

## REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – February 9, 2026

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Attendees: Council President King; Council Members Clausen, Doseck, Gray, Sanford, Schulte, Uhlenhake, and Wolfe; Mayor Hazel; Safety Service Director Hitchcock; Law Director Moore; Police Chief Wale

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

### 1. Prayer & Pledge

### 2. Call to Order and Roll Call:

- Council President King
  - Council Members Present:
    - Clausen
    - Doseck
    - Gray
    - Sanford
    - Schulte
    - Uhlenhake
    - Wolfe
- Absent: Auditor Shinn

### 3. Acceptance of Agenda:

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

### 4. Corrections and acceptance of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes Approval:
  - Previous Meeting: January 26, 2026
- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye; CM Clausen Abstain.

### 5. Committee Reports:

- Utility Committee January 26, 2026- Council President King gave a summary of the meeting.

### 6. Communications:

- Mayor Hazel Discussed:
  - Public Works Relocation
    - Public Works began moving into new facility on Hierholzer Street last week.
    - Old Portland Street facility to be cleaned out for school's purchase.
  - Park Improvements
    - Westview Park new restroom facility substantially complete. Painting doors to be finished in Spring.
    - New playground to be installed at Westview Park, funded by the Bryson Trust.
    - Additional donor to fund a playground in Bryson Park, in memory of a local donor's grandson.
  - Commendations
    - Praised city crews for handling major snowfall; coordinated with Police and Public Works for road safety.
    - Level 2 for roads within city limits; did not escalate further due to city capabilities.

### 7. Audience Communication:

- Heather Schmidt, 417 Magnolia Street, Accessibility Concerns
  - Urged the city to improve accessibility in public buildings, sidewalks, and meetings.
  - Addressed previous Council disrespect regarding speech differences.

- Cited personal difficulty accessing the Post Office (federal building) and other public venues.
- Council/City Response: Efforts have been made; Post Office is federally owned and beyond City's control, but City will reach out again. Request to notify City on accessibility concerns with city owned properties.
- Myrl Nisely, 864 Chestnut Circle, Greenville, Ohio 45331, Convention of States Resolution
  - Requested non-binding Resolution in support of Ohio joining other states (now 20, Kansas recently joined) for a Convention of States.
  - Requested expedited action to encourage State Rep. Angie King, who is non-committal.
  - City Response: City working to prepare item for the Agenda; confirmed action will be in a public meeting.

## 8. New Business:

- a. **6-26-O:** An Ordinance authorizing a lease agreement between the City of Celina and Celina Concert Series for the lease of the Bryson Park District.

### Discussion:

- CM Doseck stated this is a great event in the Bryson Park. CM Doseck asked why the event is being split up between the Red Tent and Amphitheater?
  - Monte Diegel from Celina Concert Series discussed:
    - The concerts have been well attended and they would like to try the Amphitheater area again. Red Tent area allows for the public to pull up to the curb.
    - Concerts are usually held at the red tent; expanded to include amphitheater for 3 of the 6 concerts
    - Concerts fully donor funded (\$10,000-\$12,000/year); 4-H group provides concessions
    - Concert Series members have been working with Lake Festival members for the last concert of the summer to help wrap up the ending of Lake Festival weekend (7/26/2026).
  - CM Clausen stated he is happy to see the group using the Amphitheater area.
  - Outcome: CM Sanford made a motion to pass to second reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.
- b. **7-26-O:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 62-09-O passed on October 26, 2009 establishing water rates and declaring an emergency.

### Discussion:

- Voice acclamation vote 7-0 Aye to not read all of Section One (rates)
- Mayor Hazel explained (Utility Committee Meeting 1/26/2026)
  - Last increase in 2013; fund maintained above \$2M threshold until now due to upcoming projects.
  - Considered gradual verse larger immediate increases; chose latter to meet projected needs.
  - Noted GAC adder (\$7 residential surcharge) to sunset at end of 2027.
- Amendments:
  - SECTION ONE: Bulk Water Rates change from \$15.00 to \$20.00
  - SECTION TWO: change January 10, 2010 to April 1, 2026
  - SECTION TWO: correct amount should be Two Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$2.75)
- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to amend, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to pass to second reading, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

- c. **8-26-O:** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Mercer County Countywide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

### Discussion:

- Safety Service Director Hitchcock Explained:
  - Allows for mutual aid response and reimbursement between Mercer County political subdivisions (excluding police/fire, which already have agreements)
  - Enables sharing of personnel (water plant operators, street crews) during emergencies.
- Council agreed on the importance of mutual assistance, referencing prior disasters.
- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to suspend, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Doseck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**9. Old Business (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading):**

- a. **1-26-R:** A Resolution authorizing the sale by internet auction during calendar year 2026 of municipally owned personal property which is not needed for public use, or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15(D).

Discussion:

- Outcome: CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

- b. **2-26-R:** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor as delegate to represent the City of Celina as a member of the Board of Directors of the Ohio Municipal Electric Association.

Discussion:

- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to amend to add an emergency clause, seconded by CM Uhlenhake. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Gray made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by CM Schulte. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

**10. Administrative Reports:**

- A. Mayor Hazel gave State of the City

**11. For the Good of the Order:**

- A. Council President King discussed

- Accessibility: Reaffirmed city's ongoing commitment; ADA compliance in new/renovated projects; improvements to ramps, sidewalks, parking.
- Traffic Issue CVS: Ongoing concerns with congestion/parking at drive-thru; discussed enforcement, possible signage, and operations.
- Car Wash Congestion: Noted similar issue at Westwood; 2 incoming lanes a partial solution.

- B. CM Sanford discussed

- Public encouraged to use city parks as weather improves.
- Reminders to keep walkways safe during freeze/thaw cycles.

- C. Committee of the Whole scheduled for February 23, 2026 at 6:30pm to discuss bee-keeping regulations.

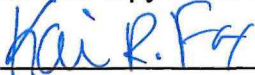
**12. Adjournment:**

- Time: 8:02 PM

  
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 Jason D. King, Council President

  
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 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 2/9/2026, and were approved by Council 2/23/2026.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Council Clerk