

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – August 18, 2015

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 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 August 4, 2015 Council Public Hearing No. 1 were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of August 4, 2015 Council Public Hearing No. 1 as written,

Action: Approve,

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

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.

The minutes of the August 4, 2015 Council Public Hearing No. 2 were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were several corrections.

Page 2, last paragraph: "... change request ~~they~~ *then* Council should ..."

In body of minutes, multiple instances: misspelled ~~Wyatt~~ *Wyant*

Motion: to approve the minutes of August 4, 2015 Council Public Hearing No. 2 as corrected,

Action: Approve,

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.

The minutes of the August 4, 2015 regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 regular session of council as written,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar, **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.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dick questioned if a change to a budget that was approved at the budget hearings last fall should be discussed at this point in this meeting, or later in the meeting. Clyde In Bloom (CIB) has submitted a request for additional bed tax funds. Mr. Davis suggested discussing during the Correspondence section, since this group is not a City department. However, Mr. Selvey stated this could be discussed at any time, and if appropriate, a motion could be made during the Motions section.

Mr. Dick noted that CIB has requested an additional \$1,800 for strictly daily operations, because they have had a tough year due to weather and other factors. These funds are needed to beautify the City. CIB tries to spend their money in town when they need to buy things. Mr. Dick feels CIB is good for Clyde, and the bed tax is to be used to attract people to Clyde. He has heard people from out of town refer to Clyde as the city that has all the flowers downtown. If the money is available, he feels this would be appropriate.

Mr. Davis stated the current bed tax collections, at about \$14,000, is about even with the expenses. Coming up in the fall will be the Winesburg Weekend. Past year collections have fluctuated between \$23,000 to \$31,000 in collections. To cover expenses, we could be banking on income to come in during December but we do not know what that amount will be. CIB budget for 2015 is \$7,000 compared to \$2,000 in 2014, which is quite an increase. The total bed tax budget that was approved was about \$24,000 and this would add \$1,800 to that. We cannot guarantee the income from the local hotels and motels. If we would not have enough bed tax income to cover the expenses, an appropriation would need to be made from the general fund. Mayor Black asked if Mr. Davis would be okay if this request would be approved (he is concerned because revenue and expenses are currently running even, and we cannot guarantee future income). Mr. Dick questioned if extra bed tax income in past years was rolled into the general fund (yes).

Mrs. Farrar requested confirmation that CIB 2014 budget was \$2,000 and 2015 budget is \$7,000 (yes). If approved, would the Winesburg Weekend budget be decreased by \$1,800 (that would need to be discussed with the BPA to ask if they would want to forfeit some of their approved money). Mr. Davis noted that the City does not get information regarding BPA and CIB revenue sources, such as donations. Historically, there has been enough revenue that would cover this

additional amount, but it is not guaranteed. YTD revenue is \$14,433 compared to revenue last year at this time of \$15,800.

Mr. Beamer requested confirmation of the bed tax budgeted expenses for 2015 (\$24,000), the bed tax revenue YTD for 2015 (\$14,000), the requested additional amount (\$1,800) and the fact that we cannot predict that we will receive the additional \$10,000 in revenue to cover the previously budgeted expenses (correct).

Mr. Keegan would feel more comfortable with giving about half of what is being requested.

Mayor Black questioned if a motion could be made to change this to a donation from the general fund (historically donations to the library, community for the arts, Halloween parade and prom have been stagnant in the amount; if Council would choose to take the money from this line item, an appropriation would need to be made to cover this amount if all of the other donations would continue to be given also). He questioned if the amount could be given now from the general fund and then if there is bed tax revenue left over at the end of the year that amount would go into the general fund and would cover this donation. Mayor Black would like to have a scenario whereby no one would be shorted some money. Mr. Davis reported there is currently \$2,100 remaining in the donation line, with approximately \$1,800 historically given to the Halloween parade. Mayor Black noted that it was a difficult year to grow flowers due to the cold spring and the substantial amount of rain we got. He would like to allow CIB this one time shot to help during this tough year, while not increasing the amount of their yearly budget.

Mr. Dick noted that CIB has spent \$500 on mulch, which is twice the amount spent in 2014. This is due to their mulch coming up missing. It was reported that CIB gets bags of mulch from the mulch yard. Connie Hench of CIB was trying to attend tonight's meeting to address this request, but was unable to come.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Two thank you notes for the Clyde Library summer reading program
- A thank you letter from the Clyde Heritage League for passing the resolutions for the parks

Visitors:

Brandon Craig of Troop 406 was in attendance to earn his personal management merit badge.

