

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers of Clare City Hall, 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan by Mayor Pat Humphrey who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, Maegan Jenkins, and Gus Murphy. Absent: None. Also, present: Jeremy Howard, City Manager; Vicki Corlew, City Treasurer; Diane Lyon, City Clerk, and David Saad, Police Chief.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Bussell second by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the items listed with an asterisk (\*), (Minutes, Agenda, Department Reports, Communications, Approval of Bills, and Professional Development) that are considered routine by the City Commission. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, Maegan Jenkins, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

3. \*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

*Approved by Consent Agenda.*

4. \*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

*Approved by Consent Agenda.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Ray Rolla McCall of Wise Township requested that the city consider changing the name of Ann Arbor Trail, from Grant Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue, to Charlie Kirk Trail.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RECOGNITION-RESERVE OFFICER DOUG BLACKWELL 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reserve Officer, Doug Blackwell has faithfully, honorably, and courageously served the residents of the City of Clare and the greater Clare area community for the past ten years plus as a member of the Clare Police Department Reserve Division. The City Commission has been asked to consider formally recognizing Reserve Officer Doug Blackwell for this distinguished achievement.

Motion by Commissioner Bonham second by Commissioner Jenkins to approve recognize Reserve Officer Doug Blackwell's 10 years of service to the community by adoption of Resolution 2025-087. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, Maegan Jenkins, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.*

8. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer provided a report to the Commission.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Lake Shamrock Dredging. Mechanical dredging by the city continues at the west end of the lake. The city's barge operates during normal DPW business hours as time and workload permit. Savin's hydraulic dredging is still under a short pause in operations for another job and then will be back to complete their work here in multiple areas of the lake.

Lake Shamrock Dam Project. Our engineering firms, GEI and Spicer, are continuing design work for the new dam, emergency/auxiliary spillway, and the new walkway. GEI has submitted the preliminary permit application to EGLE as they continue to work toward the 90% completion mark on the design. The city will meet with them again this month to finalize the design and bidding should occur over the winter. The City is still awaiting execution of the grant agreement with FEMA, which has been further delayed due to the Federal Government shutdown. Additionally, the City intends to apply for supplemental funding through DRRGP allocations should another round become available; however, no new funding cycle has been announced at this time.

Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning Commission held a meeting on October 15, 2025 to hold a public hearing and site plan review and approval for Clare Public Schools additions and renovations to the Clare Primary School and High School as well as site

improvements that include redesigned drives and parking areas and a new parking lot on vacant land owned by the school.

Halloween Happenings. Clare's Halloween Trick or Treating hours are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31st. Clare Tract-or-Treat is being held at the Emerald Isle Complex on Saturday, October 25th, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Clare Pumpkin Run/Walk will be held at the Emerald Isle Recreation Complex on November 1st, starting at 10:00 a.m. The Clare Area Chamber of Commerce announced a variety of Halloween events and trick-or-treating opportunities in Clare and the surrounding area.

Clare Equestrian Team. The Clare Equestrian Team competed in the State Finals and were successful in becoming the State Champions. We have scheduled their attendance at an upcoming meeting in November to provide recognition and congratulate the team on their achievement.

Addendum:

Water Well #11. Dan Whalen, P.E., of Williams & Works, reported that a pumping test was conducted at a new well site located near the existing Well No. 2. The preliminary results of the test were satisfactory and are currently under review. The City must await EGLE's review and subsequent approval before proceeding further.

11. \*COMMUNICATIONS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*
12. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Airport Manager Gabe Ambrozaitis met with Drain Commissioner Bill Faber to ascertain what the Drain Commission can do to clear brush out of the Jordan Drain boundary areas for the purpose of removing deer bedding areas.
13. COMMISSION DISCUSSION TOPICS: The Commissioners requested information regarding the timeline for repainting parking spaces in the downtown area following MDOT's repaving of McEwan Street, noting concerns that vehicles are currently parking too close to intersection corners. The Commission emphasized the importance of maintaining a firm resolve in ensuring that Savin Lake Services completes the hydraulic dredging of Lake Shamrock by the end of the year. A question was raised regarding the closure of City Hall on Fridays. It was explained that the City adjusted its operational hours five years ago to a schedule of Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., in order to provide greater accessibility for residents who work standard business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), allowing them to conduct city-related business before or after work. The Commission acknowledged and understood the rationale behind this change and concluded that the matter was satisfactorily resolved. The Mayor expressed a desire to increase community attendance at meetings to promote greater awareness of municipal operations and public affairs. To that end, the Mayor is considering drafting a State of the City letter for inclusion in the City's newsletter. Additionally, the Mayor requested that consideration of a deer cull at the Clare Municipal Airport be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
14. \*APPROVAL OF BILLS: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*
15. \*PROFESSIONAL & EDUCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: *Approved by Consent Agenda.*
16. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Commissioner Bonham seconded by Commissioner Bussell to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, Pat Humphrey, Maegan Jenkins, and Carolyn (Gus) Murphy. Nays: None. Absent: None. *Motion Carried.* The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Pat Humphrey, Mayor

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Diane M. Lyon, City Clerk