

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – June 22, 2026

Attendees: Council President King; Council Members Doseck, Gray, Sanford, 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:
 - Doseck
 - Gray
 - Sanford
 - Uhlenhake
 - Wolfe

Absent: CM Clausen & CM Schulte

3. Acceptance of Agenda:

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

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

- Minutes Approval:
 - Previous Meeting: June 8, 2026
- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

5. Committee Reports:

- None

6. Communications:

- Liquor License Transfer: From Celinas Country Music Authority LLC Boots N Bourbon To Showtime Sports Bar Grill LLC Showtime Sports Bar and Grill LLC
 - Transfer of liquor license for a business previously known as Boots N Bourbon now under new management/owner Double Barrel Sports Bar & Grill same owner as Loaded Barrel Bar & Grill.
 - No objections from Council
- Mayor Hazel Discussed:
 - Grand Lake & Havemann Road Construction
 - Contract Work: 7pm-7am paving schedule to avoid daytime disruptions.
 - Contractor: Shelly Company commended for job quality.
 - Benefits: Road preservation/delayed need for reconstruction.
 - Community Impact: Time ahead of major weekend events, creating positive first impressions for visiting guests.
 - Governor's Cup Regatta
 - Boat races successful despite wind on Saturday; strong crowds.
 - Governor's Cup Regatta revived, led by Craig Obringer and committee.
 - Event viewed as positive for Celina's development as a destination city.
 - Promoted city pride and economic boost with new visitors expressing eagerness to return.
 - Multiple sponsors acknowledged.
 - Consulting Engineers for Fire Station Design
 - Selection process underway; narrowing down to top 3 firms.

- Plan to conduct interviews and present recommendations to Council.
- Emphasis on thoroughness and alignment with fire department/community needs.
- Timeline: Decision expected in a few weeks.
- 6/11/2026 Storm
 - Significant straight line wind event (>90 mph), not a tornado per USGS.
 - 8 transmission and 6 distribution poles snapped.
 - Resulted in areas of Havemann Road losing power for 2.5-3 days.
 - Local Electric crews worked tirelessly.
 - Mutual Aid: 2 outside communities, including Hamilton, assisted.
 - Replacement included installation of steel poles for durability (noted as 3-5 times more expensive than wood, but necessary due to previous issues with lamination/rot).
 - Special Challenges: Crews coordinated with simultaneous road resurfacing, requiring removal/lifting of downed lines for safe passage/equipment operation.
 - Minimal complaints received; appreciation for patience noted.
 - Ongoing discussion around the pros/cons of business generators.
 - Acknowledgement of city employees' rapid actions and the need to maintain services citywide during incidents.

7. Audience Communication:

- None

8. New Business:

- a. **21-26-O:** An Ordinance authorizing a lease agreement between the City of Celina and Aura Align for the lease of the Bryson Park District and declaring an emergency.

Discussion:

- Stacey & Kayla Brunswick owners of Aura Align discuss:
 - Wellness Event Features: Pilates session from 11:00am-11:45am, vendors (female business owners), healthy food options and boutiques. Event will be from 11am-3pm.
- Outcome: CM Gray made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Wolfe. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

- b. **22-26-O:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 69-01-O to change the zoning classification of the properties owned by Hair to Please LLC % Lisa Euckert (110 N. Cherry Street) from B-1 General Business District to R-2 Medium Density District.

Discussion:

- Mayor Hazel explained this was formerly a hair salon; aligns with adjacent residential zoning.
- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

- c. **23-26-O:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 69-01-O to change the zoning classification of the properties owned by Cooper Hatchery Inc. (1800 Industrial Drive) from M-2 Light Manufacturing District and B-3 Community/Shopping District to M-1 Manufacturing District.

