

**CLYDE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Session – June 16, 2015**

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 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 - Zachary Selvey (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 June 2, 2015 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

**Motion:** to approve the minutes of the June 2, 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.

**Visitors:** Sherwood Anderson Society of Clyde, OH

Mr. John Brewer informed Council that a committee has been formed, and is registered with the Secretary of State, in regards to the re-opening of an Anderson Park. The group, which has seven or eight names on its list (roster), met on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Their goal is to promote Sherwood Anderson, Thad Hurd and various other Clyde individuals. The committee does not like the current signs

that are at all of the Clyde Parks as the signs are in disrepair. Their goal is to have new, readable signs that are the same style at all parks. They are also working with the Clyde Lions Club to prepare a grant (that must be submitted by 6/30/15) for a sensory park which would be wheelchair and handicapped accessible, for example, by having raised planters. Some committee members want to see Cherry Street Park renewed as a community park, and to use the north entrance, from Forest Street, as the sensory park. This location would be in the vicinity of homes of people who would use the sensory park. (It is felt that Cherry Street Park currently has possibly illegal activities happening there and some area residents will not allow their young children to even walk through the park.)

Clyde In Bloom intends to have more plants at Henderson Park. It is anticipated that Henderson Park may get more use in the future if the high school tennis courts become unavailable.

Members want to have an Anderson Park at its original location, and Mr. Brewer has asked the bank if they would donate the long strip of grassy area to the City. Mr. Brewer has a letter of support from John Cahill for the re-establishment of Anderson Park.

Mr. Keegan stated that the old park signs need freshened up or replaced. He has said that he likes the new metallic signs too. Mr. Keegan has no problem with recognizing Mr. Anderson or Mr. Hurd. Regarding Mr. Hurd's association with the Clyde Museum, he questioned if the museum has any plans to name something after him (the library has an acknowledgement of Mr. Hurd, but nothing has been discussed regarding anyone name anything after him). In regards to having the park in the former location (if the land is donated by the bank), Mr. Keegan expressed a concern because that is where the City crews push a lot of snow in the winter. That area is also used during the annual go-kart race. Mr. Brewer stated there is some extra outdoor furniture, including two chairs and two benches, that could be appropriate to place in that area if it were designated as a park.

Mrs. Farrar stated it is wonderful to gather everyone into an Anderson Society. However, she is surprised with the discussion tonight about a sensory park. She feels this new topic should not be started until the main focus (Anderson and/or Hurd park(s)) is done (the sensory park is a Lions Club project; the group just needs a location for all parks being discussed). Mrs. Farrar is glad with the progress that has been made, and she encourages the group to focus on one specific purpose when they make a presentation to Council.

Mr. Dick confirmed that the Lions Club's next project is the Sensory Park. He agrees that Cherry Street Park might be a good location for the Sensory Park. Council is still working on having a work session to further discuss the park projects (Sharon Kinnear has offered to attend the work session to offer her support of an Anderson and/or Hurd park). Mr. Dick is glad for the committee that has been formed, and he likes having more people getting on board with these plans. He feels the committee needs to take the time to do this project the right way (Mr. Brewer's presentation to Council is just making suggestions, and he is ready to help to coordinate the project as needed).

Mayor Black questioned what needs to be discussed at a work session. He noted that Cherry

Street and Limerick parks are not named for a person, so possibly they could be renamed. If the bank does not donate the land, it would be hard to put the park there. Most Clyde residents are no longer familiar with the person that Gus Wolfe Park is named after (a Boy Scout Leader). Cherry Street Park would be a central location to where both Anderson and Hurd grew up. Mayor Black agrees that new signs are needed to announce the park names, and Mr. Fiser will need to be involved with this project. Mr. Brewer noted that his initial goal was to have the Anderson and/or Hurd park(s) in the downtown area to start drawing more visitors to the downtown area. At the Memorial Day event, Mayor Black saw name plaques with notable soldier's names on them. Maybe some of those names could be used to re-name a park.

Mr. Brewer is also developing a park directory.

Council is not opposed to this project, it just needs to be sorted out and put on a meeting agenda. An Ordinance or Resolution is needed to promote this project.

#### **FIRST READING ORDINANCES**

There was none.

#### **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

There was none.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**2015-30** A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SANDUSKY COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE SUBMITTED BY THE SANDUSKY COUNTY MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Resolution No. **2015-30** was read in its entirety.

Mr. Davis, as Fire Chief, distributed a description of a mitigation plan. This is an update to our county mitigation plan, which was last done in 2009. FEMA requires an update every five years. In 2013 the county applied for a FEMA grant to help pay to get this plan together. A committee was formed to help identify issues for natural disasters within our communities. The updated mitigation plan is broken down by city, townships and villages. They looked at how potential disasters could affect each area and how could that disaster be minimized. The plan is important to us because in the event of a disaster situation, adopting this plan would help to apply for FEMA federal grant money in the event of clean-up or other things that would go along with the disaster issue. The primary strategies for Clyde include trying to lessen the damage to property from flooding; we have worked on overflows, on drainage issues north of town, building an EQ basin, which will help with some flooding issues. The other parts are to educate the community to a notification system (the county uses Nixel and we encourage residents to sign up for this), establishing shelter sites and having a water supply plan to get water to the community if needed (Clyde has options, including the fire department water tankers). FEMA has reviewed and approved the plan, along with the county commissioners approving this plan. Now the plan needs local adoption.

