

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – February 3, 2015

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio. Mayor G. Scott Black called the meeting to order.

Roll Call.

Present: Council Member - Gary Beamer
Mayor - G. Scott Black
Council Member - Kenneth Dick
Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar
Council Member - Steve Keegan
City Manager - Paul Fiser (Not voting)
Finance Director - Craig Davis (Not voting)
Solicitor - Barry Bova (Not voting)
Administrative Secretary - Sharon Smith (Not voting)
Clerk of Council - Janet Dickman (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, 2015 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Council Member - Kenneth Dick, **Seconded by** Council Member - Steve Keegan.

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

Yes: Mayor - G. Scott Black, Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar, Council Member - Kenneth Dick, Council Member - Steve Keegan, Council Member - Gary Beamer.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you note for an expression of sympathy.
- Thank you note for the contribution to the Clyde Public Library summer reading program.

Visitors:

Clyde Fire Department - Clyde Fire Chief Craig Davis presented four new firefighters who were sworn in immediately prior to this meeting: Marah Estep, Steve Cleveland, Matt

Davenport, Joe Kerlin. He stated that these four individuals have completed the required training to be a volunteer firefighter for the City of Clyde.

Mr. Keegan offered congratulations and thanks to these individuals for showing an interest in the City.

Mr. Beamer is always glad to see a group of young people stepping up to volunteer for their City and community. He offered his thanks.

Mrs. Farrar is excited to see this group of young people, including a female, who are physically fit and could have long careers in front of them. She offered her thanks.

Mr. Dick offered his thanks for their service.

Mayor Black echoed all comments and offered his thanks. He also wished Marah a happy birthday.

Lions Club of Clyde – Ken Dick, President of the Lions Club, explained that the Lions Club is a fairly new service organization in Clyde. Established in early 2010 they held their first meeting in the Clyde Library with approximately 30 members present. The early meetings focused on deciding the future of the Club, their fundraising efforts and the focus of their service to the community. Some of their projects include Red Cross bloodmobiles, collecting non-food items for the Clyde Food Pantry, addressing diabetes issues and working with youth. The Club decided to help facilitate a stunt skating park, which has been discussed by the Clyde Recreation Board since 2002. The City had applied for grants and tried to budget funds in the City budget, but these did not work out. Since May of 2010 the Clyde Lions Club has put on a circus, had chicken BBQ's, worked in the Clyde Fair beer tent, worked in concessions at the Norwalk drag strip, put on 5K races (the next race is Sunday 4/26/15) and also had a very successful breakfast fundraiser. Recently the City has had some grants approved and has been successful in budgeting funds through the City budget. The Lions Club, through their continued efforts, presented a check for \$6,000.

Mr. Fiser offered his thanks.

Mr. Keegan offered his thanks.

Mr. Beamer stated that, without the Lions Club's help, this skate park might not have come to fruition. He hopes the Club will continue their support of the community.

Mrs. Farrar agrees. She feels that the Lions Club became the leader of this project. The skate park will offer a safer place for kids to skate and the location will be conducive to skaters using the park. She feels we are lucky that there have not been any big accidents with the skates in parking lots, etc.

Mr. Dick commended Larry Bower for taking charge of this project.

Mayor Black offered his thanks. He noted that he has had the good fortune to join this Club recently and he has seen the hard work that they do.

Mr. Fiser stated that a Resolution related to the skate park will be discussed later in this meeting.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2015-05 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 10.4388 ACRE PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN PART OF OUTLOT 53 IN THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO.

Ordinance No. **2015-05** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser explained that the sole purpose of ClydeScope is to promote economic growth and they have done that well. They hope to announce numerous projects for construction this summer. ClydeScope has always wanted to have a parcel of their own and this property (located directly south of Clyde Light & Power on Premier Drive), at \$6,000 per acre, is a good start. The lot has all utilities in place and the survey has been done. The purchase was originally made with money from the electric fund, but that money has since been returned to the electric fund.

Mr. Keegan questioned if this lot abuts the pond (yes, it is between the building and the pond).

Mrs. Farrar remembers hearing that if ClydeScope would own the property it would make for a smoother transfer to a new entity (correct, this would provide a “one-stop-shop”; the focus would not be on making money from the property).

Mr. Dick agrees with anything that will make it easier for a business and then we can't go wrong.

Mayor Black questioned if a spec building will be built or if the lot will be left as bare ground (we are working on a spec building to consider as one option).

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2015-05** had its first reading.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

Mayor Black stated that Administration has requested to add one Resolution to the agenda tonight, and it will be added at the end of the Resolution section.

RESOLUTIONS

2015-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN RAMP COMPANY OF JOPLIN, MO FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A MODULAR SKATEPARK SYSTEM TO BE LOCATED AT GUS WOLF PARK IN THE CITY OF CLYDE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFORE.

