

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – February 20, 2024

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 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 Greg McMaster
Council Member Terri Meek
Council Member Chris Shay
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 February 6, 2024 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Council Member Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.

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

Yes: Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Chris Shay, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you note from the Clyde High School Prom Committee for a donation.

Visitors:

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2024-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.02 “REIMBURSEMENT OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FEES,” OF THE CITY’S CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. **2024-26** was read in its entirety.

Mayor Doug 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, **Action:** Suspend rule,

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

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

Yes: Council Member Chris Shay, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek, Mayor Doug McCauley.

Mr. Weasner found that the ORC outlines the reimbursement for financial disclosure fees to be \$10, not \$35.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2024-26** was read by title only for its second reading.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2024-26**, **Action:** Adopt,

Moved by Council Member Greg McMaster, **Seconded by** Council Member Chris Shay.

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

Yes: Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Chris Shay.

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2024-26** has been adopted.

2024-27 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RENAMING SECTION 505.08 “NUISANCE CONDITIONS” OF THE CITY’S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. **2024-27** 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, , **Action:** Suspend rule,

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

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

Yes: Council Member Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Chris Shay, Vice Mayor Scott Black.

Mr. LaBenne explained this amendment will add additional detail to the code.

Mr. Selvey clarified there are exceptions for feeding birds outside.

Mr. McMaster questioned if residents could still feed squirrels. Mr. Selvey noted that residents who put corn out for the squirrels and technically not putting out squirrel food. However, if feeding squirrels would result in the squirrels becoming a nuisance, then this code could apply.

Mr. Shay noted the corn being put out would also feed ground hogs, etc.

Mr. Black recalled putting food out for an outside dog he had at one time, and the food would attract other animals as well. Putting any food out must be monitored.

Mayor McCauley feels this code will be another “tool in our toolbox” to deal with situations as needed. He has noticed an increased number of feral cats in his neighborhood lately.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2024-27** was read by title only for its second reading.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2024-27**, **Action:** Adopt,

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

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

Yes: Council Member Terri Meek, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Chris Shay, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Greg McMaster.

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2024-27** has been adopted.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2024-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PYROTECNICO, INC. FOR THE JULY 5TH, 2024, FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

Resolution No. **2024-28** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne noted the correct date is Friday July 5, 2024. It is basically the same contract as before, with a slight increase in price, with the same company. We have gotten good feedback for their fireworks displays.

Mr. Shay agrees the fireworks are a good time, and this is money well spent.

Mayor McCauley noted the fireworks bring in a huge influx of people, including people who live outside of Clyde. There are always good comments regarding the fireworks celebration. He agrees it is money well spent.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2024-28**, **Action:** Pass,
Moved by Council Member Greg McMaster, **Seconded by** Council Member Terri Meek.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).
Yes: Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Chris Shay, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2024-28** passed.

2024-29 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LUCAS BORER TO THE CITY OF CLYDE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

Resolution No. **2024-29** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne explained that Mr. Borer will be filling the unexpired term of Waylon Garza. With Mr. Borer's membership with BZA, the Board is now full.

Ken Winke, Zoning Inspector, feels Mr. Borer will be a good addition to the BZA.

Council members offered thanks and appreciation to Mr. Borer for his willingness to volunteer.

Mr. Shay noted he is the Council liaison for BZA.

Mayor McCauley encourages all Council members to ask residents to volunteer for a City Board/Commission. Volunteering for a City position is an opportunity to learn.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2024-29**, **Action:** Pass,
Moved by Council Member Terri Meek, **Seconded by** Council Member Chris Shay.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).
Yes: Council Member Chris Shay, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek, Mayor Doug McCauley.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2024-29** passed.

2024-30 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHELLE CUTSHALL TO THE CLYDE FAIR BOARD.

Resolution No. **2024-30** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne reported Ms. Cutshall completed a one year probationary period and is now appointed as a full Fair Board member. She has helped with the Queens contest, and has done a great job.

Council members offered words of thanks.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2024-30**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Vice Mayor Scott Black, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.

