

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – August 4, 2026

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 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 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)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused: Council Member Cody Browning

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 21, 2026, regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of July 21, 2026, 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 = 4).

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

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

George Snyder, a six-year resident of 609 Vine Street, is concerned with issues of speeding vehicles in the areas of Spring Street and Amanda Street, as he views it is being used like a "raceway." This makes it difficult for residents who live in this area to back out of their driveway, due to concerns of colliding with a speeding vehicle. He questioned if an electronic speed gauging sign could be placed in the area for driver awareness. He also referenced multiple close call/near accidents at an intersection in this area, recalling that there used to be a four-way stop at that intersection, but it is now a two-way stop.

Mayor McCauley stated that speeding vehicles has been a frequent topic recently. He noted an electronic speed sign was placed near his home on Main Street, and it did not deter the speeding motorists.

Mr. Selvey explained the chain of command for these types of issues, with this discussion at this meeting being the first step. Next, City Manager Justin LaBenne will share this concern with the Police Department, who will try to increase their patrol frequency of the mentioned area. It was noted speed ramps have also been discussed in the past to try to discourage speeding vehicles.

Mayor McCauley monitors the police log; he has noticed an increase in Police stops of speeding motorists, indicating the police officers are aware of these concerns and are trying to make their presence known.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2026-57 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 349 – ABANDONED, DISABLED, AND JUNK VEHICLES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLYDE TO ADOPT OBJECTIVE POINT-VALUE VEHICLE CRITERIA, ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE OPTIONS, A CIVIL CITATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL PENALTY PROCESS, AND A CHRONIC NUISANCE PROPERTY DESIGNATION, STRENGTHEN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES, ADOPT THE STANDARD APPEALS PROCESS OF CHAPTER 109, ADDRESS DISABLED VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS AND VEHICLES INCAPABLE OF CONVENTIONAL REMOVAL, CONFORM THE CHAPTER TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. **2026-57** 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:** Fail,

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

Vote: Motion failed by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 1).

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

Nay: Council Member Greg McMaster

Mr. Selvey noted that section 4-5 of the Charter requires a majority vote plus one; due to not

meeting this requirement, the emergency clause/rule suspension is denied. This Ordinance will have its second reading at the next Council meeting.

Mr. LaBenne explained there is a checklist of criteria to be used to comply with objectivity. Updated penalties will assist the code to be used effectively.

Mr. McMaster agrees with the code updates; he clarified he disagrees with the emergency clause as he feels the public should have the additional two weeks between readings to review the updates and share any comments or concerns.

Mayor McCauley has observed and lived near these types of situations/public nuisances for twenty years. This code will give clarity on addressing these types of issues.

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2026-57** has had its first reading.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2026-58 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Resolution No. **2026-58** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Weasner explained this is an annual process related to property taxes being returned to the City. He noted the amounts are slightly increased.

Mayor McCauley offered appreciation to Mr. Weasner for his understanding of this process.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-58**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-58** passed.

2026-59 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 2027, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE SAME, AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2026-59** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne noted this is an annual/bi-annual bidding process.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-59**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-59** passed.

2026-60 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY 0.83 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY, SANDUSKY COUNTY PARCEL NO. 32-60-00-0027-13, FROM YFH PROPERTIES, LTD.; AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION ACKNOWLEDGMENT IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.

Resolution No. **2026-60** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne reported there are easements and a City water line associated with this property. City property surrounds this parcel, and the parcel is landlocked. The current owner tried to sell the property, but at this time are offering it to the City at no cost.

Mr. Selvey noted the title work has not been completed at this time; he will research it and if there are any issues he will have a paid search completed by the title office. If there are any problems, he will bring this back to Council for their review and consideration. He noted there is a slight chance this transaction would not go through.

Mayor McCauley questioned the timeframe to finalize this issue (Mr. Selvey will have a better idea of the timeframe at the next Council meeting).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-60**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-60** passed.

2026-61 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WAGES AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

Resolution No. **2026-61** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne noted this wage increase is from 2.5 years out, and it brings them up to date

Ms. Meek questioned step 9 as being a decrease in the wage amount (currently there are staff in positions up to only step 5; the number of steps will be reduced to four steps in the next year).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-61**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-61** passed.

2026-62 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN STRUCTURE POINT INC. FOR THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AS PART OF THE CLYDE NATURE TRAIL PROJECT.

Resolution No. **2026-62** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne explained this expense was not originally in the budget. \$28,000 is needed to get started, as this planning and design may take nine months. Next year the City will receive a grant of \$125,000 along with private donations. The \$28,000 will be reimbursable next year but will allow this phase of the project to get started now. All in all, this will be a two-year project.

Council questions were answered during Mr. LaBenne's explanation.

Visitor George Snyder questioned where the nature trail will be located (between Community Park and the reservoir; the trail will come out on Limerick Road).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-62**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-62** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne gave the following report:

- Time has been devoted to working on tonight's legislation
- Due to security concerns related to an incident today, the Administration office in the City Building, and the Finance Office across the street, will be locked during business hours tomorrow; the situation will be revisited to determine when to have these offices open again

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following:

- Reiterated that the Finance office will have limited access tomorrow
- The 2024 Audit is completed; an exit conference will be scheduled

COUNCIL REMARKS

Ms. Meek noted she will be absent for the next Council meeting.

Mayor McCauley offered thanks to Bill Brown and Harvest Temple for their helping hands with community cleanup.

Mayor McCauley attended an event at Whirlpool Corporation on Monday when Keith Sonderling, Active U.S. Security of Labor, visited to review the significant investment Whirlpool is making to their Clyde plant. A new line is currently being built; interviews are being held with prospective new employees as this line will add 200+ jobs.

Mayor McCauley is well aware that issues involving speeding motorists continue. He recently tried to encourage a young driver to slow down, and the driver responded in a disrespectful manner. Drivers of semi-trailers that travel through town are also guilty of speeding. He supports our Police officers as they try to address this ongoing issue.

MOTIONS

There were none.

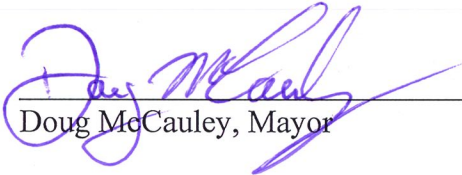
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 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 = 4).

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



Doug McCauley, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE
COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. GARY BEAN
2. BEN BROWN
3. GEVE PAUL
4. M. J. PRL 2
5. Derek Edmans
6. Joanne Edmann
7. George Snyder
8. Gary Smith
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