Mayor Black appreciates the efforts to stay on top of disaster planning so we can be ready as needed for natural disasters.

**Motion:** to pass Resolution No. **2015-30**, **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. **2015-30** passed.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

This is the time of year for construction projects. The East Forest Street Phase II project is 100% complete. The final pay estimate is currently being processed. As a reminder, this was a 50/50 split between the City of Clyde and the Ohio Public Works Commission. Since 2010, we have almost brought in \$1.8 million from the OPWC. Occasionally, we have Resolutions to show our support for renewal of that. OPWC is peer reviewed and extremely competitive and we have been extremely lucky in the past five years.

The General Service and Environmental Service departments have the resurfacing contract roads all ready to go. We are ready for M&B and we are trying to find out where we are at on their schedule. We are also ready for the pavement at the lower parking lot at Community Park. We do have a little bit of work to do there but that will need to be done immediately preceding the paving. Clyde Light & Power has been there the past week putting up some lighting, which will be a great improvement down there.

The Hoeflich ditch, as Mr. Davis mentioned, is a project to improve drainage. That project is going very well. It is definitely going to allow us to now have an outlet to install a storm sewer at the north end of Midvale and Elmdale that will finally help some serious flooding issues in that area.

The curb side pick up (leaves, brush, etc.) is keeping us extremely busy. Currently the General Service seasonal guys are doing a good job. We have a great group of kids this year and they are doing their best to try to keep up.

The pool did open on the 8<sup>th</sup> and we have identified the leak that was troubling us for about a week. We have an issue with the supply line going to the kids attraction in the shallow end. We are currently evaluating our options there and the attraction is currently shut down. It was leaking a substantial amount of water throughout the day. The valve is closed and the leak is contained at this point. We are looking at our options for fixing it.

Regarding the new commercial start ups, everything is progressing nicely from the private side and the public side. For Ace Hardware and the NOMS facility, the electric transformers have been set by CL&P and the electric is ready to go. The NOMS water and sewer is just about ready

to go. For Fremont Federal Credit Union the tap has been made; the sewer line has been internally inspected and there is a little bit of work to do there on our side. Ace Hardware is the same with water and sewer. The Environmental Services department has them ready to go. They have the electric to the site but no transformer yet. We will be plenty ready for those.

On the residential side we currently have three permits for new housing starts this year, which is a little bit of an increase from last year so that is a good sign.

The water treatment plant has been pumping water at Beaver Creek for a couple days now with the storms that we had come through. Superintendent Farrar is hoping to retrieve 80-100 million gallons.

There is nothing new to report on the EQ basin. Our permit to install is still being reviewed by Ohio EPA.

Nothing new to report as the solar negotiations are continuing this week.

Plans are ongoing for the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The fireworks again will be presented by Pyrotechnica. The Lions Club skate park will have its grand opening, complete with a skate competition. Sign up will be available soon on the City website, and this should be an entertaining competition.

#### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Davis reported highlights from the financial statements:

- revenue reports are still tracking as they should be with 43% of revenues for the year received
- General Fund cash balance is \$1,417,000 which is lower than last year (\$18,000 lower than last month)
- Water Fund cash balance is steady
- Sewer Fund cash balance is \$206,000 higher than last year at this time (the rate increase is starting to kick in)
- Electric Fund cash balance is at \$5.3 million which is \$843,000 lower than last year
- Income Tax Collections are decreased \$19,000 compared to May 2014; YTD collections are increased \$100,000 compared to last year
- Interest Income was \$4,305 compared to \$9,400 last year; a CD that matured went out for bid and we got .25% for a CD.

We are looking at employee health benefits as the current three year contract comes up at the end of this year. We are evaluating other insurance options in case we need to make a change.

The Finance Department is dealing with vacations, and staff are filling in as needed.

#### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mayor Black noted that the City has had good success with grant writing and possibly Mrs. Hench could ask Mr. Fiser for some pointers and maybe he could help her with her grant writing.

A Council Work Session will be held on June 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion on parks and signs.

### MOTIONS

**Motion:** to go into executive session at 7:51 p.m. to consider employment, dismissal, discipline, or demotion of a public employee, **Action:** Enter Closed Session,

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

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** to adjourn the executive session at 8:45 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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

**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.

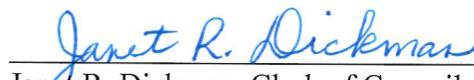
**Motion:** to adjourn the regular session at 8:46 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

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

**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.

  
G. Scott Black, Mayor

  
Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL  
VISITOR SIGN-IN

DATE: June 16, 2015 Regular Session

1. John Brewer Sherwood Anderson Sec

2. Bradley Massman The Clyde Enterprise

3. Diane Houch

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