

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – May 5, 2015

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 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 April 21, 2015 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

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

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

There was none.

Barry Bova conducted the swearing in of the new City Solicitor Zachary J. Selvey.

Visitors: John Brewer regarding Sherwood Anderson Park

Mr. Brewer read the introduction from Dorothy Cox's new book *The Boys of Clyde*. He referenced the Nichols house, which is where the Eagles is now. The house would look down on

what used to be Anderson Park. In 1986 the City was re-vamping downtown, tore down the park and an Anderson Park sign was removed and is now lost. Clyde In Bloom would like to re-establish a park within the Village and they are suggesting the grassy area by the depot/City Building (from Main Street to Church Street). The 100 year anniversary of Sherwood Anderson's first book will be in 2016, which is also the anniversary of Thad Hurd's death in 1986. Thad Hurd was a local historian who devoted his estate to the Clyde Heritage League.

Mrs. Farrar believes that Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hurd both deserve to be recognized. She feels a committee should be developed to give ample time to plan for a dedication in 2016, instead of quickly planning an event for 2015. The recent skate park is a good example of taking the time to plan and do something new the right way. Although she believes that both men deserve to be honored, she suggested that maybe they should be honored separately. She reiterated that this will take a committee and will take time to plan, and it is not just Clyde In Blooms responsibility to do this.

Mr. Dick likes the idea of re-establishing a park, and he agrees with the timeframe of 2016. He agrees that the City needs to designate space for this, and it would not take much money to honor this long time history of Clyde. He questioned how we could do this.

Mr. Fiser noted that there is already a historical marker for Sherwood Anderson.

Mayor Black is familiar with Sherwood Anderson. Mayor Black knew Thad Hurd and he remembers him as someone who knew everything. He has no problem with recognizing both of these men and designating a new park area. He suggested having a work session to discuss ideas and to not rush into anything. He feels more facts are needed to reach a conclusion and then start working on it. He noted it seems that most all of Council members agree with this.

Mr. Brewer stated that he has people who are willing to help but they want to know where the designated space will be first, before they put in the time and effort. He could bring these people to a work session if needed.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

2015-20 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONSENT AND THE CITY'S SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE US ROUTE 20 CULVERT CARRYING THE MICHAELS-WELLIVER DITCH IN THE CITY OF CLYDE.

Ordinance No. **2015-20** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated that this is the culvert by Hall's Market that goes under US Route 20. It is corrugated metal pipe that has been in there since about 1957. This was a very competitive grant and it is the small city grant that ODOT manages. It took us two years to get this, but the culvert has been on our watch list for about five years as it is failing. The amount of set aside federal funds is \$391,000, the current engineer's estimate on the project is \$435,000 so our share is about \$53,000. Since the state has withheld our local government funds, it will be good to get a grant from them and this is one of those cases. It will be bid in the spring of 2016 and we do not

need to require any right of way.

Mrs. Farrar stated that we have been anticipating this, so it is good to see it move up on the list.

Mr. Dick questioned if the best bid was chosen or the best and lowest bid (best).

Mayor Black stated it is good to see that the city's total is a fraction of the cost.

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2015-20** had its first reading.

2015-21 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY OF CLYDE'S SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS FOR PAVEMENT UPGRADE ON SR-101 FROM US RT 20 WITHIN CITY CORPORATION LIMITS.

Ordinance No. **2015-21** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser stated that the ODOT urban repaving program, although not as competitive, is still a great program. We do not have to solicit as hard for it, as it is pretty much set aside for municipalities that have state route extensions coming into the city limits. In this case, ODOT is paving St. Rt. 101 from US Rt. 20 to the turnpike, hopefully this year. They are bidding it September 15, so October 15 they will have the contract signed and executed, although they might not have the completion date yet this year. This project will be about 3,500 feet of St. Rt. 101 in the city, so we will be paving our responsibility from US Rt. 20 to Burkholder Road. There would be about \$187,000 on our backs without the program, so ODOT is paying about \$147,000 of that. Therefore, these last two ordinances that we have had are generating about \$538,000, which is about a couple years worth of lost government funds. Pretty much just two to three inches of milling the old asphalt and replacing it with new asphalt.

Mr. Keegan questioned if Rt. 20 to Burkholder Road is the road that the grain elevator is on (yes).

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2015-21** had its first reading.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

RESOLUTIONS

2015-22 A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE 2015 CLYDE PAVING PROGRAM TO M & B ASPHALT OF OLD FORT, OHIO.

Resolution No. **2015-22** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser reported there is a lot of interest in paving this year. It is not a huge paving contract this year, but we will get numerous roads done. There were seven bids ranging from \$101,000 up to

the \$131,000 range. The engineer's estimate was budgeted at \$130,000 so the \$101,000 is a great bid by M&B Asphalt, who is one of the big three who does a lot of paving in this area. We will be paying \$70-80 a ton for asphalt, compared to last year's salt price of \$105 per ton and that is not yet applied. We are in a very unusual time for salt prices and hopefully this year the price will level out.

