

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – June 3, 2025

Clyde City Council met at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 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)
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 May 20, 2025, regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of May 20, 2025, regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Council Member Terri Meek, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor Scott Black.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

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

Abstain: Mayor Doug McCauley.

The minutes of May 27, 2025, work session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of May 27, 2025, work session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Council Member Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor Scott Black.

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.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

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

Mayor Doug McCauley read a proclamation, as submitted by Mr. Shay, to recognize CPR & AED Week.

Council Member Chris Shay noted the first week of June is National CPR & AED Week. He honored two residents, Carolyn and Dale Ryan, and shared a story of their experience with a cardiac arrest and the positive results due to quick care with CRP and ALS. Mr. Shay is very honored and privileged to have been a part of Sandusky County EMS.

EMS Chief Jeff Jackson explained the importance of certification and how it applies to EMS and the process of using the equipment.

Mr. McMaster extended thanks to our top-notch first responders, and he encourages others to get CPR and first aid training. Mr. McMaster has been trained for thirty years, and is disappointed he missed his training this year.

Ms. Meek offered thanks for the first responders, for their quick response and for attending this evening.

Mr. Black expressed thanks and for making people aware of what they do; during his 40 years working at Whirlpool he served many of those years on the Whirlpool fire department; he did pass the CPR and first aid training and he encourages others to learn as well.

Mayor McCauley offered thanks; he experienced a situation of using the Heimlich on someone at a restaurant, with a positive outcome and a CPR incident about 28 years ago, also with positive results. In both situations, there were many others around, who did not step in an assist. Regular training, which he received as a teacher and a coach, will help you be ready to act as soon as needed. Time is of the essence.

Carolyn Ryan's Son in law recognized her as a humble individual; he thanked her for her efforts which helped to save Dale's life and allow him to be here today to enjoy his family, including seven grandchildren.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2025-39 AN ORDINANCE REDESIGNATING THE HEREINAFTER-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO PART OF OULOT 124, PARCEL NO. 32-60-00-0124 TOTALING 7.8902 ACRES IN THE CITY OF CLYDE FROM (I-1) GENERAL INDUSTRIAL TO (C-2) GENERAL COMMERCIAL.

Ordinance No. **2025-39** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne is aware there are many issues out there. He noted the area may have lighter traffic with commercial zoning verses industrial zoning.

Mr. Black thanked the Planning Commission for bringing this to us tonight.

Mayor McCauley understands the Spears' concerns but feels the return to commercial zoning will be better than industrial zoning.

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2025-39** had its first reading.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2025-40 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Resolution No. **2025-40** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne explained the project for the Woodland Avenue lift station; this is the application for OPWC emergency repair funding, which Mr. Fiser did secure \$240,000. This is around 69.2% of the project estimate.

Mr. Shay commended Mr. Fiser for doing a great job.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2025-40**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Vice Mayor Scott Black, **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 Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek, Mayor Doug McCauley.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2025-40** passed.

2025-41 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH LJB INC. FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE WOODLAND AVENUE LIFT STATION.

Resolution No. **2025-41** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne noted the details are within the quote. There is heavy corrosion on the pipe coming from Green Springs. This is the engineering design for what needs to be done and how to do it properly.

Mr. Black is glad to see we are staying on top of this as a lift station isn't something you want to have fail.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2025-41**, **Action:** Pass,

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

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

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2025-41** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne gave the following report:

- Increased rates for power took effect June 1st; this is the first rate increase since 1996.
- PJM is a regional transmission organization (RTO) that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia. PJM coordinates the flow of electricity from generators to local utilities across a network of high-voltage transmission lines. Local utilities distribute this power directly to consumers.
- In addition to managing the transmission system, PJM runs wholesale markets in which it buys electricity on behalf of utilities. These markets determine the mix of energy sources that power our homes and businesses, as well as a large portion of what we pay on our monthly bills. Last year's capacity auction, which takes place in June and sets prices for the following year, resulted in an 800% increase.
- It is assumed that everyone's electric portion of their bill will increase by about \$20 per month due to this; our next billing cycle should probably show some changes.
- The increases are beyond our control. Our Residential Rate has not increased since 1996, and is still:
 - Customer Charge (Base Rate): \$3.25
 - Energy Charge: First 1,000 kWh, per kWh: \$0.079
 - Energy Charge: Additional kWh, per kWh: \$0.049

- There is another section on the bill that contains a variable generation charge that is adjusted monthly – it is the Purchased Power Cost Adjustment Rate - a charge that adjusts for fluctuations in the cost of purchasing electricity from power generators.

My electric rate last month was \$0.1377 per kWh, and this month, it is \$0.1434 per kWh. On next month's bill, I expected to see an increase in the variable generation charge.

Mr. Weasner and I have been discussing a level of credit for customers to offset some of the economic pain that these increases will undoubtedly cause in our community. We hope to have a proposal before the Council in the next two months or so, after determining the impact on the electric fund.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following:

- Continue as usual; keeping up with things.
- He will not be at the next Council meeting as he will be on a family vacation

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Meek expressed thanks to Mr. LaBenne for the explanation of the electric rates; it is good to have it on record to explain to residents that we have no control over this increase.

Mr. Shay thanked Council and Mayor McCauley for the proclamation and honoring the Ryans.

Mayor McCauley acknowledged a second proclamation he has given in the past two days. The other was for resident Mrs. Dorothy Cox for her 100th birthday. At Mrs. Cox's birthday party a gentleman approached Mayor McCauley and was upset about the electric rate increase and the wind turbines proposed for Whirlpool. Mayor McCauley also appreciates Mr. LaBenne's education related to the electric rate increase; now this education and understanding just needs to be accepted by residents. Mr. LaBenne clarified the Whirlpool wind turbines have nothing to do with the electric rate increase.

MOTIONS

Motion: to enter into an executive session at 7:37 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 Terri Meek, **Seconded by** Council Member Chris Shay.

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

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

Mayor McCauley announced that no formal action will be taken during the Executive Session.

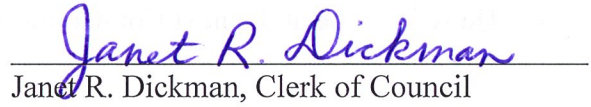
Motion: to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. **Action:** Adjourn,
Moved by Council Member Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).
Yes: Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Chris Shay, Vice Mayor Scott Black, Council Member Greg McMaster, Council Member Terri Meek.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:58p.m. **Action:** Adjourn,
Moved by Council Member Terri Meek, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.
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.



Doug McCauley, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Grace Williams [Signature]

2. Ben White

3. Gary Smith

4. Ben Brown

5. Bill & Mary Ann Spear

6. Drew Wedgner

7. [Signature]

8. Don T. [Signature]

9. Marshall Haley

10. Michaela Kelley

11. Alex [Signature]

12. Constance D. [Signature]

13. [Signature]

14. Carolyn [Signature]

15. [Signature]

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, June ³~~17~~, 2025 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

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