

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – September 15, 2026

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 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)

Absent/

Excused: Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (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 September 1, 2026, regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of September 1, 2026, regular session of council as written.

Action: Approve,

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

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

An invitation from the Sandusky County Communities Foundation Celebration of Philanthropy event on October 14. Anyone interested in attending should contact Frank Weasner, Finance, by the rsvp deadline of 10/7/26.

Visitors:

Kurt Kuhl is running for Sandusky County Commissioner. He attended a Clyde Council meeting in June and is now returning to confirm his desire to represent all cities within Sandusky County.

Resident Creedence Wieczorek of 111 Fairhome Avenue requested to speak regarding his interactions via social media with Vice Mayor Chris Shay. He feels Mr. Shay has engaged in a pattern of inappropriate behavior toward local residents, particularly Mr. Wieczorek, through posts and comments on Mr. Shay's personal Facebook page. He also described several incidents involving Mr. Shay using ChatGPT-generated images to mock or depict residents and responding dismissively to criticism. These actions have made Mr. Wieczorek feel targeted and discouraged from participating in local civic discussions. Mr. Wieczorek feels elected officials have a responsibility to treat constituents respectfully, respond to criticism appropriately and maintain public trust. He also feels a lack of accountability from other Council Members allows the behavior to continue and contributes to hostility and division within the community. He questions why residents should have confidence in Mr. Shay as a Council Member if he has shown insufficient respect toward constituents. (Mr. Wieczorek's full comments are available in the Record Book Supplement.)

Ms. Meek stated residents are not aware of things being done behind the scenes, including any discussions with Mr. Shay regarding the issues discussed tonight by Mr. Wieczorek. She offered a reminder that all Council Members are voted into their position by the people of Clyde; if the people feel someone should not be a Council Member, they can impact this by voting. Ms. Meek noted she has spoken personally to Mr. Shay regarding this issue.

Mr. Browning echoes Ms. Meek's comments. He noted he does not use Facebook. He offered thanks to Mr. Wieczorek for coming to this meeting.

Mr. McMaster feels Mr. Wieczorek has stated his position very well. He appreciates Mr. Wieczorek speaking publicly to stand up for what he believes needs attention. He agrees the people of Clyde have the power of voting.

Mayor McCauley offered praise for Mr. Wieczorek's courage to speak before Council, and felt his comments were presented well. Mayor McCauley does not use Facebook. He feels today's culture is one where "everyone must be right"; Mayor McCauley believes in civil conversations, and sometimes an agree to disagree ending to the conversation. He feels there is no place for bullying in any circumstances. Regarding the issues discussed tonight, Mayor McCauley feels this is a personal matter between Mr. Wieczorek and Mr. Shay, and is not a Council/City issue. There is no authority for the Mayor to discipline Mr. Shay. Mayor McCauley agrees that Council Members should be held to high standards of integrity and respect. The comments tonight needed to be heard. Mayor McCauley referenced Mr. Wieczorek's comment of "municipal exile" and he requested a definition from Mr. Wieczorek of what this means to him; Mr. Wieczorek responded with a definition of not encouraged to speak out.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2026-73 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 710 – YARD/GARAGE SALES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO AND REPEALING SECTION 1153.09 – YARD/GARAGE SALES.

Ordinance No. **2026-73** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne stated the revisions had begun being discussed prior to COVID. The current process is very cumbersome. The current \$5 fee was implemented to try to deter continuous, week after week yard sales at the same location. This proposal would eliminate that fee. A new online process will include a way to regulate sales.

Mr. McMaster noted it is not often that a fee is removed.

Mayor McCauley explained this is part of a systematic process of cleaning up old codes, to make the codes relevant to how things are being done now. Mr. LaBenne confirmed the City does police removal of yard sale signs, following the end of a yard sale.

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2026-73** had its first reading. The second reading will occur at the next Council meeting.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

2026-74 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN, BIDDING ASSISTANCE, AND ONGOING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES WITH AMERICAN STRUCTURE POINT INC. FOR THE STATE ROUTE 101 RESURFACING PROJECT.

Resolution No. **2026-74** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne referenced page 2, section 2 of the attachment, which outlines the areas affected. We will reapply for a grant next year.

Ms. Meek agrees this project is well needed; there are downtown ramps that are in need of repair.

Mr. McMaster noted this expense is for the engineering and design work. This project is for a straight road, that has not changed. Mr. McMaster would have hoped that data that is on file for this road could be used, instead of paying for this engineering and design work (this is not possible).

Mayor McCauley confirmed this project is for a one-mile stretch of road, and this expense is just for the engineering and design work. He questioned the possible timeline for the resurfacing to occur (probably two years away).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-74**, **Action:** Pass,

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

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-74** passed.

2026-75 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FOR THE NEEDS OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2027 FOR THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO.

Resolution No. **2026-75** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne noted some of the supply costs increased and some costs decreased. We will not need much diesel fuel for the City Building as the City Building currently has a one or two year supply; the current generator is on its last leg, so there is no reason to add more fuel as we will be looking to replace it at some point.

Ms. Meek likes to see prices decreasing.

