

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – January 20, 2026

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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 Chris Shay
Council Member Cody Browning
Council Member Greg McMaster
Council Member Terri Meek
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)

**Absent/
Excused:**

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 January 6, 2026, reorganization session and regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of January 6, 2026, reorganization session and regular session of council as written, **Action:** Approve,

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

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

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

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors: Clyde High School Prom Committee

Morgan Garcia, advisor, spoke for herself and fellow advisor Casey Smith. She stated the CHS Prom Committee has decided to return to Camden Falls in Tiffin for the 2026 CHS Prom. The lower costs in 2025 for this venue allowed the Committee to give some tickets to attend the Prom at no cost to students in need. They will also again offer pizza and a dessert bar at the Prom, with most Prom attendees going out to the restaurant of their choice before attending the Prom.

Student representatives Lorelei Cleary and Laney Renfro shared that the Prom theme this year will be the 1925 book *The Great Gatsby*. There will be a classy, roaring '20's theme, with colors of metallic gold, black and white, and decorations of feathers, fringe and rhinestones.

Council members encourage the students to enjoy their Prom. They are happy to hear that some tickets will be offered to students in need, and the chosen theme does sound classy. Mayor McCauley noted his presence in the art department at CHS for 30 years which makes him personally aware that planning the Prom is a lot of work. He thanked the advisors and students for attending this meeting.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2026-06 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TOTALING 5.648 ACRES LOCATED IN GREEN CREEK TOWNSHIP, PETITIONED BY WILLIAM AND YVONNE SHEARER AND MATTHEW AND KATJA SOPER TO THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO.

Ordinance No. **2026-06** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser noted this location encompasses a barn where many area youngsters learned how to wrestle.

Mayor McCauley questioned if Green Creek receives taxes for this property (yes; it will take about ten to twelve years for this property to come off their tax records; we will pay them a portion of the taxes annually/bi-annually for these years, with our payment amount decreasing over time).

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2026-06** had its first reading.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2026-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2026 PAVING PROGRAM.

Resolution No. **2026-07** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser reviewed plans for 2026, 2027 and 2028. The paving program will focus on dead end roads and a couple through streets. We will bundle these together as dead end streets do not fare well for grants. This plan will all be paid on our dime. Mr. Fiser reviewed the list of streets to be included (Anderson Ave., Ridgeview, Manhattan, Pfeiffer, Cambridge, Coulson, portion of Fairhome, Parker, May, EMS parking lot).

Mr. Bill Brown questioned if Premier Drive will be included (Premier is being designed).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-07**, Action: Pass,

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 Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning, Mayor Doug McCauley.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-07** passed.

2026-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BLUESCOPE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING FOR MCPHERSON CEMETERY.

Resolution No. **2026-08** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser noted Cemetery Superintendent Joel Roberts is in attendance at this meeting. The current cemetery office building is at the end of its life. Bluescope Construction will build the shell, do the concrete work, install the heat and other building needs. There will be a separate contract with Anstead Construction for the office area. This project is bid through the state. Bluescope was used for the Clyde Light & Power second storage building, and there were no issues with their performance.

Ms. Meek agrees this new building is much needed.

Mr. McMaster is glad to use a local contractor, Ansteads, for some of the work.

Mr. Shay feels it is great seeing this project get started. It is well deserved.

Mayor McCauley noted the previous administration had a systematic plan for upgrades throughout the City. He agrees this new building is much deserved. Mayor McCauley questioned if the proposed construction schedule is realistic (the building itself is expected to take twelve weeks).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-08**, Action: Pass,

Moved by Council Member Cody Browning, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.

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

Yes: Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning,

Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Greg McMaster.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-08** passed.

2026-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS FOR PID NO. 94332, COUNTY/ROUTE/SECTION: SAN SR 510 0.00 REHAB.

Resolution No. **2026-09** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser explains this will be eight tenths of a mile coming into Clyde on St. Rt. 101. This will be processed through the Urban Paving grant and Clyde's portion of the payment will be about 40%, with about a quarter of a million paid by the grant. The curbs will be fixed in early spring then this project will take care of everything else.

Mr. McMaster is concerned about this work negatively affecting the nice work that was recently completed at the intersection (the intersection will not be torn up, there may just be some tracking on it).

Mayor McCauley feels this cost is reasonable.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-09**, **Action:** Pass,

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

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

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-09** passed.

2026-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL FUND FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING NEW FIRE APPARATUS.

Resolution No. **2026-10** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser offered thanks for the great equipment that is currently available. In an effort to keep that moving forward, they would like to begin creating a fund to be able to purchase additional fire apparatus in the future. This fund was discussed during the budget. The NFPA recommends a front line engine to be in use for fifteen years; Clyde tries to get twenty-five years from our engine. The current engine that is housed here at the City Building has been in service for nineteen years. Estimates of three years for delivery from the time an engine is ordered need to be kept in mind. This fund is a good start to prepare for this future purchase. The next consideration for purchase will be the 102 foot tower (which has recently been in PA for maintenance). We would like to get

eight to ten more years of service from our current tower, which will bring it to 38-40 years of service.

Ms. Meeks likes this plan to save up for a purchase, instead of going into debt.

Mr. Shay questioned if this will be just for the vehicle, or if it will include the gear (just the apparatus).

Mayor McCauley supports this proactive approach as being very responsible.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-10**, Action: Pass,

Moved by Vice Mayor Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Council Member Cody Browning.

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

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-10** passed.

