

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – July 13, 2026

Attendees: Council President Pro-Tem Sanford; Council Members Doseck, Gray, Schulte, and Uhlenhake; Mayor Hazel; Law Director Moore; Police Chief Wale; Auditor Shinn

Start Time: Council President Pro-Tem Sanford called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1. Prayer & Pledge

2. Call to Order and Roll Call:

- Council President Pro-Tem Sanford
- Council Members Present:
 - Doseck
 - Gray
 - Schulte
 - Uhlenhake

Absent: Council President King; CM Clausen & CM Wolfe

3. Acceptance of Agenda:

- Agenda Approval: CM Gray made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by CM Schulte. 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 22, 2026
- Outcome: CM Gray made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Uhlenhake. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.
- Minutes Approval:
 - Previous Special Meeting: July 6, 2026
- Outcome: CM Doseck 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:

- Mayor Hazel Discussed:
 - Recent and Upcoming Events
 - Taste of Celina: Recent event went well; well attended, positive feedback.
 - Lake Festival: Approaching within the next week; expected high attendance, noted as challenging for logistics and planning.
 - Emphasize significance: coincides with U.S. 250th Anniversary, maintain patriotic theme.
 - Personnel Updates
 - Dylan Feister:
 - Completed Fire Academy (Friday prior to meeting; July 10, 2026)
 - Began working as full-time firefighter Saturday, July 11, 2026.
 - Will soon begin EMT training.
 - Fire Department Staffing:
 - In final interview phase for remaining vacancy.
 - Full staffing anticipated soon, which is prerequisite for advertising Assistant Fire Chief position.

- Sister City Delegation Trip
 - Delegation (Mayor Hazel, CM Gray, CM Doseck, and CM Schulte) traveling to Minamiawaji, Japan
 - Dates: Depart Wednesday, July 15, 2026; Return Monday, July 20, 2026
 - Occasion: 30th Anniversary of Sister City relationship (originated a Nandan-Cho merged with others to form Minamiawaji)
- Auditor Shinn Discussed:
 - Proposed July 2027 Budget
 - Distribution: Proposed budget for fiscal year 2027 handed out for review.
 - Deadline:
 - Submit to county office by July 20, 2026
 - Council approval required by July 15, 2026
 - Highlights
 - General Fund Estimated Revenue: \$9.7M (includes supplement from ½% income tax).
 - General Fund net (without supplement): \$8.64M
 - Proposed Expenditures: \$9.785M
 - Only minor changes from previous budgets (noted 1.5% elected official payroll increase; all other payroll subject to contract negotiations later in year).
 - Clarifications: Budget required mid-year estimate, not the final annual budget; needed for state/county revenue allocation.
 - Approval: Motioned and approval via verbal vote, clearing submission to county.

7. Audience Communication:

- None

8. Old Business (2nd Reading):

- a. **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:
 - Outcome: CM Doseck made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Uhlenhake. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.
- b. **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:
 - Outcome: CM Gray made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Schulte. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.
- c. **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:
 - Outcome: CM Gray made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Schulte. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.
- d. **25-26-O:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 27-25-O to establish a salary schedule for the Assistant Fire Chief position.
Discussion:
 - Outcome: CM Gray made a motion to pass the Ordinance to third reading, seconded by CM Schulte. Motion passed with a roll call vote 5-0 Aye.

9. Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor Hazel Discussed:

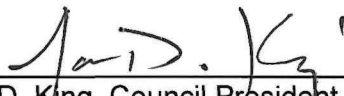
- Two new shelter houses being constructed in Bryson Park (funded by Jerry Andrews Trust Fund).
 - Locations: One between zip lines and playground; the other near splash pad/playground.
 - Function: Provide shaded, roofed areas for public use. Concrete pads to be poured post-festival season.
 - No new restrooms as part of this project.
 - Expected completion before Lake Festival.

B. Utility Committee Meeting scheduled for July 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

10. For the Good of the Order:

- A. CM Doseck commented on the Sting Operation: Recognition of police and FBI collaboration on recent scammer arrest; noted community cooperation as crucial in successful outcome.
- B. CM Gray inquired about ongoing participation in Drug Task Force. Police Chief Wale confirmed continued involvement (after period of limited direct engagement due to staffing).
- C. CM Gray commented on Wastewater Treatment Plant Staffing: Brief history provided regarding previous assistant superintendent vacancy and operator addition; to be discussed in upcoming committee meeting.
- D. CM Gray commented on Stormwater & Easement Issues: Resident inquiry regarding sinkholes between Lilac and Clover.
 - Responsibility: Developer installed small private drains (4-6 inches); not city equipment/line or city responsibility (developer- approximately 30 years ago)
- E. CM Schulte commented on event feedback:
 - Taste of Celina: Generally well-attended, positive remarks for Chamber of Commerce and local vendors.
 - Lake Festival: Anticipated as another large-scale, community- centered event.

11. Adjournment: Time: 7:22 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 7/13/2026, and were approved by Council 7/27/2026.



Council Clerk