

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – September 5, 2023

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio. Mayor Doug McCauley called the meeting to order.

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Doug McCauley
Vice Mayor Scott Black
Council Member Steve Keegan
Council Member Chris Shay
Council Member Brent Stanley
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Finance Director Frank Weasner (Not voting)
Safety/Service Director Paul Fiser (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: City Manager Justin LaBenne

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 August 15, 2023 public hearing session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 public hearing session of council as written, **Action:** Approve,

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

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

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

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Moved by Council Member Brent Stanley, **Seconded by** Council Member Chris Shay.

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

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

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Stanley reminded Administration about a section of sidewalk on Limerick Road near the Middle School that needs to be repaired; the area has safety cones around it. This was brought up about a month ago by Mr. Keegan. The sidewalk was in need of repairs all last school year. This could be a safety/tripping hazard for students walking to school.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you card from the Montgomery Family for the flowers was received for a funeral.
- A note from Bolte Reality extending compliments to the Mayor for being visible in the community

Visitors:

Peggy Courtney – Sandusky County Visitors Bureau

Lisa Kuelling – Sandusky County Emergency Management

Peggy Courtney distributed information regarding the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse and how this could affect Sandusky County; the last total eclipse in Ohio was in 1806 and the next one will be in 2099, 375 years between.

- Ohio is a one-day drive from 70% of the country
- There could potentially be an influx of 118,000 people into Sandusky County of people wanting to view the eclipse
- Potential concerns
 - Traffic jams
 - Delays
 - Will cell phones work
 - Shortages, such as gas, groceries
 - Currently only 600 hotel rooms in Sandusky County
- Additional remote campsites are being considered; all new campsites will need Department of Health approval
- Consider having an established viewing area
- Consider having entertainment planned for the weekend prior to the eclipse
- Formulate emergency plans
- Hold public forums when plans are established to education residents
- Sandusky County EMA has been holding quarterly meetings since 2021, next meeting is 9/20/2023; meetings will occur monthly starting in 2024
- Clyde Administration was gifted 500 pairs of certified eclipse viewing glasses; these glasses must be worn in the time leading up to the eclipse and could only be taken off during the 3 minutes 38 seconds of the actual eclipse
- Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs (including Clyde) have already met with EMA

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2023-73 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND INTRA-FUND TRANSFERS TO APPROPRIATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. **2023-73** was read in its entirety.

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

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

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

Mr. Weasner stated this Ordinance will allow the Finance Department to move needed funds into one specific line for ease of accounting.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2023-73** was read by title only for its second reading.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2023-73**, **Action:** Adopt,

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2023-73** has been adopted.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

2023-70 AN ORDINANCE REDESIGNATING THE HEREINAFTER-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO, OUTLOT 141, PARCEL NO. 326000014100, TOTALING 42.147 ACRES, IN THE CITY OF CLYDE FROM (R-2) MIXED RESIDENTIAL TO (I-1) GENERAL INDUSTRIAL.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2023-70** was read by title only for its second reading.

Mayor McCauley noted this Ordinance will need a majority plus one (instead of a simple majority) to override the decision of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Keegan noted this issue has been talked about repeatedly. Although this is not the perfect solution for the grain train issue, it is the best solution he has seen in the past twenty years.

Mayor McCauley stated this is a train issue, it is a local issue, and this issue is not going away. He has read minutes from past meetings where this issue was discussed. There have been multiple comments that the trains blocking the railroad crossings are “just an inconvenience.” He feels it is more than an inconvenience to first responders who are trying to get to residents for health issues or for fire safety issues or for police issues. Another comment that has been repeated is a concern related to the value of homes. He feels the higher priority to consider is a life, that could be lost if a first responder is unable to travel due to a train blocking a railroad crossing. Sunrise is offering an option to address this issue; the City cannot offer this or any other option. Although not all will

agree with the decision, Mayor McCauley feels we need to move forward.

Visitor Comments:

Kim Leiter

- Could an overpass or a bypass around town be an alternative solution
 - Mr. Selvey – complex traffic data would be used by the State for this consideration
 - Mayor McCauley – if this would be a viable option, it would have been looked at already

Becky Fitzpatrick

- Land value will go down for houses closest to this train spur
- There will be an increase in the number of rodents and the amount of noise
- Previously Sunrise offered money to some homeowners to purchase new windows to try to deal with the increased noise; could homeowners be compensated (she does not want a buy-out, she just wants to be compensated)
 - Mr. Stanley – is there documentation related to this
 - Mayor McCauley – the City cannot address any compensation; the home owner would need to have a one on one conversation with Sunrise
 - Mr. Secor – Sunrise has purchased many properties in the past, but it is one here and one there, not groups of properties

Barb Scheck

- More trains will not fix this problem, it will create more problems such as pollution and danger for children crossing the tracks
- She heard of the idea of a bypass many years ago
- She feels Sunrise will continue to branch out with more tracks
- We need to depend more on truckers, instead of trains

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2023-70**, **Action:** Adopt,

Moved by Council Member Brent Stanley, **Seconded by** Council Member Chris Shay.

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

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2023-70** has been adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

2023-74 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 INTERNATIONAL HV607 SBA DUMP TRUCK FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2023-74** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Stanley questioned if this item was approved in the budget (yes).

