

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION – BUDGET HEARINGS
October 28, 2025

The regularly scheduled special session of Clyde City Council was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, City of Clyde Municipal Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio. Mayor McCauley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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 signing in can be referenced in the Record Book Supplement.

The meeting purpose is for discussion of the 2026 budget.

6:00 John Biggs, WWTP

Building Acquisition/Improvements	\$6,000
Office upgrade; current is from 1986	
Equipment	\$120,000
Loader with a bucket; current John Deere tractor that was a hand-me-down just went on Gov.deals; a 2000 bobcat that was a hand-me-down from EVS does not meet their needs; he has not entertained a lease option	
Phase 1 build	\$4,000,000
Waiting for equipment; some preliminary work has been done; this will require a Public Works loan for 20-30 years	
Phase 2 design	\$2,200,000
Design phase; this is 10% of the total cost	
DO, pH, TSS	\$31,000
Suspended solid censor; upgrade; will suit the department better for the future	
Total - Sewer	\$6,357,000

6:06 Monti Campbell, Police

Marked Car	\$45,000
They did not do a marked car last year; it will probably be a Durango; marked cars remain running even when parked due to the amount of time it takes to re-boot the equipment (cameras, etc.), and this decreases the life of the vehicle	

Replacement Tech	\$10,000	
Unmarked car	\$30,000	
Mileage is increasing; recent repairs cost \$2,000		
SRT Equipment	\$5,000	
Vehicle Conversions	\$25,000	
For a new marked car		
Vehicle Conversion	\$0	
Total – Police		\$115,000

6:11 **Mike Griffin, Parks**

Bridges - Total Replacement (2)	\$150,000	
These will be at the parks; one bridge is 38 years old and the other is 40 years old; golf carts driven on the bridge is adding to their deterioration; one bridge will need a foundation; we could consider asking a trade class from Vanguard to do the construction; this is a public safety issue; this is a rough estimate and would include engineering costs; one of the bridges was originally built by the National Guard, and the FFA was involved in some of the original building		
Total – Parks		\$150,000

6:18 **Konner Garcia, Recreation**

ABI Force Z-23 SLT (field drag machine)	\$40,000	
This is for the baseball fields; this model was demoed in Wauseon; it will professionally grade the field, which has not been done in the past; this would help to eliminate the number of rain outs we deal with; this would assist with a safer field to keep it level; the current tractor is difficult to maneuver in some areas of the field and causes wear and tear on other parts of the park grass; currently it takes about one hour and three staff per field; if the condition of the fields could be improved we could host more tournaments; field dry bags are \$20/bag; this past season we held 112 games and this new machine would be used the morning of each game; staff would be cross trained to use the new equipment		
Total – Recreation		\$40,000

6:23 **Joel Roberts, Cemetery**

Air Compressor	\$1,500.00	
Dependent on getting a new building		
Generator	\$1,100.00	
Dependent on getting a new building		
Snow Blower	\$800.00	
Dependent on getting a new building; currently borrow a snow blower from the parks department and use snow shovels		
Pallet Jack	\$650.00	
Dependent on getting a new building		
Equipment Lift	\$5,200.00	
For mowers and RTV's		
Driveway	\$6,000.00	

Current situation is causing mud to be tracked in
Total – Cemetery \$15,250.00

6:31 **Phil Farrar, Water**

Building Improvements (roof replacement) \$300,000

This started in 2023; the roof is soon to be 30 years old; there was a leak on the silo that had pulled apart from the flat rubber roof that has stone to hold it down; three additional areas are also deteriorated; an estimate from the company that did the Finance Department roof is \$300-350,000; a new roof design will be used; the stone from the current roof will be reused at the reservoir; if approved, it would go to bid in January; the 53 year old pump at Beaver Creek will be fixed this year for \$13,000, along with other repairs this year within the 2025 budget

Total - Water \$300,000

6:39 **Cory Lachner, Electric**

Equipment \$50,000

Operating materials and supplies; replace 2020 Jeep Cherokee with Ford Explorer; Jeep would go to IT department

Substation & Transmission \$1,850,000

This is an annual request; Testing and repairs; transformers are about 40 years old, and are past normal life for this equipment; lead time for transformers replacement is 12-18 months; the entire City load could operate off of one, but current practice is to split the load between two

Utility Distribution System \$400,000

Breakers were installed in the late 1980's; repairs are being needed at least once a year;

