

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – June 8, 2026

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

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:

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: May 11, 2026
- Outcome: CM Wolfe made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

5. Committee Reports:

- None

6. Communications:

- Mayor Hazel Discussed:
 - Grand Lake & Havemann Road Construction
 - Night work scheduled to begin Wednesday, June 10, 2026 7PM-7AM.
 - Road to be planed and repaved (5,000 feet).
 - Minimal disruption to traffic anticipated; weather may impact paving schedule.
 - Project considered critical for long-term road durability.
 - Breakwater Extension Work
 - Extension to resume by end of next week due to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requirements.
 - Stone fill and excavator work needed to complete the breakwater, which is essential for boater safety and for protecting the boardwalk.
 - Some background: Previous breakwater project was cut off due to a sled wall barrier.
- Rec Director Craig McConkey Discussed:
 - Bryson Pool Operations and Lifeguard Issues
 - New pool slide installed and open.
 - Start of the summer pool season has faced delays due to a shortage of lifeguards.
 - Currently, 10-11 are in training for certification- once complete (end of this week), pool operation days expected to increase.

- Last year 22-23 lifeguards; current aim is to match these numbers.
- Minimum of 5 guards needed to open the pool at any given time.
- Most returning lifeguards have other jobs; staffing remains challenging.
- Public communication on the challenges has been made via Facebook.
- No significant feedback yet on new slide.
- Ongoing efforts to recruit and certify new lifeguards.

7. Audience Communication:

- None

8. New Business:

- a. **20-26-O:** An Ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to hire an additional Dispatcher for training and declaring an emergency.

Discussion:

- Mayor Hazel shared:
 - Precedent for similar overlap (previously done for a court clerk).
 - Critical due to the position's specialized solo nature and to offset impact on the department's capacity due to training.
 - Police Department wishes to hire an additional (sixth) dispatcher up to 60 days in advance for overlap and training (July 3-August 31, 2026).
 - The sixth dispatcher position is temporary-automatically abolished on August 31, 2026.
 - One dispatch, Colleen Bigham, is retiring August 31, 2026; her position has unique clerical/dispatching duties.
- CM Wolfe asked if the new dispatcher would be trained to do clerical/dispatching duties like Colleen did? Mayor Hazel answered that would be up to Police Chief Wale.
- CM's acknowledged Colleen's long service and positive impact.
- Outcome: CM Gray made a motion to suspend, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye. CM Doseck made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Gray. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

9. Old Business (3rd Reading):

- a. **16-26-O:** An Ordinance authorizing a lease agreement between the City of Celina and Pink Anchor Foundation for the lease of part of Eastview Park.

Discussion:

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

10. Administrative Reports:

- A. None

11. For the Good of the Order:

- A. CM Wolfe asked for an unsafe building update on 121 S. Main Street.

- Status/Points Discussed:
 - i. Unsafe building letter sent and received by the property trust owner.
 - ii. 60-day waiting period for required repairs has commenced
 - iii. Ongoing concern regarding building's impact and lack of utility service; risk of environmental issues if utilities remain off.
 - iv. Long-standing struggle to address problems (several years).
 - v. City jurisdiction limited to exterior enforcement; internal inspection controlled by fire marshal or health department and requires significant evidence.
 - vi. If repairs are not made, the city's remedy is to board windows with plywood, which is an undesirable but necessary visual solution.

- vii. Issues with legal authority to inspect interiors.
- viii. Difficulty of addressing absentees or uncooperative owners, especially when ownership is in trust.
- ix. Reference to past incident (202 S. Main) where emergency repairs and stabilization were required after façade damage.
- x. Emphasized risk of structural failure referencing tragic event similar location in St. Marys.
- xi. Expressed concerns about potential public safety risks.
- xii. Discussed possibilities for state intervention or health department involvement if evidence supports environmental hazards.
- xiii. Frustration with limited recourse and slow progress.

B. CM Sanford shared:

- Rec Program:
 - i. Positive feedback on rec softball program; council family member participated and found facilities very well maintained.
 - ii. Acknowledgment of the Parks Department's work.
- Bryson Park Splash Pad:
 - i. Recognized as a great asset, especially on hot days, and enjoyed by many families.

12. Executive Session:

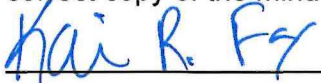
- A. Attendees of Executive Session: Council President King; Council Members Clausen, Doseck, Gray, Sanford, Schulte, Uhlenhake, and Wolfe; Mayor Hazel; Safety Service Director Hitchcock; Law Director Moore; Council Clerk Fox
- B. At 7:21 pm, CM Gray made a motion to go into executive session to consider the purchase or lease of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, seconded by CM Clausen. Motion passed with a roll call vote 7-0 Aye.

13. Adjournment: Time: 8:03 PM


 Kari R. Fox, Council Clerk


 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 6/8/2026, and were approved by Council 6/22/2026.


 Council Clerk