Resolution No. **2015-06** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser again thanked the Lions Club for their donation. An artist's rendering of the skate park is on display at this meeting. The City got quotes from the two largest skate park builders in the nation and their quotes were not even close (30-35% difference in cost). A skate park in Marion has some of the same stunt obstacles so Mr. Fiser and others made a site visit to Marion and determined that the park is very well built. Clyde's skate park equipment will be ordered this week. He noted that there have been other entities that have donated toward this project, including the Marge and Russ Stephenson estate (Marge and Russ owned Steve's Newsstand in Clyde and were very involved with Clyde youth). The Ottawa County Waste Organization contributed funds due to the high recycle content of the skate park equipment. The equipment will arrive on scene in 60 days and will open as soon as possible. There will possibly be an X-Games type of event during the July 4th festivities.

Mr. Davis feels it is nice to see the coordination of all who were involved with this project and their efforts to problem solve as needed. He offered his thanks to all who have helped.

Mr. Keegan questioned if an existing basketball court will be used (yes, this will save \$25,000-35,000 by using an existing surface; the basketball court that will be used is the only part of Gus Wolf park that is not in the flood plain; if we find that we need another basketball court, we could consider building another one in the future; this location is highly visible for the Police Department to monitor, and there are not many houses close around to be bothered by the noise).

Mayor Black again offered his thanks to the Lions Club.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2015-06**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member - Kenneth Dick, **Seconded by** Mayor - G. Scott Black.

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

Yes: Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar, Council Member - Kenneth Dick, Council Member - Steve Keegan, Council Member - Gary Beamer, Mayor - G. Scott Black.

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2015-06** passed.

2015-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY SERVICE GROUP OF TIPP CITY, OHIO FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PAX MIXER FOR THE ELM STREET WATER TOWER IN THE CITY OF CLYDE, WATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFORE.

Resolution No. **2015-07** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated this is the same type of mixer that was discussed last year and has been tried in the Meadow Lane tower. There is one line that takes water into the tower, therefore, the first water in is the last water out. The mixer will turn the water hundreds of times per hour and will improve the quality of the water. The mixer will also help in the winter months to prevent the

water from getting three to four inches of ice. With ice, when it breaks up it moves around and damages the paint on the inside of the tower. The Woodland Avenue tower will be slated to get a mixer next year.

Mr. Davis confirmed that this item was in the budgeted capital outlay last October.

Mrs. Farrar appreciates the high quality of water in Clyde, and hopes to keep it that way.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2015-07**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member - Steve Keegan, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar.

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

Yes: Council Member - Kenneth Dick, Council Member - Steve Keegan, Council Member - Gary Beamer, Mayor - G. Scott Black, Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar.

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2015-07** passed.

2015-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ADVANTAGE FORD OF FREMONT, OHIO FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2015 FORD EXPLORER SUV INTERCEPTOR FOR THE CITY OF CLYDE POLICE DEPARTMENT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS THEREFOR.

Resolution No. **2015-08** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser reported that the City detective's vehicles have high miles, mechanical issues, rust and are generally not dependable. However, it will be passed down to the Waste Water Treatment Plant for local driving, as opposed to the detectives who make trips to Bowling Green and Toledo. This vehicle is the same as the other new cruisers that have been purchased, and it was bought locally.

Mr. Keegan has long been a believer of the Police Department having SUV's, due to inclement weather or driving through wooded areas to a crime scene. He spoke with a PD officer, who shared that the back of the SUV can be used similar to an evidence room.

Mrs. Farrar questioned if this purchase was addressed in the budget hearings (yes).

Mr. Dick feels these vehicles will serve much better than the regular sedan.

Mayor Black questioned if the price was under the state estimate (yes, by a few hundred dollars).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2015-08**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member - Kenneth Dick, **Seconded by** Council Member - Steve Keegan.

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

Yes: Council Member - Steve Keegan, Council Member - Gary Beamer, Mayor - G. Scott Black, Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar, Council Member - Kenneth Dick.

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2015-08** passed.

2015-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO SANDUSKY COUNTY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT TO THE F. HOEFLICH DITCH, PROJECT NO. 142 AND APPROPRIATING MONEYS THEREFORE.

Resolution No. **2015-09** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Davis confirmed that this was discussed during the budget hearings.

Mr. Fiser explained that this drainage issue has been discussed in the past. His first week as the City Manager he heard complaints from residents of Elmdale and Midvale Avenues wanting the drainage issue resolved. In the 1950's this ditch was an open channel for 1.5 miles. At some point it became enclosed by clay tile, but the tile was too small (the right way would be to use a 30 inch tile) and clay does not last very long. The high engineering estimate has the City share at \$50,000.