Mayor McCauley questioned if the dump bed will be a separate purchase (yes; we would like to order this truck now using the 2023 budget funds in hopes of the truck arriving in 2024; approval for purchase of the dump bed will be requested with the 2024 budget).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2023-74**, **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: Mayor Doug McCauley, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Chris Shay, Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Brent Stanley.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2023-74** passed.

2023-75 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Resolution No. **2023-75** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated three projects were submitted to Ohio Public Works (OPW) last year. The Church Street project was funded. The paving project scored well and might be funded this year.

Mr. Shay questioned if Pfeiffer Avenue will be paved this year (there will be no paving yet this year, paving will begin Spring 2024; all dead-end roads, such as Pfeiffer, are paid for by the City and not eligible for OPW).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2023-75**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Brent Stanley, **Seconded by** Council Member Chris Shay.

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

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2023-75** passed.

2023-76 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR VARIOUS SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FOR THE NEEDS OF VARIOUS CITY OF CLYDE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2024, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR SAME AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2023-76** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated this is for normal annual authorizations.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2023-76**, **Action:** Pass,
Moved by Council Member Steve Keegan, **Seconded by** Council Member Brent Stanley.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).
Yes: Council Member Chris Shay, Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Brent Stanley, Mayor Doug McCauley, Vice Mayor Scott Black.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2023-76** passed.

2023-77 A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE CHURCH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO D2 EXCAVATING OF VICKERY, OHIO.

Resolution No. **2023-77** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated this is an OPW project, at 50 cents on the dollar. D2 Excavating employees were previously associated with Great Lakes Demolition, which performed many projects for Clyde.

Mr. Keegan questioned what this project will include (it will be a complete rebuild).

Mr. Stanley questioned how many bids were received (three).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. 2023-77, **Action:** Pass, **Moved by** Council Member Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Council Member Brent Stanley.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).
Yes: Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Brent Stanley, Mayor Doug McCauley, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Chris Shay.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2023-77** passed.

2023-78 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY'S THEREFORE.

Resolution No. **2023-78** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser noted this purchase was approved for \$44,000 in the budget, so it is actually coming in under budget.

Mr. Shay is glad we can get the Police Department the equipment they need.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2023-78**, **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, Mayor Doug McCauley, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Chris Shay, Council Member Steve Keegan.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2023-78** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

- The Woodland Avenue Sanitary Sewer project has been off to a rough start, as they have had many issues and it is a busy street
- House demolitions have been occurring and great improvements have been made at those properties
- WWTP was just one month shy of a record two year run with no overflows; however, the hard rain on 8/24/2023 caused an overflow; we would be permitted to have four overflows per year so almost two years without one is a testament to the efforts that have been made to prevent them
- Clyde Fair preparations are underway; weather forecast looks good
- The Fire Department has had many runs recently in a short period of time

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following:

- Preparations continue for the annual audit; additional information is being gathered to send to the auditors as they will have fewer days in house and more days conducting the audit virtually
- Information is being gathered for the upcoming union negotiations

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Keegan commended the new shelter at Cherry Street Park and the new picnic tables as being nice.

Mr. Keegan once again observed trash from Evergreen on both sides of the road from C.R. 260 to Route 20.

Mr. Stanley reminded residents to be aware of other residents who may not have cooling resources during the hot weather.

Mr. Stanley reminded residents to be aware of children going to and from school and to take needed safety precautions.

Mr. Shay questioned a comment on Facebook regarding the left turn lane from Woodland Avenue onto Route 20, with the lane being closed (there was a sink hole; this is being addressed). He offered kudos to the City for their quick response to address this issue by placing safety cones as needed for safe driving.

Mayor McCauley also commended the nice shelter/picnic tables addition to Cherry Street Park, and noted all Clyde parks are nice.

Mayor McCauley offered thanks and appreciation for all efforts related to the upcoming Clyde Fair, which is a big event.

Mayor McCauley offered kudos and thanks to Mr. Fiser for his diligent work to get funding for City projects, using the \$580,000 from OPW for the Church Street project as an example.

Mayor McCauley talked to plant representatives at Evergreen last month regarding littering issues. Clearly these concerns have not been properly addressed. We will need to re-discuss what our next steps should be.

Mr. Keegan is proud of and respects the Clyde High School football team.

Mr. Black questioned if Route 20 will be tore up by ODOT in 2024 (no, it will be 2025-2026; S.R. 510 will be done in 2025).

MOTIONS

There were none.

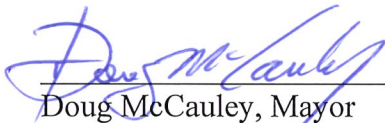
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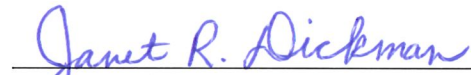
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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

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

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



Doug McCauley, Mayor

Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday September 5, 2023 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Ken Winke
2. Ben Brown
3. Yvette Honey
4. Lisa Keegan
5. Jim Keegan
6. Terrie Meek
7. Jim Rohrbach
8. LOARBE SEAR
9. Steph I Hudson
10. Gary Smith
11. Gene Paul
12. Becky Hystrich
13. Robert Noft+2
14. Peggy Courtney
15. John & Jennifer Lenthe

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COUNCIL MEETING

Date: _____

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Joan Mueller

2. Kim Leitch

3. Barbara Wood

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