

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – July 28, 2025

Attendees: Council President King; Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Gray, Sanford, and Wolfe; Mayor Hazel; Safety Service Director Hitchcock; Law Director Moore; Auditor Shinn; Police Chief Wale

Start Time: President King called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

- Council President King
- Council Members Present:
 - Baltzell
 - Buxton
 - Clausen
 - Fleck
 - Gray
 - Sanford
 - Wolfe

2. Acceptance of Agenda:

- Agenda Approval: CM Fleck made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

3. Corrections and acceptance of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes Approval:
 - Previous Meeting: July 14, 2025
- Outcome: CM Sanford made a motion to pass the minutes, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

4. Committee Reports:

- President King stated a Committee of the Whole Meeting took place on July 14, 2025 to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant project NFA (No Feasible Alternative).

5. Communications:

- President King explained Ordinance 25-25-O a Lease Agreement for the Greater Celina Area Soccer Boosters (GCASB) was approved by Council July 14, 2025 and now they would like to add bouncy houses to their event. On the table is an updated copy of their schedule of events as well as a map to show that change. President King asked Council for a verbal acclamation to allow bouncy houses to be added the Greater Celina Area Soccer Boosters (GCASB) event. Verbal acclamation passed 7-0 Aye.
- Mayor Hazel announced that Brian Davis was appointed as the new Fire Chief and his first official day was July 26, 2025.
- Mayor Hazel discussed Lake Festival:
 - Major rainstorms led to temporary flooding but quick drainage allowed events to continue
 - The parade on Saturday had over 120 units
 - The Amphicars celebrated their 25th Anniversary attending the Lake Festival
 - The Amphicars offered rides (1,315) this year at \$5 per person and raised approximately \$6,700 for local charities.
 - Praise given to Lake Festival Committee Members for all the hours they volunteer, Maharg Trash Service for collecting the trash, and City workers.
- Mayor Hazel reviewed some questions/concerns brought up at the 7/14/205 Council meeting:
 - Lighting for the basketball courts at the Bryson Park was approved by Board of Control for \$16,000.00.

- The City is working on getting quotes for fencing around the basketball courts at the Bryson Park. The fencing will help keep the ball from going into the channel as well as keeping the courts cleaner from the geese.
- This Fall more sand will be added to the beach at Eastview Pond.
- Mayor Hazel shared with Council that a student delegation from Minamiawaji Japan is visiting Celina.
- Mayor Hazel shared Construction Updates:
 - The Mill Street project is on schedule for substantial completion by the end of November 2025.
 - Westview Park Restroom the walls and roof have been installed by Grand Lake Building Company. The current restroom will be utilized as a shelter house. A new playground is planned for next year.
 - All the materials for the pool slide have been delivered. Miami County Permits have been received. Awaiting Ohio Department of Health permit (believe to be on day 21 of 30 for review). Once permit is received concrete work can begin and installation of the slide is expected by early September with opening in Spring of 2026.

6. Audience Communication:

- None

7. New Business:

- a. **30-25-O:** An Ordinance authorizing a lease agreement between the City of Celina and Fizzy Sips for the lease of the Bryson Park District.

Discussion:

- Mayor Hazel stated this will be a great fall event with food trucks, crafts, and events for the kids. We enjoy seeing the parks being used.
 - CM Fleck asked the 2 representatives present to give a review of the event for the public.
 - Jo-Ellen Litmer, 424 Echo Street, and Jeannette Tajalle, 914 South Street, owners of Fizzy Sip explained that they are a new dirty soda mobile business (food truck) in Celina. The event/festival will be a family friendly Fall Jubilee, October 11, 2025, at the Bryson Park. They plan to have food trucks, craft vendors, and kid's activities (potential for petting zoo and pumpkin patch/pumpkin painting).
 - CM Wolfe asked what benefits or are they doing as a fundraiser for charities? Fizzy Sips answered they have discussed charging each vendor a small fee and donating it to a particular charity.
 - CM Wolfe also asked about the cleanup. SSD Hitchcock stated most events take care of cleanup unless it is a larger event.
 - CM Sanford asked if there is any pre-registration or is it just opened to the public to show up the day of the event. Fizzy Sips answered it is open to the public to just show up and have a good time.
 - CM Buxton asked if they decide to have a petting zoo would that need to come back to Council for approval. Discussion amongst Administration and Council was decided that petting zoo would be considered part of kid's activities.
 - Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to pass to second reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.
- b. **31-25-O:** An Ordinance establishing fund 320 entitled "Public Works New Building Construction" to account for the sale and construction of the Public Works Building and declaring an emergency.

