

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – August 11, 2025

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

2. Acceptance of Agenda:

- Agenda Approval: CM Buxton made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

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

- Minutes Approval:
 - Previous Meeting: July 28, 2025
- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to pass the minutes, seconded by CM Baltzell. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

4. Committee Reports:

- None

5. Communications:

- Mayor Hazel discussed:
 - Lake Festival: Committee commended for their outstanding work despite the rain delays. New ride company was well received. 25th Anniversary of the Amphicars commemorated with a proclamation and gifts. Festival raised community funds via \$5 rides, with proceeds benefiting the community. Noted the importance of recognizing volunteer contributions.
 - Fire Department: Firefighters Shaw and Engle completed EMT classes on 8/8/2025.
 - Police Department: Three new Police Trainees who will be attending the Police Academy: PJ Wyatt and David Richardson started today and Seth Heindel is scheduled to start Wednesday, August 13th. Mason Seibert will be graduating this week and begin his 12 weeks of field training. The Assistant Police Exam will be later this month.
 - Time and temperature has been added to the LED Board out front per community request.
 - Mosquito spraying is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th and Wednesday, August 19th from 8pm to midnight weather permitting.
 - Mercer County Fair: The Fair is ongoing now until August 13th. Public attendance and youth participation in 4H livestock has been significant.

6. Audience Communication:

- Resident Heather Schmidt, 417 Magnolia Street, raised mobility concerns, specifically sidewalk conditions on Fayette Street during the First Friday events. City will add sidewalk area to maintenance planning/repairs.

7. New Business:

- a. **32-25-O:** An Ordinance accepting a donation from Celina Sharks Swim and Dive Team to the City of Celina Recreation Department for the donation of 8 lane lines, 16 lane line extenders, and 1 used lane line reel, to appropriate funds to memo post this donation and declaring an emergency.

Discussion:

- Mayor Hazel thanked VFW for their donation to the Celina Sharks Swim and Dive Team for the Rec Department. This is a donation so no money will be appropriated. This has to be done as a memo posting because the value has to go in the books for assets and insurance purposes. This is purely a donation.
- CM Wolfe stated the importance of doing this to help eliminate any issues next swim season. With 2 different swim teams and everybody taking claim to equipment we need it to be donated so if there are issues we have the equipment as City equipment.
- SSD Hitchcock shared that both swim teams were asked to remove all their private property from the pool by August 15th. Any donations will be stored in the building for any swim team to use.
- CM Baltzell asked if these are new lane lines that the City didn't have or are they replacing ones that were ready to be replaced? SSD Hitchcock answered the city has never had lane lines. The other lane lines were the Dolphins lane lines who would not allow the Sharks to use them. The Sharks received a donation to purchase the lane lines for this year and are now donating them to the City.
- CM Buxton thanked the City for cleaning out the building.
- Mayor Hazel explained that Chuck Samples was the contractor who built the building. The swim and dive originally had it built on the City's property with raised donations. This is on a 99-year lease from the County, but this is a City building and is not owned by somebody else.
- CM Clausen asked if this now allows them to have swim meets and does this complete their equipment and the confusion on who owned what? Mayor Hazel answered they did have swim meets they are just now donating the equipment and the swim team's seasons are now over. They used all this equipment this year.
- SSD Hitchcock stated we do not know if they are now fully equipped. The City will now have the timing system, lane lines, and the starting blocks. The backstroke poles, that was the point of contention, still appears to be owned by the Dolphins at this time.
- CM Wolfe asked if the backstroke poles are something that would be put in the City's budget for next year? SSD Hitchcock explained it would be something for Council to discuss at budget time because it is not something for the operation of the pool for the children that the City operates for. They are purely just for the swim teams use.
- Outcome: CM Baltzell made a motion to pass to second reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-0 Aye; 1 abstain; CM Sanford abstain due to family involvement.

8. Old Business (2nd Reading):

- b. **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:

- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to pass to third reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

9. Administrative Reports:

- A. None

10. For the Good of the Order:

- A. CM Buxton asked CM Sanford if they should schedule a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to revisit park rules to discuss sleeping/camping in the parks for special events. After discussion it was decided that

with lease agreements for special events the City can allow for exceptions with Council approval so the general park rules do not need to be changed at this time.

11. Adjournment:

- Time: 7:19 PM

Kari R. Fox

Kari R. Fox, Council Clerk

Jason D. King

Jason D. King, Council President

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 8/11/2025, and were approved by Council 8/25/2025.

Kari R. Fox

Council Clerk