Mr. Keegan noted that M&B has done a lot of work for the city before and has done a good job. On Forest Street, did Erie Blacktop do that (yes). They also did a good job and it looks very nice.

Mrs. Farrar questioned if the Erie Blacktop bid was highest (yes, they filled a lot of their schedule for the year and apparently do not need the work; this may be good for our Community Park lower lot bidding to get a good price). Mrs. Farrar questioned if we have used this company before (yes).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2015-22**, **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member - Kenneth Dick, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar.

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. **2015-22** passed.

2015-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (ODOT'S) WINTER-USE SALT CONTRACT (018-16).

Resolution No. **2015-23** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Fiser added this Resolution to the agenda at the last minute because ODOT recently changed their procedure for state bids. Most of the entities in the state, we all go in and bid one big project out to basically two or three salt companies that are interested. It has always been a little more informal but due to the big increase of last year prices a lot of communities cut back on what they originally said they would take so this year ODOT is trying to get a little better handle on holding you to what you commit to. It is not a problem to us, it is just the need for a Resolution and we have to commit by May 19 to get on the state bids. We are too small to bid on our own and there is not enough competition for the pricing.

Mrs. Farrar questioned if the City has salt left over from last year (a little over 500 ton; Green Creek Township has offered to store this salt for us).

Mr. Dick said this sounds like a gouging and it may turn out to be bad business for the salt companies.

Mayor Black feels the salt companies have everyone over a barrel. However, people are now trying to find alternate solutions like beet juice, sand, and other products to try to eliminate the

need for salt. If this would work, the salt companies may go out of business, which would serve them right for the prices they are charging.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2015-23**, **Action:** Pass,

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

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. **2015-23** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

The final surface course of asphalt was placed on the East Forest Street Sewer Separation Project, Phase II last Friday and the job is finally nearing its completion date. The contractor is down to a very small "punch list" of items remaining to be completed and then this contract will be finalized. We now hope to complete two to three (2-3) years of strictly resurfacing programs before we tackle any more complete road reconstructions.

Speaking of resurfacing programs, we opened bids for the 2015 Clyde Paving Program on April 24 at City Hall. Seven (7) very competitive bids were received ranging from a low of \$101,452 to a high of \$130,761. M&B Asphalt out of Old Fort submitted the low bid and will be awarded the contract. Please check our city web site frequently for "Paving Updates" if you reside on or live close to one of the project streets.

The lower parking lot at Community Park should also be discussed while on the topic of new pavement. The General Services Department is in the final stages of preparing that area for proposed pavement this summer. The paving plan has been completed and we will accept bids on May 28 at 10am at City Hall. The completed project will include a new cul-de-sac at the South end and eighty-three (83) paved parking spots. This project will be one of the final major touches to an outstanding park that we have all grown up with. In total, Community Park will now host 355 paved parking spots.

As I mentioned previously, the Clyde Solar Project reached a major milestone on April 14. The City of Clyde received the first of six (6), one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000.00) payments for the use of our land (20 acres) NE of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. With the arrival of the major investors, we have been negotiating terms of both an Amended and Restated Solar Power Purchase and Solar License Agreement for the better part of a month now. We are now trading "red-lined" versions of those documents and will hopefully have legislation at our next meeting to authorize the execution of those agreements.

Planning for construction of the Flow Equalization (EQ) Basin is still ongoing. Yesterday, May 4, we met with representatives of the OEPA Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) for an on-site inspection of the proposed Flow Equalization (EQ) Basin area. The

inspection went very well and the DEFA staff reiterated numerous times that we have a very manageable loan and construction schedule for an end of the year completion. The environmental assessment document has been completed and will be made public in the coming weeks. The document concludes that there will be no adverse environmental effects and that the basin will yield significant public health benefits from the reduced discharge of untreated sewage from Clyde's only remaining Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO).

- The new Clyde Light and Power digger truck is officially in service
- We are in the process of removing numerous dead trees that have been reported following the harsh winter

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis is working on the month end financials for April. We finished the month with an increase of \$20,000 compared to last year. So far year to date we are at \$1.61 million, and income tax collections are up \$110,000.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Black thanked Mr. Fiser for removal of a tree that his neighbor had expressed concern about. The neighbor is happy with the work that was done.

In regards to the solar panels, Mayor Black saw in the news that the Tesla Company has developed a new battery that can be used in homes to store electricity, enough for an entire year. With solar panels, a home owner could never pay another electric bill. There has never been anything like this available in the past.

MOTIONS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 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: Council Member - Steve Keegan, Council Member - Gary Beamer, Mayor - G. Scott Black, Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar, Council Member - Kenneth Dick.


G. Scott Black, Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
VISITOR SIGN-IN

DATE: May 5, 2015 Regular mtg.

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2. JOHN W Brewer Clyde in Bloom

3. Gary Smith

4. Bradley Massman The Clyde Enterprise

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