

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL – August 24, 2026

Attendees: Council President King; Council Members Clausen, Doseck, Gray, Sanford, Schulte, and Uhlenhake; 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

Absent: CM Wolfe

3. Acceptance of Agenda:

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

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

- Minutes Approval:
 - Previous Meeting: August 10, 2026
- Outcome: CM Schulte made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by CM Uhlenhake. Motion passed with a roll call vote 4-0 Aye; CM Doseck and CM Sanford abstained.

5. Committee Reports:

- None

6. Communications:

- Mayor Hazel Discussed:
 - Community Updates
 - Recent rainy weather at the Fair; large turnout
 - School has started back; traffic and safety considerations noted
 - School facility construction continues; new traffic signals and street alignment on Wayne for safety.
 - Fire Department Updates
 - Kent Buschur and Dalton Goubeaux both passed their test and now are certified paramedics. Congrats to both!

7. Audience Communication:

- None

8. New Business:

- a. **30-26-O:** An Ordinance authorizing a lease agreement between the City of Celina and Buckeye Soft Serve LLC for the lease of the Bryson Park District.

Discussion:

- Daryl Connolly, Buckeye Soft Serve LLC, was present to explain his event:
 - Scheduled for June 26, 2027 (last Saturday in June)

- Activities: music, band competitions (3-4 bands; 3PM-11PM with 2-hour sets), food vendors, kid entertainment (inflatables, face painting, art), alcohol sales via nonprofit (VFW/American Legion), inclusion of local breweries, wineries, and tent vendors.
- Goal: showcase local artists/food, increase downtown business, promote local bands (goal: winner gets to play on main stage the following year).
- Admission: free
- Council Members support voiced for ongoing annual event to grow in scale.
- Outcome: CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Sanford. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

- b. 31-26-O:** An Ordinance to accept the petition for the annexation of 1.5 acres more or less in Jefferson Township to the City of Celina; to be known as Grieshop Properties Annexation.

Discussion:

- Mayor Hazel explained accepting the petition to annex the former Francis Furniture property (island of unannexed land) into city. No immediate development plans for building, but property owners requested annexation.
 - CM Gray asked about the Meyer Road extension; Mayor Hazel discussed this is not feasible without additional right of way.
 - CM Clausen asked if land is contiguous following annexation; Mayor Hazel stated everything is complete then out through that area; SSD Hitchcock explained there is other islands out there- it is in and out there, but this here is a complete island.
 - Outcome: CM Doseck made a motion to pass the Ordinance to second reading, seconded by CM Schulte. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.
- c. 32-26-O:** An Ordinance appropriating funds for court probation equipment, probation office relocation and setup, and website accessibility improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion:

- Mayor Hazel explained Judge Speelman has this money that comes out of court fees. This is actually court's money; it was just not appropriated. It is in their funds and they are just appropriating this money for expenditure.
- Outcome: CM Schulte made a motion to suspend the Ordinance, seconded by CM Doseck. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye. CM Clausen made a motion to pass the Ordinance, seconded by CM Uhlenhake. Motion passed with a roll call vote 6-0 Aye.

9. Old Business (2nd Reading):

- a. 30-26-O:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 56-23-O and authorizing the Mayor and Safety Service Director to enter into an amendment to the Mercer County/City of Celina County Ambulance (EMS) Agreement.

Discussion:

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

10. Administrative Reports

A. Mayor Hazel Discussed:

- Committee of the Whole scheduled for 9/14/2026 at 6:15PM to discuss property buying/selling in an executive session.
- Updates from last meeting:
 - Water Fountains: 13 total; 3 not functional (parts on order/obsolete); rest operational.
 - Ballfields:
 - Condition concerns identified (hardpan/clay on fields; last treated 1-1.5 years ago).

- Prioritization for rental use; pickup games not striped unless fees paid.
- Staff open to community fundraising for improvements.
- 135 acres of parks, multiple fields across sites (Westview, Eastview).
 - Catch basin parts ordered and pending (Holly Street area).
- Miller Woods: Transfer of property to county underway; funds to be used for ag-related trails and improvements, resolving previous deed restrictions.
- Public Works Building (Portland Street): Final payment from school received, closing paperwork in process.
- Personnel: Additional Parks Maintenance job posting delayed due to contract negotiations with union.

11. For the Good of the Order:

- A. CM Schulte asked about scheduling a Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting due to the concerns over ball diamond safety, maintenance, and equitable field usage.
 - Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting schedule for 9/28/2026 at 6:30PM.
- B. CM Schulte:
 - County Fair: Despite rain, successful event; ag community's strong performance positively affects city economy.
- C. CM Clausen:
 - Emergency Response: Commendation to first responders for assistance to a young man injured the prior Friday at football game; update given- legs moving, continued prayers requested.
 - Prayer vigil was held at First Church of God.
 - Council President King led a prayer for Parker Wynn, his family, and the community support.
- D. CM Sanford:
 - Storms/Flooding: Heavy rains caused street flooding but infrastructure handled it well; streets are designed as detention paths.
 - Reminder to Public; Do not drive through flooded streets (if you can't see the curb, don't do it).

12. Adjournment: Time: 7:33 PM

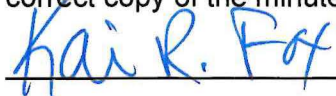


 Jason D. King, Council President



 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 8/24/2026, and were approved by Council 9/14/2026.


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