

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – November 7, 2023

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 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
City Manager Justin LaBenne (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Finance Director Frank Weasner (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: Clerk of Council Janet Dickman

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 17, 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 October 17, 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: Council Member Steve Keegan, Council Member Brent Stanley, Mayor Doug McCauley, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Chris Shay.

The minutes of the October 17, 2023 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023 regular session of council as written, **Action:** Approve,

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.

The minutes of the October 24, 2023 work session/budget hearing of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Mr. Shay offered thanks to Mr. Keegan for providing pizza at this meeting, as this is appreciated.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023 work session/budget hearing of council as written, **Action:** Approve,

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

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.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

Due to the length of this First Reading Ordinance, Mayor McCauley referenced our City Charter Section 4-3 item which reads that Council, after an affirmative vote of majority plus one of the members, may have the first reading of an ordinance by title only. Solicitor Selvey noted the full Ordinance is available on line.

Motion: to read this Ordinance for its first reading by title only, **Action:** Title Only,

Vote: unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

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

2023-85 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.38 FOR THE CITY OF CLYDE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024.

Ordinance No. **2023-85** was read by title only.

Mr. Stanley feels this is a good budget and a good piece of legislation put together by Finance and Administration. He appreciates the preparations of the budget ahead of time, so there were not a lot of cuts that needed to be made at the end of the meeting.

Mayor McCauley agreed, adding that all departments will be served well through this budget.

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2023-85** had its first reading.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

2023-86 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO, THREE-PHASE PAD MOUNT 150KVA TRANSFORMERS FOR CLYDE LIGHT & POWER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2023-86** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Keegan questioned if both transformers will be put into use, or if they will be put into storage (one will be put into use, expected to arrive in about four weeks, as an upgrade for the downtown area; one will come later).

Mr. Stanley questioned other areas where this type of transformer is used (unknown specifics; the other one will be put into storage until needed as a replacement).

Mr. Black questioned why there is a \$4,000 difference in the price of these two transformers (the higher price transformer is due to the amount of time needed to prepare it).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2023-86**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Steve Keegan, **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. **2023-86** passed.

2023-87 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REPLACE THE EAST AND WEST ELECTRIC SUBSTATION CONDENSING UNITS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2023-87** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Stanley feels this will be a good investment, as this is warranted to protect the components of the substation.

Mayor McCauley feels this is the cost of keeping the electricity functional.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2023-87**, **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: 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. **2023-87** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne gave the following report:

- Woodland Avenue project is moving along, although water is still a big issue. However, there are no problems with quality.
- Church Street project preconstruction meeting was held last week; work is scheduled to begin mid-December and lasting until mid-May.
- Halloween parade went well; he offered thanks to the Exchange Club for planning this parade that had 55 entries. Many trick or treaters were present. Many new ideas for next year are already being lined up. We will possibly try to plan an event month.
- Kick-off call held with Designing Local for a fifteen year revitalization plan (strategic vision); Council will be involved in some way through meetings and/or tours. Representatives will be here next week, and see the Winesburg Weekend events. Documents are being compiled per their request. Public forums will also be held. This was approved back in April, and was budgeted for 2023.
- Preparations are well underway for Winesburg Weekend, with parade registrations pouring in. Thanks were offered to Mrs. Hoppe for her involvement. Activities include a food truck, ice sculpture carving, lights downtown and much more.
- Complete Streets policy has been worked on. Possibly a work session will be held to present the policy. Legislature can be adopted, or it can be an informal policy. Walkability/mobility is a factor of this policy.
- Preparations are underway for the patio that will be put in next to Wild Brew next spring. This is part of the Complete Streets policy. Concrete barriers are now in place to help residents get used to and acclimated to this change. Gibsonburg did complete and approve the Complete Streets policy a year ago.
- An upcoming Work session is suggested to develop a general fund/cash reserve policy to organize a “dooms day” plan. This would also assist with budgeting. Other cities have similar policies. This discussion can be held at a later date.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following:

- Working on month end for October
- Appropriations for the end of 2023 will be presented soon

Mayor McCauley extended compliments to Mr. Weasner for having all preparations ready for the budget hearings. Mayor McCauley is the Council liaison for Finance, and he appreciates Mr. Weasner's explanations and clarifications when he has questions.