Mr. Keegan offered his thanks to Brandon for attending and encouraged him to stick to what he is doing.

Mr. Beamer offered his thanks and hopes that Brandon will learn something from attending this meeting.

Mrs. Farrar offered congratulations.

Mr. Dick asked how many badges Brandon has (a lot).

Mayor Black offered his thanks. He wished Brandon success with the next two steps up the Scouting ladder.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There was none.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

2015-35 AN ORDINANCE REDESIGNATING THE HEREINAFTER-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO, PART OF OUTLOT 36, PARCEL NO. 326000003604 TOTALING 0.7304 ACRES AT 415 E. MAPLE STREET IN THE CITY OF CLYDE FROM (R-2) MIXED RESIDENTIAL TO (C-2) GENERAL COMMERCIAL.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2015-35** was read by title only for its second reading.

Mr. Fiser had no additional information.
Council had no comments or questions.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2015-35**, **Action:** Adopt,
Moved by Council Member - Steve Keegan, **Seconded by** Council Member - Kenneth Dick.
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 Ordinance No. **2015-35** was adopted.

2015-36 AN ORDINANCE REDESIGNATING THE HEREINAFTER-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO, PART OF OUTLOT 42, PARCEL NO. 326000004200 TOTALING 4.5881 ACRES ON MASON STREET IN THE CITY OF CLYDE FROM (R-3) MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO (C-2) GENERAL COMMERCIAL, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THE REDESIGNATION IS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PERSONAL STORAGE UNITS.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2015-36** was read by title only for its second reading.

Mr. Fiser had no additional information.
Council had no comments or questions.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2015-36**, **Action:** Adopt,
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, Council Member - Kenneth Dick, Council Member - Steve Keegan, Mayor - G. Scott Black, Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar.

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2015-36** was adopted.

2015-38 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATE THAT THE CITY OF CLYDE WILL PAY FOR POWER AND ENERGY SUPPLIED BY A CUSTOMER TO CLYDE LIGHT AND POWER.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2015-38** was read by title only for its second reading.

Mr. Fiser offered clarification regarding the small behind the meter generator units. The resident would be credited for the power not being used by being paid at the blended rate from the prior year, not at the retail rate. Also, Mr. Winke is reviewing zoning codes in neighboring communities related to solar panels.

Mrs. Farrar questioned if the blended rate from the previous year could be cheaper than the City's current rate (yes, it will definitely be cheaper). Will this result in a loss to the City (no, they will use their power that they generate; any additional that comes back the City will buy it at the same rate that we buy any of our power). What will happen if the resident wants to buy back their overage power at the end of the year (this will be done on a per month basis; ball park our blended rate is about 6 cents per kilowatt hour and a resident is paying about 11 cents for it; Mr. Fiser is comfortable with these rates).

Mayor Black shared information on a company in West Virginia who is making solar panels and their biggest business is Ohio customers. They claim they can cover an entire home with solar panels for about \$15,000, and they are very busy. Major utility companies are also questioning what the set standard is for how much to charge the customers, and the customers are countering with attorneys wanting the utility companies to pay them more for their additional power they generate. He questioned if the amount we accept may change due to what is decided by the major utility companies (no, the PUCO ruling would not affect us).

Mr. Selvey questioned if residents must sign a contract when the City is buying back their extra power (yes). He stated there will need to be a different contract for people who live in the City limits compared to people who do not, if we are going to control the number of panels through our zoning (the out of City limits zoning would be up to Green Creek Township; the City will control how many are on our grid on a case by case basis, and they will have to sign an interconnection agreement; we will need a clause in the agreement that the City will get the zoning certificate prior to the interconnection agreement).

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2015-38**, **Action:** Adopt,
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.

Mayor Black announced that Ordinance No. **2015-38** was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

There was none.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Fiser gave the following report:

Last Thursday, August 13th, we held a pre-bid meeting for the EQ Basin. The meeting went well. We feel we have three to four quality bidders at this time. The bids will be received August 27th at 10:00 a.m. for the \$2.3 million engineering estimate.