Discussion:

- Mayor Hazel explained Cooper Hatchery purchasing JES Food Processing (ex-Empire Commissary); plans for future expansion into adjacent property. No retail, all wholesale/manufacturing; aligns with nearby Crowns property.
- Michael Wehrkamp, Legal Director, Cooper Farms present to support and answer questions:
 - CM Doseck welcomes new business and investment.
 - CM Sanford asked for overview of M1 vs M2. Mayor Hazel gave description with handout provided.

- CM Wolfe asked if there are any deed restrictions for this property? Michael Wehrkamp confirmed there are no deed restrictions.
 - Outcome: CM Doseck made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

d. 24-26-O: An Ordinance amending Ordinance 34-25-O to remove one (1) Battalion Chief/Paramedic and add one (1) Assistant Fire Chief.

Discussion:

- Mayor Hazel Discussed:
 - Reverses previous reorganization attempts that did not meet department needs.
 - Supported by current Chief Davis; aids in managing shift volume and administrative demands.
 - Expansion attributed partially to EMS levy approval (added 3 staff for coverage).
- CM Gray stated Chief Davis had expressed that he needed some help in that area and thinks the Assistant Fire Chief will be a great addition for the department.
- Outcome: CM Gray made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Uhlenhake. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

e. 25-26-O: An Ordinance amending 27-25-O to establish a salary schedule for the Assistant Fire Chief position.

Discussion:

- Law Director Moore recommends adding the word “Ordinance” in the title before 27-25-O. This is a scrivener’s error.
- Mayor Hazel Discussed:
 - Establishes “Grade D” pay scale for Assistant Fire Chief, aligning with other city assistant positions.
 - City previously eliminated assistant fire chief position (2006/2007); new demands necessitate its return.
- CM Gray asked about selection process. Mayor Hazel explained a competitive civil service exam among lieutenants (exam has to be competitive, if 2 lieutenants not interested then it will be open to firefighter/paramedics), administered by independent panel.
- Outcome: CM Gray made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

9. Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor Hazel Discussed:

a. Upcoming Work:

- i. Fencing installation around the basketball courts at Bryson Park District.
- ii. Extension of breakwater as per Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requirements for boat safety.
- b. Anticipation for July 4th (nation’s 250th Anniversary). Emphasis on national gratitude and recognition of the military’s role.

B. Law Director Moore gave kudos to the Police Department for engaging an active shooter training that he participated in.

a. Police Chief Wale explained the active shooter training:

- i. Recently held in house exercise with nearly all officers participating and community volunteers.
- ii. Focused on school-based scenarios, including response to downed officers and children.
- iii. Other agencies in the county conduct similar annual drills.

10. For the Good of the Order:

- A. CM Gray asked how the field training for the police department is going? Police Chief Wale stated the field training is proceeding successfully; officers to be certified/cut-loose soon.
- B. CM Gray asked for update on K-9 Unit. Police Chief Wale stated Patrolman Zac Nelson has been selected for the next K-9 handler. Training scheduled to begin August 10th. Dog selection soon (dogs arriving from Germany).
- C. CM Gray asked for an update on lifeguard staffing and pool feedback. SSD Hitchcock stated lifeguard staffing has improved. 8-9 new lifeguards certified; scheduling now easier. No complaints about pool operations or slide; mostly positive feedback. Unseasonably cool so far, impacting attendance.
- D. CM Wolfe asked about certification reimbursement for lifeguards and umbrellas available for lifeguard stands. SSD Hitchcock stated currently pool employees pay their own certifications; consideration for future Ordinance on partial reimbursement discussed. SSD Hitchcock confirmed umbrellas for the lifeguard stands are available.
- E. CM Sanford shared:
 - Celina destination spot we saw recently with the Regatta.
 - Thankful for the excellent Electric crew and mutual aid after the recent storm damage repairs.
 - Reminder to everyone to use extra caution with the warmer weather and kids out playing. Also slow down and be aware of golf carts, scooters, and e-bikes.

11. Adjournment: Time: 7:42 PM


Thomas Sanford, Council President Pro-Tem


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 6/22/2026, and were approved by Council 7/13/2026.


Council Clerk