sidewalks. Mr. LaBenne noted those residences are not within the City, they are Green Creek residents. If Clyde would put in the sidewalks and assume the cost, we would need to "gift" them to the property owners. Mayor Stanley suggested attending a worksession with Green Creek Council (they do not have any sidewalk regulations).

Mayor Stanley inquired about the Fire Department noting a need for a compressor for a tanker. He questioned if this is causing the tanker to be out of service and if so, how long has it been out of service. He also questioned if it affects the Fire Department to have to have that compressor (Mr. LaBenne will find out).

Mayor Stanley asked when the next mural will be planned for downtown (Mr. LaBenne has many ideas, including a mural on the side of the proposed Blue Collar Bistro; he is hoping to allocate funds in the budget for an Arts Council).

Mr. Keegan drove downtown at 4:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning and there were six cars parked on the street; at this same time on Wednesday morning there were zero cars, which allowed the street sweeper to do their job without going around parked cars. He feels the ticketing of parked cars in that area is working.

A worksession is scheduled for Tuesday October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for the Budget Hearings. Mr. Keegan will furnish pizza for attendees.

MOTIONS

Motion: To enter into an executive session at 8:11 a.m. to discuss the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with an economic development project,

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

Mayor Stanley stated that no further business will take place following the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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

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.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 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: 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 10-18-2022 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

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