Mr. McMaster noted there were not many bids submitted to be able to compare prices.

Mr. Shay noted the prices that did increase, did not increase by much.

Mayor McCauley noted in a recent year the cost for ferric chloride had doubled; he questioned how much we use of that supply (we use many tons).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-75**, **Action:** Pass,

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

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. **2026-75** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne gave the following report:

- Talked to the potential buyers of Evergreen; things are still moving ahead; they had a full administrative engineering staff onsite testing equipment; it sounds like things have been purchased, but nothing is definitive; it appears they seem to be operating in a testing phase; they have met with JobsOhio and may include some incentive for equipment upgrades; there will be a lot to do to get it back on track and compliant in the way the solids were basically dumped in the sewer; we will meet with them again on Monday; they do seem to be trying to clean things up
- Surveying and compliance work is still going on for the nature trail bridge; they are now doing samples testing; the PIP documents were approved by ODNR, just waiting on the grant agreement to come through so we can get the approval on it after seeing how much they will take off the top; upon approval, we will request our advance \$40,000 of funds; structure points still expected maybe through this year, high end of \$57,000 for 2026; there is money in Contractual Services that can cover when we are billed in small chunks; for next year we have one private donor who has committed and another donor who has verbally said they would match; we will be going out for more grants next year
- Phase 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project started today; the improved efficiencies are looking good; we continue to hope to use techniques that were learned when touring a plant in Denmark
- An email was sent to Council Members prior to this meeting regarding Riley Township rubber belting that we did support; our portion is still about \$10,000; quotes are available for review; this would be from the Fire Fund; they did submit for the Brownfield application as reimbursable; it is unclear if we will end up going to Phase II, it is roughly a \$5 to \$10 mil clean up of a somewhat uneconomical parcel in Riley Township; we will probably never spend the \$10,000; the County Commissioners did commit to their \$10,000 portion as did Riley Township and the EMA will contribute another \$32,000; contact Mr. LaBenne with questions; we have submitted our letter of support.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following:

- Financial statements were distributed with the agenda packet
- Income Tax – reconciliation process has been going on for an extended period; corrections found and made have the unencumbered balance for 2026 at \$126,500; previous years show that we are in line with where we have been in the past
- Income Tax Receipts – YTD are down slightly, but MTD they were up
- General Fund – we are doing some clean up with our large purchase orders so that is going to be in a much better state very quickly
- Mayor McCauley appreciates the statements that were provided tonight; Mr. Weasner will include both statements at the second meeting each month
- Kudos and thanks to Financial staff who have helped
- Accounts Payable Clerk has now been here one year and has done a phenomenal job; she is also fluid with the payroll system and was promoted to Clerk II
- Preliminary information has been sent by email to the Auditor of State
- The 2027 budget process is underway; the new software is working very well, with assistance from the IT department; department supervisors are using the new software

- 100% and that has made things very easy to do
- John Courtney was contacted and information will be sent for our 2027 power purchase price
- City Wide Clean-up will be 10/2 from 12n-4pm and 10/3 from 8am-12n; Clyde Light and Power area; there will be a cost for freon filled appliances and mattresses

COUNCIL REMARKS

By poll of Council and Administration the work session scheduled for September 22, 2026 is cancelled.

Mr. McMaster noted that Council has had two visitors recently, who have brought concerns before Council. He feels there is a need for more of this, or residents can email Council Members to share concerns. Council can only be of best service to the residents, if they are aware of concerns.

Mr. Shay offered kudos to Mr. Gene Smith, Curator of the Clyde Museum, for his involvement in planning great programs at the Museum, including Concerts on the Lawn, and other talks.

Mr. Shay gave a reminder of the upcoming Clyde Fair this weekend. He noted there is much preparation for this annual event, by Fair Committee volunteers and also by city departments/staff.

Mayor McCauley echoed Mr. McMaster's comments, encouraging visitors to attend and voice their concerns so Council can serve the best interest of the community. All will be treated with respect and in a civil manner, although everyone may not always agree.

Mayor McCauley reiterated the Clyde Fair is this weekend, and another favorite annual event will be the Halloween Parade on 10/31. He offered kudos to the Clyde High School art student who won the Halloween Parade button contest.

MOTIONS

There were none.

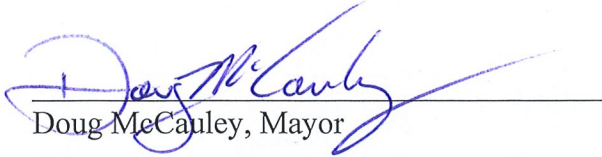
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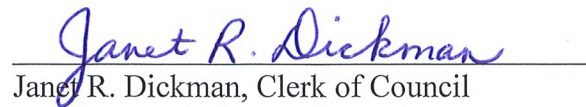
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. **Action:** Adjourn,

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

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

Yes: Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning, 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, September 15, 2026 Regular Session

Visitors – PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Emma Morales
2. Bm Brown
3. Tim Willis
4. Kurt Kehl
5. Gary Smith
6. Loreli Phillips
7. Tower Dix
8. Liz Musick
9. Greendee Wiczinski
10. Wayleigh Trent
11. Travis Brown
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