2026-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 204 G-TIER COMPACT WHEEL LOADER

Resolution No. **2026-11** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser explained Mr. Biggs in the WasteWater Treatment Plant always gets equipment “hand me downs”. They are currently using a bucket on a John Deere tractor and a bucket on a skid steer to move sludge cakes. This equipment is much needed and is included in the budget.

Mr. McMaster recalls Mr. Biggs referencing this equipment during the budget hearings. He agrees it is much needed.

Mayor McCauley noted this gives a picture of what goes into the day-to-day operations for the City. It is amazing what the WWTP accomplishes. Revenue is needed to make things happen or is needed when things break.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-11**, Action: Pass,

Moved by Council Member Terri Meek, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.

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

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-11** passed.

2026-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF METERING REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT TO REPAIR WHIRLPOOL METERING FOR CLYDE LIGHT & POWER.

Resolution No. **2026-12** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser explained this purchase agreement was passed last year; however, approval for this tariff totaling \$9,000 is now requested. Also, the company's name has changed. Administration would like to ensure Council is aware and approves of this agreement.

Mayor McCauley is not a fan of tariffs; this is an example of the result of a tariff, which is taking an additional \$9,000 out of the City funds. However, this is a needed item.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-12**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Terri Meek, **Seconded by** Mayor Doug McCauley.

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

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-12** passed.

2026-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD EXPLORER FOR CLYDE LIGHT & POWER.

Resolution No. **2026-13** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser reported this item is included in the budget. The current vehicle used by the CL&P superintendent will be passed on to the IT department.

Mr. Browning feels this is a good price for this 2026 vehicle.

Mr. McMaster questioned if this purchase is really needed, questioning if there are other trucks at CL&P that the superintendent could drive (not really).

Mr. Shay feels this is a good deal.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-13**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Vice Mayor Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Council Member Cody Browning.

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

Yes: Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning, Mayor Doug McCauley.

No: Council Member Greg McMaster

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-13** passed.

2026-14 A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JONATHAN MILLS TO THE CLYDE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Resolution No. **2026-14** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser feels Mr. Mills does a great job. He appreciates all volunteers.

Mr. McMaster feels Mr. Mills adds a great voice to this Commission.

Mr. Shay commended Mr. Mills for being a good man and we are lucky to have him on our Planning Commission.

Mayor McCauley offered thanks to Mr. Mills for volunteering his time.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-14**, **Action:** Pass,

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

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

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-14** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report in Mr. LaBenne's absence:

- someone is looking at the possibility of a wind turbine for Whirlpool
- Permanent Improvement Capital projects
 - Sandusky River Raw Water Line and Pump Station – testing continues with leaks being addressed
 - Hendrick's parking lot construction has paused for the winter, on hold until spring
 - Elm Street Sanitary Sewer – construction is substantially complete but paused due to weather conditions
 - Premier Drive grant – design work is in progress
- Northwoods has started easing into production
- Woodland Avenue Sanitary Sewer Lift Station project is in a holding pattern waiting on material deliveries; tentatively starting on Monday but the weather is not looking favorable
- Northcoast Inland Trail Connector – ODOT Safety Grant –scoping meeting held with ODOT; we will be advertising for a design engineer
- Spring Street Improvements Phase I – OPW grant and an easement – Blanchard Valley has begun survey work for this project, and we are working with a property owner to obtain a needed easement; it is believed we can secure an easement for a cul-de-sac

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Fiser gave the following report:

- The tower truck will be brought home from PA
- Prior to 2025, 186 was the highest recorded volume; in 2025, there were 220 calls, an 18% increase
- 2025 – 5,500 hours for fire calls and training; 37 guys
- Need two Council members to volunteer to sit on a Board to review death and disability payments; the Board will contain 2 Council members, 2 Fire Department representatives and 1 citizen; Chris Shay and Greg McMaster volunteered

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following:

- Yearend reporting of financials
 - Sewer fund balance is at its highest level since Mr. Weasner started
 - General fund balance is a little lower than projected, but still good

COUNCIL REMARKS

By poll of Council, the work session is cancelled and we will set an agenda for a Special Meeting session on January 27, 2026 to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Fiser explained the topic will revolve around the “Big 3” electric customers (Whirlpool, Evergreen and Revere) will now be the “Big 4” to include Northwoods. The industrial power rate started in 1980; John Courtney will attend this special session to discuss re-writing this rate.

Ms. Meek commended Mr. Fiser for giving good explanations during discussions.

Mr. Browning echoed this comment.

Mr. Shay referenced the current deep freeze cold temperatures and the uptick in fires. He has experience with the extreme conditions first responders are exposed to and the toll it takes on their body and equipment, especially when needing to work with water. He commends the first responders and the fire department for their efforts.

Mayor McCauley commended Bill Brown, economic development. Mr. Brown is putting together an information packet for business owners, with information including guidelines and helpful business hints. He offered thanks to Mr. Brown.

Mayor McCauley also welcomed Mr. Fiser.

MOTIONS

Motion: to make a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Clyde High School Prom Committee for their

2026 prom, **Action:** Donate,

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

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

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

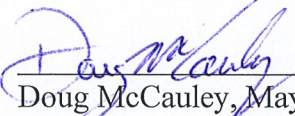
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

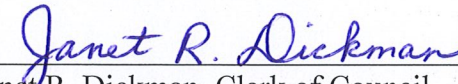
Moved by Mayor Doug McCauley, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.

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

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



Doug McCauley, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE
COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. JOEL ROBERTS
2. Ben BROWN
3. Morgan Garcia
4. Casey Smith
5. Lorelei Clear
6. Laney Rento
7. Gene Paul
8. Ben T Paul
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