

CITY OF CLYDE
COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
April 29, 2025

The special session of Clyde City Council was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Clyde City Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410.

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)

Absent/

Excused: Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Visitors:

Visitors signing in can be referenced in the record book supplement.

The topic of this Special Session is a presentation by the Village of Green Springs Mayor Derek Knieriemen regarding their sewer and water agreements with Clyde.

Introductions of Green Springs representatives and Clyde representatives was made.

Mayor Knieriemen attended a previous Clyde Council work session where water and sewer rates were discussed. Data was compiled related to Green Springs water and sewer rates for review at this special session, including revenue requirements, current rates, current revenue (when Clyde has raised their rates, Green Springs would raise the rate the same amount plus an additional 1.5%), water usage, RCAP recommendations for increases for revenue (does not address capital maintenance needs), current fund status account balances, and possible solutions. Mayor Knieriemen noted that they will no longer be able to obtain loans as needed for the capital maintenance improvements until they increase their rates. Green Springs residents are currently paying double the rates that Clyde residents are paying for these same services. He is not "looking for a handout" but would like to find a rate that is fair and equitable to both Clyde and Green Springs.

It was confirmed they have about 550 accounts in Green Springs.

Mr. McMaster would be interested in knowing the additional infrastructure Clyde needs, to be able to provide service to Green Springs (Clyde has responsibility for any infrastructure until the water

gets into the Green Springs water system building; Clyde is responsible for a lift station in Green Springs, until the sewage gets back to Clyde).

Mayor McCauley questioned if the waste water coming from Green Springs is more septic due to the sulphur in the Green Springs water (yes; the pipe is plastic and is not affected, but it does seriously affect the lift stations, which is costly maintenance; however, the increased separation that Green Springs has started doing is definitely helping).

Mr. Black questioned if it has been looked at for Clyde to take over the Green Springs station (it would not be beneficial for Clyde, due to the large amount of capital improvements that are needed).

Mayor McCauley questioned if Green Springs initially bonded this project (yes, it was paid off two years ago; the \$90,000 annual bond payments now go back into the water system for maintenance).

Mayor McCauley questioned if Green Springs has not had a sewage rate increase in fourteen years (ten years; the water rates increased in 2008). Clyde's rates also were not increased in many years, but they recently discussed an 80% increase over six years, which is the discussion that sparked Mayor Knieriemen to look at how that would impact the Green Springs rates.

Mayor McCauley questioned if incremental increases were ever discussed in Green Springs Council meetings (no, however, they will be discussing possibly a 2% increase annually going forward).

Mayor McCauley does not want to unduly charge inappropriate rates to Green Springs. He questioned if Green Springs is better off since they entered this agreement with Clyde (yes; the initial need was for improved water quality). There have been a couple instances of water quality issues, caused in part by the distance for the water to travel, and Green Springs has installed equipment to try to help with this.

Mayor McCauley questioned how much it might cost to install a water treatment plant in Green Springs (\$15-20 mil). The EPA would not be in favor of this, and would actually prefer that Clyde become a regional water treatment plant.

Mr. McMaster questioned if financial data exists to show the extra costs incurred by Clyde for supplying water to Green Springs (yes). It will cost Clyde about \$20 mil for the upgrades needed for our water treatment plant, irrespective of supplying to Green Springs.

Mr. Biggs questioned how much separation does Green Springs currently have (they believe they have about 10% combined sewers; mapping is outdated so they do not know for sure).

Definition of I&I = inflow and infiltration. A line that is damaged can have ground water flowing into the line; this causes extra rain water to unnecessarily go through the treatment process.

How much of Green Springs has separate sewer and water lines (all but maybe 20%).

Best possible scenario for Green Springs (freeze rates that Clyde is charging Green Springs Village administrators, while Green Springs tries to increase their rates to address their improvement woes; be able to hire a third staff member to help address their problems). Without a rate freeze, the Green Springs rates would need to increase 20-40% over the next couple of years which would be devastating for their residents.

Mayor Knieriemen would like to see Clyde do a rate study, to determine an accurate cost that Clyde is incurring to supply water to Green Springs, and to determine if the rate being charged to Green Springs Village administrators could be frozen at the current rate.

Green Springs income tax is currently at 1%; they could possibly consider increasing to 1.5%. Another consideration would be a five-year levy. Ninety-five percent of their income is from their residents, as they have no industry in Green Springs. They have revamped their administrative management and have found considerable cost savings. The Green Springs water system was neglected for about ten years, and they are paying for it now.

Mrs. Meek questioned if Clyde Council has access to the presentation from this meeting, to have additional time to review the data (Mr. LaBenne will distribute to Council). Any additional information needed can be supplied as requested.

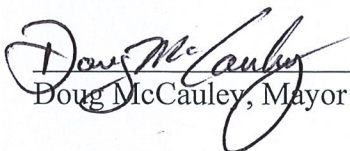
The goal for Green Springs is for their system to be compliant (with EPA) and functional.

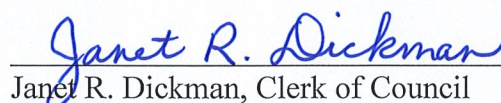
Mayor McCauley is aware of the issues facing Green Springs; he acknowledged Clyde also has issues to face and he would not want to take on the Green Springs issues. However, Clyde and Green Springs are neighboring communities, who share a school system and are interested in working together.

Brandon Evans from RCAP stated a rate study for Clyde could be done at no cost through a federal program, if done before September. Typically, a rate study would take six months, so they would need to move quickly on this.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor McCauley announced the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


Doug McCauley, Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

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Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Brandon Evarr
2. John Bliss
3. Derek Krieriemen
4. Angela Bliss
5. Bruce Brown
6. John Branski
7. Bill Young +
8. John Montgomery
9. Bob Chapman
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