

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – March 3, 2026

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 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)
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 February 17, 2026, public hearing and regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of February 17, 2026, public hearing and regular session of council as written, **Action:** Approve,

Moved by Vice Mayor 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 Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note from the Robert Gray Jr. family for an expression of sympathy.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

Motion: remove Ordinance **2026-17** from having been previously tabled, **Action:** Approve,
Moved by Mayor Doug McCauley, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor Chris Shay.

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.

2026-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-75, MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.38 FOR THE CITY OF CLYDE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. **2026-17** was read in its entirety.

Mayor McCauley announced that this ordinance contained an emergency clause.

Motion: to suspend the rule preventing passage of an ordinance at a meeting at which it is first introduced, which is section 4-5 of the Charter, **Action:** Suspend,

Moved by Vice Mayor Chris Shay, **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.

Mr. Weasner explained the amount that was given in the 2025 legislation for the General Fund was \$7,366,103; that amount was incorrect and should have read \$7,698,843 for the General Fund. The total funds listed in the 2025 legislation was reported as \$62,278,325; \$62,611,065 should have been the correct amount. The difference is \$332,740, which consisted of the cemetery lines did not carry over to put it in the total. The \$62,611,065 was part of the original amount that was approved in our budget hearings. This was caused by an input error.

Council members offered thanks to Mr. Weasner for this clarification.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2026-17** was read by title only for its second reading.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-17**, **Action:** Adopt,

Moved by Council Member Terri Meek, **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 Ordinance No. **2026-17** has been adopted.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2026-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SMITH PAVING AND EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE MISCELLANEOUS REPLACEMENT OF CURB & GUTTER ON NORTH MAIN STREET.

Resolution No. **2026-22** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne reported this will include curbs and gutters from Maple Street down 510. The amount is \$40-50,000 higher than we expected.

Mayor McCauley suggests this will give us a ballpark amount for the future cost of curbs and gutters from Maple Street to town, but noting the prices could increase again by the time that work is scheduled.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-22**, **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 Cody Browning, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-22** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne gave the following report:

- RFP process for other grant money for engineering and design work for downtown; more grant money for more curbs and gutters
- Woodland Avenue lift station project is wrapping up; it was found the pipes were falling apart
- The Sandusky County Comprehensive Plan initial comments have been received for review; there are slight differences from the Plan from five years ago
- Thanks were extended to Mr. Bill Brown for his involvement in a Community Business Meeting
- A call is held every two weeks to discuss the OnSite Partners for One Power project with Whirlpool
- Checking into some additional software for code enforcement and planning
- Speculative buyer for the Lehmkuhl property (Elm/260) – provided a formal letter of available capacities and provided a short narrative on limits of our utilities and that any further research and time spent will require money
- A Council worksession will be scheduled for 3/24/2026 to review SAFEbuilt for an open discussion regarding building codes, other services they offer and the cost; the worksession will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Recent Evergreen Recycling plant closure is a loss of 163/165 employees and a loss of \$160,000 in taxes; however, we anticipate 690 new jobs coming online through

Northwoods, Revere and Whirlpool

Mr. Weasner noted the tax amount lost represents six percent of the taxes collected from the Big 3 businesses; Mr. Weasner also noted this income tax money is used for streetlights at an average of cost \$88-90,000/year.

Mr. Brown noted the 2/17/2026 closure of Evergreen was a complete surprise to all. At some point, he will have an exit interview with them. He spoke with an Evergreen representative, noting they are concerned for their employees and offered a job fair last week.

Visitors:

Mr. Paul Lotycz, is a candidate for Sandusky County Commissioner. He has served as a Ballville Township Trustee for twelve years and also worked previously at the Sandusky County Landbank. He has no conflicts of interest with the county. He believes in transparency, and he reviewed his other plans if elected.

Council Members thanked Mr. Lotycz for attending this meeting and offered good luck with his campaign. Some feel it seems some Commissioners work more for the City of Fremont, than for the whole County.

Mr. Lotycz offered thanks to Council Members for serving as an elected official. He questioned the Clyde code for posting political signs, and Mr. Selvey gave a brief overview.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Shay questioned the flashing lights at the intersection of Mulberry and Maple Streets; he questioned if these lights are permanent or temporary (a final decision has not been made, but the flashing lights may be temporary prior to stop signs being placed).

Mayor McCauley referenced the upcoming Annual employee awards banquet to be held on 4/25/2026. He would like to invite volunteers from City committees/commissions as an opportunity to acknowledge their volunteerism and to extend a thank you to all of them. Council members support this idea.

MOTIONS

Motion: to enter into an executive session at 7:34 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 Executive Session,

Moved by Mayor Doug McCauley, **Seconded by** Council Member Cody Browning.

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

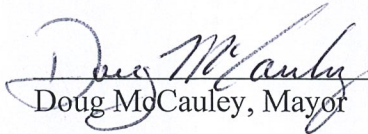
Yes: Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning.

Mayor McCauley announced that no further action will be taken following adjournment of the executive session.

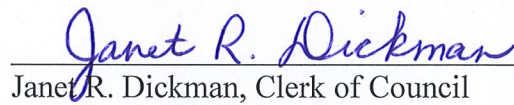
Motion: to adjourn the executive session at 9:15 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,
Moved by Council Member Terri Meek, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).
Yes: Council Member Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning, Mayor Doug McCauley.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. **Action:** Adjourn,
Moved by Mayor Doug McCauley, **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.



Doug McCauley, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Ben Brown
2. GENE PAUL
3. Mont Paul
4. Glenn Young
5. Gary Smith
6. Phil Ryan
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