The 2015 paving projects are complete with the exception of the paint striping on the road project. Everything went well and the roads look good. The park paving was a little bit over budget, but overall we were a little under budget. The 2015 road project was for approximately 3,700 +/- feet; 2016 road project will be about 18,450 +/- . We are currently finalizing the Ohio Public Works application for that job. There are ten to eleven roads involved.

The first of the two new screw pumps at the WWTP were installed last week. The re-grouting of the screw channel was completed today. This pump will be trialed for a few days before replacement of the other pump occurs.

Work continues at the WWTP with annual preventive maintenance on the oxidation tanks which involves cleaning, grit removal, painting and sandblasting.

Clyde Light & Power completed new LED street lighting on the Resco Drive extension. CL&P is also ready to bring the east substation back on line. This will be a slow and calculated process over the next two weeks. Lastly, CL&P has completed their work at WWTP.

Construction of the Hofelich ditch is complete and has finally given us an outlet for proposed storm sewers in the area. We have started to receive the catch basins for that storm sewer and will start construction following the fair.

Repair work on Premier Drive started today with saw cutting of the concrete pavement. We are adding numerous expansion joints over the next few days.

The Environmental Services Department continues the installation of a new 8" water line on George Street as time allows.

The new business construction is progressing nicely: curbs are being poured at NOMS, pavement is complete at Ace Hardware, and the new banks are running neck and neck toward completion. I believe we are currently at four new home starts.

ClydeScope (our own economic development corporation) announced last week that Sandco will be constructing a 35,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility on Premier Drive. This was property that the City sold to ClydeScope who in turn has sold half of that land to Sandco. The facility will employ 45 full time employees and 90 part time employees.

We are starting prep work for the Fair which is September 18th – 20th. This work is well worth it. We will be having a meeting for our department heads with the Fair Board this week.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis distributed the July monthly financial report and highlighted the following:

- General Fund cash balance is \$1.4 million, \$71,000 lower than July of 2014
- Water fund cash balance is \$2 million, \$39,000 higher than July 2014
- Sewer fund cash balance is \$612,000, \$238,000 higher than July 2014
- Electric fund cash balance is \$5 million, \$525,000 lower than July 2014
- Income tax collections are \$357,000, \$14,000 higher than July 2014; YTD are \$2 million, \$103,000 higher than YTD 2014

Mr. Davis is reviewing employee benefits in preparation for the upcoming negotiations; he is working with insurance agents for this.

Department heads and the finance department are working on budget preparations.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Keegan questioned if it would be possible to spray for mosquitoes twice a week. Recently he was outside for about one hour and he had about a hundred mosquito bites.

Mayor Black agrees with Mr. Keegan. He had gone camping over a weekend and the mosquitoes were brutal.

Mayor Black offered his compliments and thanks for a good job on the new smooth road at Community Park. He suggested the need for a walking path along the parking lot.

The August 25, 2015 Work Session is cancelled.

MOTIONS

Motion: to give Clyde-In-Bloom an additional \$1,000.00 out of the Bed Tax Fund,

Mr. Keegan agrees with this motion. He does not want to see them not get anything. He understands that it has been a bad year for growing plants, and he realizes the members do not get any money for the many hours that they put in. He has no problem with this motion.

Mr. Beamer is okay with this motion.

Mrs. Farrar asked Mrs. Davis if he is okay with this (we can make this work). She asked if the increase of \$5,000 in the CIB budget for 2015 all came from bed tax revenue (yes). She questioned if CIB has other revenue (some donations, but we do not know the extent). Mrs. Farrar suggested that CIB may need to do an audit of their revenue and expenses (the City does an audit for ClydeScope, but not CIB or BPA). She feels there is evidence of their efforts, as we are all enjoying the flowers. Possibly the \$1,000 is a good compromise.

Mr. Dick feels CIB has looked for other donations of their materials, but maybe they could look a little harder. Some of the items they are requesting now could be put off until next year. CIB and BPA could fine tune their budget a little better. He feels that \$1,000 is reasonable.

Mayor Black has no problem with this motion. Their work is evident and Clyde is a better place for it. However, when the budget hearings come up in October, they could list outside donations which could make requests such as this a little easier to understand. It is not possible to know what the weather is going to do.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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 - Kenneth Dick, Council Member - Steve Keegan, Council Member - Gary Beamer, Mayor - G. Scott Black, Vice Mayor - Carolyn Farrar.


G. Scott Black, Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council