Christmas 2026 \$100,000

Sub-total - Electric Distribution \$2,400,000

6:45 **Aaron Humberger, IT**

Equipment \$100,000

Many cameras were deployed this past summer to get through Phase 1; Phase 2 is in process; goal is to expand the outdoor camera coverage for building security; Synology is a storage server and will be a secondary retention location for our backups; need to have multi factor authentication throughout the City for security purposes

Total - IT \$100,000

6:50 **Bill Hamilton, General Services**

Building/Building Acquisitions (salt bin) \$203,045

325 ton of salt is the current capacity in our bin; the bin buildings are about 32 years old and the sides are bowing; proposed new salt bin could hold 1,000 ton; it would fit in current allotted building area and would have concrete sides; life expectancy of top of proposed new salt bin is uncertain but possibly 30 years

Total - Service \$203,045

6:55 **John Montgomery, Environmental Services**

Woodland Lift Station Refurbished \$150,000

This estimate is for our portion; Mr. Fiser has secured a grant for the remaining cost; the \$50,000 approved last year for piping was not done as a full refurbish is needed; this lift station services a large area; during replacement the area will be bypass pumped; this station is built for expansion as needed

Single Axle Dump (replace 1994) \$180,000

It is actually a 1993 model, that has 96,000 miles with frequent needed repairs

Total – Environmental Serv \$330,000

7:03 break

7:07 **Paul Fiser, Fire, Permanent Improvement**

5 year plan was reviewed; a financial safety net is needed to have matching funds available as grants are dispersed; Main Street paving is still scheduled for 2029, with the City probably liable for 20% of the cost; if Main Street would be moved sooner the City would need to take on a much larger portion of the cost

The bridges at Community Park are inspected annually and are certified safe.

Urban Paving Program - St Rt 510 \$105,000

Cemetery Admin Building \$600,000

Maple St Pedestrian Improvement \$120,000

Two different grants were awarded

Maple/Race Streets Improvements \$250,000

Premier Drive \$650,000

A grant was awarded for this

Paving \$450,000

Spring Street Improvements, PHI \$800,000

Sewer separation will be a two-phase project; about \$325,000 should be received from Ohio Public Works

Total – Perm Improvement \$2,975,000

Fire

Air-Pak X3 Pro SCBA \$20,328

This is a 10% match for a FEMA grant; if the FEMA grant is not available, the full cost is shown in the 5-year plan; air-paks are frequently sent for repair; the tower truck is now 29 years old; another fire truck is 19 years old; industry standard is to replace at 15 to 25 years old; our goal is to get 35-40 years for the tower truck and 25 years for the other fire truck; lead time to get a truck is 3-4

years, so we could possibly order it later in 2026 to 2027; suggestion is to set aside \$125,000 each year until then; \$25,000 for replacement of the swivel of the tower truck; the tower truck was purchased for \$550,000 and will cost \$2mil for replacement

4500 cylinder wsnap-change	\$3,674	
Total – Fire		\$24,002

7:25 Visitors:

Fair Board - Rich Ulman

Entertainment selection is based on budget amount available; City budget amount stays pretty consistent and is budgeted at \$45,000 for 2026; the Grand Prix is the biggest expense for the Fair and is included in the budget; discussion was held regarding the probationary period for potential new Fair Board members; Larry Cox reviewed the financial statement for 2025 and the budget for 2026; straw (\$10,000) and the band are the largest expenses; the quality of the rides, and the availability of ride companies, has gone down considering the cost; our portion of the ride proceeds are dependent on the weather; next year will be the 40th year for the Fair and the 250th year for America

7:54 **Bill Brown and Justin LaBenne, Clyde Development Authority**

\$100,000 donation from City to CDA

Looking at available buildings downtown, upkeep of outside of buildings, business growth downtown; We have a quote of \$111,000 for a comprehensive strategic plan for a parks masterplan, zoning, and including community member feedback; Community Park nature trail received an ODRN grant that has been used; it will need a bridge and engineering for wetlands, etc.; Landbank matching is now tied to economic impact

Mayor McCauley requested a projected expense amount to get the North Main Street retail space functioning; permits are in process and should be available in a week or two; if current contractors are unable to immediately resume construction, we will entertain looking for new contractors; money remains encumbered in an economic account for projected finishing costs; insurance fees for unoccupied buildings, such as this, are high

Finance Director

\$10,000 for building upkeep, modernization

Municipal Building

\$50,000 - alley building

Other: generator replacement, general upkeep, milestone celebrations

Note – Mr. Weasner will remove \$145,000 for bond payment on pool that is listed on the 2026 Permanent Improvement Projects