

Minutes of May 15, 2025 Council

Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council
Clayton Government Center
May 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor Stevens and Councilmembers Farmer, Henning, Gorman, Merkle, Kelly, and Bachman.

Mr. Gorman made a motion to appoint Lindsey Dervali as Acting Clerk of Council this evening; Mr. Bachman seconded the motion. All yeas, motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Dervali presented the minutes of the May 1, 2025 Council work session. Motion by Gorman, second by Kelly to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried. Clerk Dervali then presented the minutes of the May 1, 2025 Council meeting. Motion by Gorman, second by Farmer to approve the minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mary Garman introduced ThriveWise 360 which is a coaching and concierge service that helps people age with wisdom and wellness. They provide a monthly program for our residents at Meadowbrook at Clayton.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. O – 05 – 25 – 06 An Ordinance authorizing amendment to Designation of Job Categories and Pay Schedules. Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, advised the Assistant to the City Manager has taken on increased responsibilities and has gradually assumed the functions typically associated with the role of Assistant City Manager. We recommend the job classification of *Assistant to the City Manager* be eliminated and replaced with the classification of *Assistant City Manager*. Motion by Gorman to approve the Ordinance, second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 05 – 25 – 46 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield via the Ohio Benefits Cooperative for the Provision of Group Health Insurance Benefits from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Elaine Wittman, Assistant to the City Manager, advised we are proposing renewing the City's current Anthem High-Deductible medical insurance plan through the Ohio Benefits Cooperative. This will keep the deductible and coverage the same and increase the premium rates by 1.4%. Motion by Henning to approve the Resolution, the motion was second by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Amanda Zimmerlin, City Manager, reminded everyone that our Sweep Clayton Clean is this Saturday, May 17th from 8 am to 12 pm at 200 Woolery Lane. Reminder the dumpsters fill up fast, and we will have the chipper there for wood items. City offices will be closed May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. There will be a Memorial Day service held on the 24th at 12 p.m. at the High School, this is not a city event but is a community event. The mural project at Hardscrabble has been pushed off until this fall, due to our recent weather. We currently have a tree Request for Proposal out, as our current company president is retiring in June. The Northmont Golf Outing, we still have two open spots if anyone is interested. The City of Clayton has been maintaining a portion of Flower Street, that has been a paper street for years, and this space has been a ditch. As part of the 2025 budget, the service department enclosed the ditch for ease of maintenance, and the service director has had several conversations with surrounding property owners. We will be recommending the City vacate that portion of Flower Street to the surrounding property owners.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Earl Harlamert, Clayton's Park Commission, thanked the Service Department personnel for their work on the city's Parks and restrooms, they have been doing a great job. I also want to thank Elaine (Wittman) for her work at Meadowbrook, she always does an excellent job. The Parks Commission is working on some new projects. We will be hosting exercise classes starting in July, and our annual dance party will be held in August.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Farmer thanked ThriveWise 360 for coming this evening and sharing their expertise. One item they shared was getting your paperwork together, your will, your power of attorney, things like that. You don't realize how important they are until you're in the situation where you need them. I also want to point out that May is motorcycle awareness month, and encourage everyone to look twice when you're going through intersections, check your blind spot thoroughly, as four years ago I lost my daughter in a motorcycle accident. We have Memorial Day coming up, remember those that lost their lives in defense of our nation and enjoy the day. Henning asked everyone to remember the reason for Memorial Day. It's more than just a nice three-day weekend. We should honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Also, to all the 2025 graduates, congratulations, we wish you nothing but many years of success and best wishes for a very successful future. Lastly, congratulations to Pope Leo, he is our first American Pope, and want to wish him well on a tenure as our next Pope. Gorman wished everyone a happy Memorial Day, and to the graduates from high schools and colleges, congratulations, and best wishes. Merkle thanked the representatives from ThriveWise for their presentation and for what they offer. Also, next week the NATO delegations will be in downtown Dayton, so keep that in mind if you're planning on going through Dayton, but also remember why they're here commemorating the 30th year after the ending of the war in Yugoslavia and the peace accord at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Kelly congratulated the Northmont district for passing their levy, congratulations to the Senior class of 2025, and have a safe Memorial Day. Bachman thanked ThriveWise 360 and their representatives, they are a young start-up and to choose Meadowbrook is exciting, so hopefully when they grow in the area, they will be able to pass that along to other organizations. Congratulations to Northmont schools, I know it took a few times to get the Levy passed. This is National Police week, and I would like to share my appreciation

to Chief Hamlin and his officers. Thank you to the City Manager for mentioning the Memorial Day ceremony at the High School, and remember to be thankful for what Memorial Day stands for. Stevens stated I would also like to thank ThriveWise, I'm glad that they came this evening and utilizing the space at Meadowbrook. Congratulations to the Northmont local school district for passing their levy. That was really important for not only our city but also for the cities of Englewood and Union, Phillipsburg, and Clay Township.

Motion by Gorman, second by Merkle to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.