

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – February 3, 2026

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 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)
Finance Director Frank Weasner (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (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 the January 20, 2026 regular session of council and the January 27, 2026 Special Session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 regular session of council and the January 27, 2026 Special 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

- A thank you note from the Clyde High School Prom Committee for a donation.
- An invitation to attend the Sandusky County EDC annual meeting on 3/13/2026 at Terra Community College; please rsvp to Frank Weasner by 3/1/2026 if interested.

Visitors:

Eric Watson is a candidate for State Representative for Ohio 88th District, which includes Sandusky and Seneca counties. Mr. Watson commended Clyde City Council for including a prayer in their meeting agenda. Mr. Watson reviewed his background, his reason for desiring to run for this seat, and the issues he wants to address.

Council Members offered thanks to Mr. Watson for attending this meeting and offered good luck with his campaign. Mr. Shay noted he spoke to Mr. Watson previously regarding topics that they feel are important; although they may not agree on some issues, they were willing to talk and listen to each other's views. Mayor McCauley has respect for anyone who is willing to step up and serve in these types of roles, noting a campaign takes effort, time and guts.

Mayor McCauley presented a Proclamation to several members of the Clyde office of the United States Postal Service (USPS) to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the USPS in 2025. Mayor McCauley noted mail carriers deliver mail in all kinds of good and bad weather, and he commended them for being the "eyes" of the community by seeing something that looks out of the norm and for seeing ways to help residents along their route. Thanks were offered to all members of the USPS.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

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

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2026-06** was read by title only for its second reading.

Mr. LaBenne is glad to see this issue wrapped up as it has been discussed for several years. This will help to clean up our map.

Mr. Selvey will share the tax document with Mr. Weasner; Mr. Weasner will contact representatives at Green Creek Township to possibly reach an agreement for a lump sum payout.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-06**, **Action:** Adopt,

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2026-06** was adopted.

2026-15 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING THE CITY'S INDUSTRIAL POWER RATE SCHEDULE "IP".

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2026-15** was read by title only for its second reading.

Mr. LaBenne feels the minutes from the January 27, 2026 Special Session of council outline the details of this Ordinance. Mr. John Courtney could be contacted with any additional questions. Electric rates will need to be added to the Codified Ordinances.

Mayor McCauley noted Mr. Courtney presented a good explanation, although the rate structure is complex.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-15**, **Action:** Adopt,
Moved by Council Member Greg McMaster, **Seconded by** Council Member Cody Browning.
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 Ordinance No. **2026-15** was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

2026-16 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COVERAGES AND PREMIUMS FOR VARIOUS LIABILITY, AUTO, AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 23, 2026, TO JANUARY 23, 2027.

Resolution No. **2026-16** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Weasner reported there is a slight increase of 15.75% in the rates. The rates in 2025 increased over 20%, partly due to increased vehicle and property values. Payments are divided between appropriate departments.

Ms. Meek questioned if there is insurance for cyber security (yes, it is a separate policy).

Mr. Browning questioned specifics for the cyber security insurance (it is a \$1 mil coverage separate policy).

Mayor McCauley noted this is the price of doing business.

Mr. Selvey questioned the Inland Marine Property Coverage (this is for electric poles and lines, which is separate coverage, with a separate renewal date and will be a separate Resolution).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-16**, **Action:** Pass,
Moved by Vice Mayor Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Mayor Doug McCauley.
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. **2026-06** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne reported the following:

- Wind turbine project in York township is not quite dead; people are still trying to resurrect it; discussions on sales of companies and how to make it work are still being held
- Conversation with Revere Plastics was held regarding their power supply related to changes in equipment at their location due to a change in their admin team; some IP rate changes that were just passed were lost in the translation so they were asking about it; they may add one to two megawatts worth of load with the new equipment; they are finishing up their agreement with Jobs Ohio; all seems to be heading in a good direction and they seemed happy with the conversation; they are looking into demand response programs so they can take better advantage, which we advocate for
- We did submit for a Welcome Home Ohio grant program application; we may not hear back until March, but with all the letters of support we are hopeful we will get something
- We did have a judge sign off on the administrative search warrant for a property in town; it was executed recently and everything was as expected; an appeal is expected to come shortly for a condemned property; this is in the Billings area

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following:

- He is in process of inserting the 2026 budget, and working on the 2025 year end financials
- A “hiccup” in the system needed to be dealt with, but it has been resolved
- He sent an email to ask where we are at as we continue work on the audit; he is waiting for a reply
- He is working with our reconciliation team
- All is well

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor McCauley offered kudos to the Environmental Services staff.

MOTIONS


There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

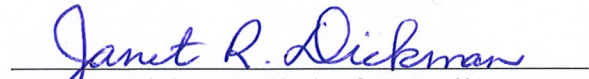
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,
Moved by Mayor Doug McCauley, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.

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

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



Doug McCauley, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE
COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Ben Brown
2. Gene Paul
3. Gary Smith
4. Amanda Grebner
5. Travis Brown
6. Erik Watson
7. Kevin Dix
8. Elizabeth Musick
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