Discussion:

- Auditor Shinn explained this will establish a new fund so that we can put those sale proceeds into Fund 320. We have received 2 out of the 3 payments so far since the City is utilizing the Public Works Building while the new one is being built. This will allow the Auditor to take the first two payments and put them into Fund 320 and to adjust the current PO'S to make those expenditures

come out of Fund 320 that way we utilize that \$500,000.00 in sale proceeds. The Auditor did not realize that we needed to do this and put it back into Fund 221, which is the street fund. With Ohio Revised Code, we do need to create a special fund.

- CM Fleck asked if this pertains to transferring funds? Mayor Hazel explained this is a 3-year process to allow the City to stay in the current building while the new one is being constructed. The school is currently utilizing part of the lot for buses. We will receive the final payment once the new building is finished and we move out.
- CM Clausen asked if this was a new process or why is it being done differently? Auditor Shinn answered under Ohio Revised Code this building is considered a permanent improvement. Since we have sold the building we have to take the sale proceeds and put those into a special fund that will be used for other permanent improvements.
- Outcome: CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Buxton made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

8. Old Business (2nd Reading):

- a. **29-25-O:** An Ordinance authorizing supplemental appropriations for expenditures in the City of Celina, including but not limited to Civica Software cost allocations, Capital Improvements to the CMU Administration Building, general Insurance increases, Ohio Urban & Community Forestry Grant participation, Disc Golf Course Improvements, and Final Trail Fund disbursement; and declaring an emergency. (AMENDED 7/24/2025)

Discussion:

- Auditor Shinn explained some changes were made to the amounts that did not total correctly. Disc Golf Course Improvements appropriations (\$2,677.66) was added for planting trees and repairs to equipment. This was the amount left from the original donation in 2023 that just needed to be appropriated to spend.
- SSD Hitchcock explained the changes to the general insurance are from after tornados they just reevaluated some of our building assets to make sure their evaluations are high enough for replacement cost values.
- CM Gray asked what the repairs are to the Disc Golf and are they major repairs? SSD Hitchcock explained they are not major repairs just repairs to signs/baskets. Most of the cost is for planting trees and this is the remaining money that was donated in 2023 that just was not appropriated at the beginning of the year.
- Outcome: CM Clausen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Gray made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

9. Administrative Reports:

- A. Auditor Shinn apologized for not emailing the changes she made to the July budget. She will be sure to email.

10. For the Good of the Order:

- A. CM Fleck brought up concerns a resident has with parking with the Fair coming up. Concerned resident wants to make sure they block off the 600 block of West Wayne, north side needs to add extra no parking, south side on the 500 block West Wayne needs to add signs and no parking. SSD Hitchcock stated the City will have to look into this. There are already no parking signs on the north side of Wayne in the 600 block. These are permanent signs that Council approved a few years ago for the same resident.
- B. CM Buxton asked about the status of the arches for the park and downtown. He was told the state has approved the design of them and he believed this was a donation. Mayor Hazel stated Cody Muhlenkamp is the one in charge of this project. SSD Hitchcock stated we do not have state approval for the signs yet

from ODOT. I do not know if they have received approval yet from Miami County for construction. Council will have to approve the design and location of the arches since this is a donation.

- C. CM Buxton stated he really appreciates the no turn on Grand Lake Road. He recommends doing that throughout the City where there are the turn arrows.
- D. CM Sanford stated First Friday is coming up get out and enjoy and the Farmers Market is on Saturday mornings. Also the stop sign on Buckeye and Warren he heard a lot of vehicles have been rolling through there and a few accidents have almost happened. Police Chief Wale stated he will share with his department to monitor and enforce.
- E. CM Gray congratulated Chief Davis for starting and thanked outgoing Chief Lange for his services.
- F. President King shared that he had some family/friends in town that commented on all the golf carts. Celina is a destination town and was really neat to see all the golf carts around town during the Lake Festival. Police Chief Wale stated he just issued the 360th permit for golf carts in Celina.

11. Executive Session:

- At 7:39 pm, CM Clausen made a motion to go into executive session to consider the purchase or lease of property for public purposes, or for sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. Attendees of Executive Session: Mayor Hazel; Safety Service Director Hitchcock; Law Director Moore; Council Clerk Fox; Randy Bruns; James Edmond ; Council President King; Council Members: Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Gray, Sanford, Wolfe. President King adjourned the executive session at 8:22 pm.

12. Adjournment:

- Time: 8:22 PM

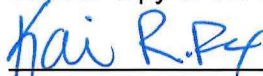


Jason D. King, Council President



Kari R. Fox, Council Clerk

I, Kari R. Fox, Clerk of Council of the City of Celina, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of 7/28/2025, and were approved by Council 8/11/2025.



Council Clerk