Mr. Selvey noted there is a chance that Ohio could soon have recreational marijuana. The City of Clyde has in place some legislation already related to marijuana. If the law passes for recreational, Clyde should tackle our own laws because technically the Police could write tickets under our laws. We did pass something before when Ohio passed medical marijuana. If anyone

a business in Clyde to sell marijuana they must come to Council and get special approval; this is already in place. As the ORC changes there are certain things Clyde will need to address if we are in conflict with them. Clyde Police could write tickets under our code, but the State Highway Patrol would follow the ORC and would not write tickets. Mayor McCauley suggested reviewing our policy, if this passes at the State level.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Keegan frequently drives around, checking on the progress of the sewer line to the Turnpike, checking on the grain elevator (observing the red corn dust on the property), and checking the progress of the Woodland Avenue sewer project, including the hoses and such trying to deal with the water. Today he saw the gaudy cement blocks in the street by Wild Brew. He observed multiple drivers trying to get around the blocks. He feels it is an unsafe situation to have picnic tables there. He thought the patio would be going out back (no it was designed to be there). Mr. Keegan feels we do not have enough parking downtown now, to take away two parking spots for this patio. He has seen other cities have tables and chairs outside for residents to enjoy. He questioned if we have other benches that could be used. Also with the weather going to be changing, he does not feel this is a good situation.

Mr. Stanley noted the good attendance at the Halloween parade, including attendees from outside of the Clyde community. He offered thanks to the Halloween parade committee.

Mr. Stanley does not have a problem with the patio by Wild Brew being at the side, but he feels it is extending out into the road, which he feels is a safety concern (the current barriers are at the edge of the parking spaces, not into the road; this is an experiment to see if we should move forward with this).

Mr. Stanley offered a reminder to take care of your family and friends during the holiday season, including elderly who might be cold.

Mr. Black does not have a problem with the coffee shop having a designated area outside, but he prefers it behind the business instead of taking up parking spaces.

Mr. Black thought the parade was really nice and well attended.

Mr. Shay thinks the outdoor seating for Wild Brew is a great idea. He thinks it will look nice, and he has faith it will be safe. Other communities have similar outdoor seating and it really adds to the look and feel of the community. That corner can be a center of our community and the outdoor seating will be very nice. Wild Brew has done a tremendous job in highlighting areas of our town and this is something we can do to help their business. The current cement blocks do look gaudy but he understands we are testing this project.

Mayor McCauley missed the Halloween parade this year but he offered congratulations and thanks to the Halloween Parade committee volunteers.

Mayor McCauley loves the concept drawings for the outside seating. However, he was not aware

of what was being done now and he would appreciate these types of things being discussed with Council who is accountable to the public. He would like to be able to answer questions when asked, which he was not able to do for this situation. He questioned how long the current cement blocks will be in place (30-45 days). Mr. LaBenne offered apologies, as he thought he had mentioned the plan to do a mock up. The cement blocks were used as they were something we currently had available and they are solid and could take a hit if a vehicle would hit them.

Mayor McCauley hopes the contractor who is putting in the gas lines will fix the sidewalks before the bad weather gets here. Previously, sidewalk that was a trip hazard took two years to fix. The contractor needs to be held accountable to fix the areas respectably.

Mayor McCauley addressed the Board of Education office on Main Street. When he saw the building being painted, he felt various emotions when he saw the completed project. He felt surprise, anger and embarrassment. He feels the recent downtown visual concept plan does not go with this new paint project. Recent extensive discussion was held regarding sign size, and he feels this project is similar to a billboard. He loves our Fliers, but the visual concept does not work for him. He has yet to hear one positive comment about it. No one asked about this color concept or architectural design. This negates what is being done with renovations next door to it. Signage codes need to be considered. He questioned what can be done to fix this, as it does not look good. Solicitor Selvey will speak to Mr. Winke, zoning inspector, to review the sign codes. It will be hard to define what is a sign and what is a design and he will report back his findings to Council. Mr. Winke noted he was not asked about this related to zoning. As a resident of this town, Mayor McCauley reiterated that he does not like this. Mr. Winke noted previous revitalization plans wanted signs to blend in to the area. Mayor McCauley does not want Council to become irrelevant to making decisions for the City.

Mr. Keegan questioned some man holes going in near Buckeye Street, and some concrete units there. He questioned if that area, or the bicycle trail is videotaped to monitor for any damage (videotaping will be verified; the work is being done by a local contractor).

ADJOURNMENT

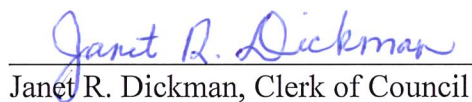
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

Moved by Mayor Doug McCauley, **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.


Doug McCauley, Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 11-7-2023 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Gene T. Paul
2. Ben Wink
3. Bill Brown
4. Terri Meek
5. Greg McMaster
6. Gary A. Smith
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