Mr. Keegan questioned if there is interest charged on the assessment (we have the choice of paying it all at once or payment over a three year period; since we had this payment budgeted we chose to pay it all at once).

Mr. Beamer questioned if the City will pay \$60,000 up front, and then get credit if the amount is lower than that (yes; and there are five to six contractors who are interested in this job already).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2015-09**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Mayor - G. Scott Black, **Seconded by** Council Member - Steve Keegan.

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

Yes: Council Member - Gary Beamer, Mayor - G. Scott Black, Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar, Council Member - Kenneth Dick, Council Member - Steve Keegan.

Mayor Black announced that Resolution No. **2015-09** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

This past Thursday, we held a conference call with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), their Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA), Clyde Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) staff and our engineers. The Flow Equalization (EQ) Basin plans, timelines and general items related to the DEFA Loan were discussed. With regard to the "critical path" to completion, we are planning to submit the completed loan application before April 3rd, opening construction bids no later than July 31st and substantial completion of the basin by December 31st. All parties that were a part of the conference call will be meeting for an on-site visit, this Friday at 11am at the WWTP.

The Hoeflich Ditch Project, No. 142 that was approved by the Sandusky County Commissioners

at the Final Hearing on January 13, 2015 will be advertised for bid on February 9th. The actual bid date will be February 24th and numerous local contractors have already shown an interest in the project. The Engineer's Estimate for this 1.5 mile open channel project is \$114,000.00.

We continue to have weekly conference calls with Ohio Solar PPA and their finance team. It is the goal of Ohio Solar to have the project constructed, commissioned and in full operation by this summer.

The Clyde Skate Park will be ordered yet this week and should be on-site at Gus Wolf Park in approximately 60 days. The skate park concept has been in discussion for about 15 years so we are very excited to see it thru to fruition. This project will finally give our local skate boarders a safe place to call home. It took four major stakeholders to get us to this point and to them the "boarders" owe a huge "THANK YOU". Those entities are the Clyde Lion's Club, the Clyde City Council, the Russell and Marguerite Stephenson Foundation and the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca County Joint Solid Waste Management District. We plan to open the park as soon as it is ready and then do a Grand Opening in conjunction with some type of skateboard competition potentially tied in with the July 4th celebration. As mentioned before, a computer rendering of the park is available in the Manager's Office for viewing.

Miscellaneous Updates:

- Stone for the Community Park Lower Lot improvement continues to arrive as weather allows
- The new police cruisers arrived in town today and are ready for service
- The plans for the 2015 Resurfacing Program are nearing completion
- [Environmental Service Department](#) has been able to dedicate some time for moving into their new cold storage building. This has enabled them to unpack their storage units, also known as the Woodland and Elm Street Water Towers.
- Work continues at the East Sub-station with an expected "return to service" towards the end of March
- Weather has delayed the field main installation scheduled for our tillable acres north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The CL&P Digger Truck goes into "final assembly" next week and should be completed 60 days later.
- Department heads have a February 9th deadline for their Annual Report submissions

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis commented on the following highlights from the monthly financial report:

- We have received 105% of estimated revenue
- We ended the year at 7.15% of appropriations unspent/unencumbered
- General Fund balance is \$1.29 million; a decrease of \$225,000 than December 2014
- Water Fund is \$2.3 million; an increase of \$19,000 over December 2014
- Sewer Fund is \$488,000; an increase of \$78,000 over December 2014
- Electric Fund is \$5.1 million; a decrease of \$1.2 million than December 2014
- Income Tax collections are \$340,381; \$318,933 in 2014; increase of \$13,000
- YTD Income Tax collections \$4.28 million; \$4.1 in 2014
- Interest Income \$23,114; \$20,000 2014

January income tax collections are up by 2%.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Black offered his thanks to the City crews for snow clean up/removal. Good job.

Mayor Black suggested contacting the celebrity skater who is from Ohio from the show “Ridiculousness” to see if he might make a donation or come to Clyde for the skate part opening.

MOTIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Moved by Mayor - G. Scott Black, **Seconded by** Council Member - Steve Keegan.

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

Yes: Mayor - G. Scott Black, Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar, Council Member - Kenneth Dick, Council Member - Steve Keegan, Council Member - Gary Beamer.



G. Scott Black, Mayor



Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
VISITOR SIGN-IN

DATE: 2-3-15

1. Richard O'Donnell

2. Berily O'Donnell

3. Brad Massman The Clyde Enterprise

4. Mary Henry Waugh

5. Jimmy Dick

6. David Steensen

7. Megan Wesene

8. Renee Steensen

9. Mikelle Bishop

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