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

Yes: Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Chris Shay.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2024-30** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne gave the following report:

- Feral Cats update - Council allocated \$10,000 in 2023 to offer spay/neuter vouchers to be used by Clyde residents only; we have spent about \$7,600 for 100 vouchers, initially securing fifty female vouchers and fifty male vouchers; we currently only have a few male vouchers remaining. Mr. Shay questioned if this is a separate line item (no). It was questioned if there is a difference in the price for the female vouchers compared to the male vouchers (only a couple dollars difference).
- We are working with GLCAP to submit to the state capital budget to develop a nature trail from Community Park to the reservoir; Senator Reineke is offering his assistance with this.
- 309 Vine Street will be going up for bid for the demolition grant; a contract for 915 N. Main Street (condemned property) has been signed with the Land Bank and should be out to bid soon
- Courtesy letters are being sent to the owner of a nuisance property; the Health Department has also checked on the property
- Good meetings were held last week with the Arts and Entertainment Commission to discuss ideas for beautification efforts
- Meetings are being held with OneEnergy to discuss the solar project for Whirlpool Corp.
- Mr. LaBenne will be in D.C. next week with CL&P Supervisor Lachner for an AMP/APPA Legislative Rally
- A ribbon cutting was held for Edward Jones' grand opening
- Radar speed signs have been put around town; positive feedback has been received
- Frontier is installing fiber all over town; there will now be three different options for fiber providers
- Columbia Gas will replace cement slabs on the sidewalk downtown that were damaged when they were making repairs
- The Recreation Board has received another resignation and there are currently zero members for our Recreation Board; this Board has had fewer meetings since COVID, meeting only twelve times in the past four years; at one time they discussed developing a five year plan but that has not occurred; this Board is in the Charter, but the Charter allows for modification to the board; it was questioned if this Board should be suspended until such time that there is a project for them to address. Mr. Selvey noted this Board does not control a budget and does not make pricing recommendations any longer; there is a discrepancy for oversight of a City employee.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following:

- The financial statement will be revised and presented at the next meeting
- Interest income is increased by \$39,600 over January 2023
- Income tax receipts are on target
- Revenue is on target

COUNCIL REMARKS

By poll of Council and Administration, the work session scheduled for 2/27/2024 is cancelled.

Mr. Shay reported a tripping hazard on the sidewalk, an area located on Forest between Main and Church Streets. It was noted the sidewalk was tore up by Columbia Gas when doing repairs.

Mr. Black is glad the spay/neutering of feral cats is working, as there are now fewer litters of kittens.

Mr. Shay disagrees. He has seen a huge increase in the number of feral cats, including small cats. It is unfortunate to have spent the large amount of money on vouchers, but the situation has not improved. Mr. LaBenne noted the veterinarian who is assisting with this program had told Council that it would take five years of the voucher program before the City would notice an improvement.

Mr. Selvey referenced the mild winter we have had this season, which results in more feral cats surviving the weather. City legislation prohibits outdoor feeding of animals, and includes prohibiting outdoor cats. We just need to enforce this legislation. Mr. Shay commented he has not seen as many coyotes lately as he had in the past. Mayor McCauley noted it is difficult to have data to show the progress or lack of progress.

Mayor McCauley has been reading issues of *The Clyde Enterprise* from 1956. He has found that many of the issues they were dealing with then, we are dealing with similar issues now. Then and now, legislation is developed to try to address these issues. The issues center around how to modify human nature. He has enjoyed reading the old newspapers where the purpose was to provide information, not to sway opinions. He also noted the good grammar in the old newspaper articles. Reading about the past shows us how we were and how we got to where we are now. It was sixty years ago that Clyde changed from being a Village to become a City.

Mayor McCauley feels the Recreation Board could be put to rest for a while, and it could be resurrected when appropriate.

MOTIONS

Motion: Motion to enter into an executive session at 7:41 p.m. for the purpose to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee and to consider the purchase or sale of real estate.,

Action: Enter Closed Session,

Moved by Council Member Greg McMaster, **Seconded by** Council Member Chris Shay.

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

Yes: Council Member Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Chris Shay, Vice Mayor Scott Black.

Motion: to exit/adjourn the executive session at 8:18 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

Moved by Council Member Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Council Member Terri Meek.

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

Yes: Council Member Terri Meek, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Chris Shay, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Greg McMaster.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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

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

Yes: Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Chris Shay, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek.



Doug McCauley, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE
COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday February 20, 2024 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Ben Winke
2. Gene Paul
3. Ben Brown
4. Lu M. Bow
5. Gary Smith
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