

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – March 9, 2026

Attendees: Council President King; Council Members Clausen, Doseck, 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 7:01 PM

1. Prayer & Pledge

2. Call to Order and Roll Call:

- Council President King
- Council Members Present:
 - Clausen
 - Doseck
 - Sanford
 - Schulte
 - Uhlenhake
 - Wolfe

Absent: Auditor Shinn, CM Gray

3. Acceptance of Agenda:

- Agenda Approval: CM Wolfe made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by CM Uhlenhake. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

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

- Minutes Approval:
 - Previous Meeting: February 23, 2026
- Outcome: CM Clausen made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Doseck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

5. Committee Reports:

- Committee of the Whole February 23, 2026 to discuss permitting beehives within city limits.

6. Communications:

- Mayor Hazel shared Maharg Trash Service will be doing the 2026 Special Trash Collection:
 - Saturday, April 4; the regular Monday & Tuesday route- West Side (West side of Main Street)
 - Saturday, April 11; the regular Thursday & Friday route- East Side (East side of Main Street)
 - Compressed from 4 weekends to 2 weekends for tidier streets
 - Restrictions remain on large/bulky items (mattresses; appliances; tires; etc.) which require special tags.

7. Audience Communication:

- Brenda Mitchell, 429 E. Sandusky Ave. Bellefontaine, Ohio, Convention of States.
 - Background
 - Previous speakers presented both in support (2/9/2026) and opposition (2/23/2026) to a council endorsement of a nonbinding resolution calling for an Article V Convention of States.
 - Kep Points
 - Provided council with additional information packets, including resolutions and talking points.
 - Addressed opposition concerns, clarified:
 - ❖ HJR2 is NOT a request for full Constitutional Convention; it is limited to amendment topics specified.
 - ❖ Line 69-72 of resolution clarifies scope
 - ❖ Delegates named by state legislature; each state has one vote
 - ❖ Congress only sets time and place, not rules

- Highlighted simulations of Article V conventions (Williamsburg, VA-Aug 2023; Phoenix, AZ-May 2024) as learning tools for process and delegate conduct.
- Stressed value of local government support and cited nearly 1,500 supporters in House District 84 (263 in Celina).
- Invited questions; council acknowledged need to further review provided materials.

8. New Business:

- a. **11-26-O:** An Ordinance authorizing a lease agreement between the City of Celina and Teresa May for the lease of Westview Park.

Discussion:

- SSD Hitchcock stated this is for rec games only and has nothing to do with high school sports. The City does not have any concession stands out there so this would provide a service we currently are not providing.
 - CM Wolfe asked about the 9 food trucks on the list wanting to be a part of this and how the time will be divided out equally.
 - Teresa May shared:
 - Initial interest from 9 food trucks, narrowed to 4 after follow-up
 - Ability to accommodate 4 trucks due to new state regulation (3 ft minimum spacing)
 - Trucks are self-sufficient (own power, water, quiet generators, waste disposal)
 - All trucks fully licensed, inspected, and insured
 - Council discussed rotation and number of trucks; confirmation that space, rather than a set number, will govern maximum.
 - **AMENDMENT:** Change to “Up to the space provided” rather than fixed minimum/maximum number.
 - **Outcome:** CM Clausen made a motion to amend, seconded by CM Doseck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Wolfe made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.
- b. **12-26-O:** An Ordinance appropriating funds for the monetary donations received by the Celina Fire Department and declaring an emergency.

Discussion:

- Mayor Hazel discussed this is a donation that the City receives every year by the Grand Lake Recreation Club and the City is grateful of organizations and groups that come forward to donate money, in this case for the purchase of water/ice rescue and dive equipment. Fire Chief Davis is also very pleased with this donation for the fire department and the divers.
- CM Clausen also thanked the Grand Lake Recreation Club for their donation.
- **Outcome:** CM Clausen made a motion to suspend, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Wolfe made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Schulte. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

9. Old Business (3rd Reading):

- 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:

- **Outcome:** CM Wolfe made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Uhlenhake. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 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:

- Outcome: CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

10. Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor Hazel discussed Fire Department Station Site Acquisition

- Finalization of purchase of former Orchard Tree property on Grand Lake Road for new fire station.
- Stressed exhaustive multi-month search, requirements for location (four-minute response time for minimum majority of calls).
- Former site owned by Mercer Health; acquisition not profit-driven, facilitated by public grants.
- New station projected at 21,000 square feet.
- Purchase agreement being finalized, next steps: issue RFP for design.
- Commitment to keeping council/public informed; site selected for optimal community service (not to favor any specific healthcare entity).

11. For the Good of the Order:


A. CM Sanford

- Welcomed new firefighter trainee, Dylan Fiester, to the Fire Department.
- Expressed gratitude for ongoing police service.
- Reminded public of start of daylight savings, increased community and youth activities outdoors.
- Encouraged sign up for rec baseball and softball.

B. Mayor Hazel

- Pickleball nets and splash pad operations clarify: nets will not be installed until after anticipated cold weather (late March), splash pad opens Memorial Day at earliest due to risk of freezing and equipment damage.

12. Adjournment: Time: 7:39 PM

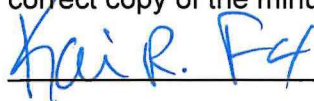


Jason D. King, Council President



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 3/9/2026, and were approved by Council 3/23/2026.



Council Clerk