

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – August 5, 2025

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 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)
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 July 15, 2025, regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of July 15, 2025, regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

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

Abstain: Council Member Greg McMaster

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

2025-48 AN ORDINANCE REPLACING CHAPTER 709, "PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO.

Ordinance No. **2025-48** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne explained that this has been on his radar for a long time. This revision will improve the process and overall clean-up/modernize the language. Some responsibility may shift to the Police Department, similar to how other municipalities do it, which may also improve efficiency. This will address situations where sales/others are stopping at houses even though there is a "no solicitation" sign on the property.

Mr. Selvey has reviewed this revision. Canvasser is a different category as they are non-commercial. We are not limiting anyone's free speech. Section 709.08 states that any "no solicitation" sign addresses all types of peddlers/canvassing/soliciting.

Mr. LaBenne noted that due to canvassing and free speech, we cannot ban all soliciting. This chapter in our Codes is to regulate this practice.

Mr. Selvey clarified a door-to-door request for support, for example for a school levy, is not covered by the "no solicitation" sign and the requester does not need a permit.

Mr. McMaster questioned the section related to license exceptions being taken out (this was included in the canvasser section). Would this apply to salesmen for commercial businesses (yes, this is everything and they would need a permit).

Mr. Selvey gave an example of a Little League player selling a candy bar would not be as tightly monitored as a vacuum salesman in regards to obtaining a permit.

Mayor McCauley noted this is an appropriate revision for this time.

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2025-48** had its first reading.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2025-49 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 2026, AUTHORIZING THE

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE SAME, AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2025-49** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne stated this is an annual process to prepare for supply needs for the next year.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2025-49**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Terri Meek, **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.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2025-49** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne gave the following report:

- Community Park Nature Trail – All Ohio Future Fund \$50K grant agreement with ODNR reviewed and ready for Council approval at next meeting.
 - Mr. Selvey noted ODNR has language in the agreement which would give them the rights to the property if we would not use the funds for their intended purpose (a trail) or if we would default; Council should be aware of this stipulation
- Preparing tax lien items for submission to the auditor/treasurer by September deadline
 - 2 years of unpaid vacant commercial building registration payments
- Discussions with City Department Superintendents and Consultants about projects in preparation for the 2026 budget.
- Numerous old and new code enforcement issues (lots of un-mowed properties).
- Condemnation of 233 S. Church St.
- Evergreen Power update; Evergreen has been able to convert to their sub-station.
- Attended a tour of the Northwoods facility, which was very informative; future tours will be scheduled

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following:

- Also attended the Northwoods tour and found it to be interesting
- OpenGov budget training went well; go live will be soon
- Clear financial standings will be available in one month; improvements are being made and steps are being taken to improve efficiency
- We are in the third week of our state audit; it is going well

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor McCauley expressed safety concerns related to the crosswalk sign on Maple Street; this

caution sign to allow bike trail users to safely cross the street is not being observed by or yielded to by motorists. He feels this causes a dangerous situation, and he questions how it can be made safer.

Mayor McCauley received a thank you note from a family who was visiting Clyde and observed the 4th of July fireworks. The children in this family had never seen fireworks before and the adults had only seen them a few times. The entire family was impressed. Kudos for the Clyde 4th of July fireworks show.

MOTIONS

Motion: to enter into an executive session at 7:19 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 Mayor Doug McCauley, **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 no further action will be taken by Council following adjournment of the executive session.

Motion: to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. **Action:** Adjourn,

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

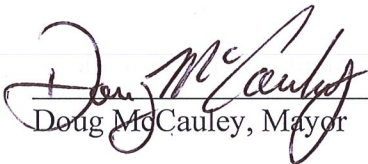
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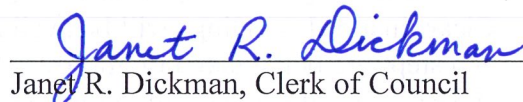
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

Moved by Council Member Greg McMaster, **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.


Doug McCauley, Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE
COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

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