

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – November 24, 2025

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

Start Time: Council 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 Baltzell made a motion to amend the Agenda to add an Executive Session, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Buxton made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

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

- Minutes Approval:
 - Previous Meeting: November 10, 2025
- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

4. Committee Reports:

- CM Clausen gave a summary of the Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting that took place on November 10, 2025 to discuss the 2026 budget and on November 17, 2025 to discuss the 2026 budget.

5. Communications:

- Mayor Hazel introduced newly elected Treasurer Deb Sneddon who will begin office starting January 1, 2026.

6. Audience Communication:

- None

7. Old Business (2nd Reading):

- a. **41-25-O:** An Ordinance to make appropriations for expenses and other expenditures of the City of Celina, State of Ohio, during the calendar year ending December 31, 2026, and to declare an emergency.

Discussion:

- CM Clausen stated the 2026 budget has been discussed in Personnel & Finance Committee meetings. Minor modification will be made before the final third reading. Documents are available to the public to review.
- Outcome: CM Baltzell made a motion to pass to third reading, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

- b. **42-25-O:** An Ordinance authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts for City Projects and Capital Equipment for fiscal year 2026.

Discussion:

- Outcome: CM Clausen made a motion to amend to remove "West Side" under Administration Building- West Side Brick Repair & Tuck Pointing, seconded by CM Fleck. Motion passed with a

roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Fleck made a motion to pass to third reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

- c. **43-25-O:** An Ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts for certain materials, services, supplies and equipment needed during 2026, and to declare an emergency. (Amended 11/10/2025)

Discussion:

- Outcome: CM Baltzell made a motion to pass to third reading, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

8. Old Business (3rd Reading):

- a. **40-25-O:** An Ordinance establishing the annual salary of the Clerk of Council.

Discussion:

- Outcome: CM Buxton made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

9. Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor Hazel Discussed:

- Project completions anticipated around mid-December:
 - Mill Street paving finished; final seeding to be completed in Spring 2026.
 - Public Works Building completion by year end.
 - Westview Restrooms project progressing on schedule.
- First Friday, Midnight Gladness, is December 5th downtown 5pm-11pm.
- Thursday, November 25th is Thanksgiving greetings extended to all.

10. For the Good of the Order:

A. None

11. Executive Session:

- At 7:27 pm, CM Wolfe 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 be given 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: Council President King; Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Gray, Sanford, and Wolfe; Mayor Hazel; SSD Hitchcock; Law Director Moore; Auditor Shinn; Chris Doseck; Steve Schulte; Council Clerk Fox.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:43 PM

12. Adjournment:

- Time: 7:44 PM

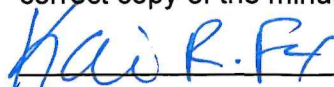


Jason D. King, Council President



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 11/24/2025, and were approved by Council 12/15/2025.



Council Clerk