

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, April 24, 2023

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 24, 2023 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President John Coyne III who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

The roll was called with the following members of Council, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Nino Piccoli, Patrick Patton, Lt. Marcum, Chief Walters, Andrew Dutton, Kimberly Marshall, Dan Gladish, and Jansen Wehrley.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Shields. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to the Council Meeting and will meet again on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee:** Mr. Simpson stated he plans to have a meeting prior to Finance Committee meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss a request from the Police Department for adding another Communications Specialist, and also to discuss underground sanitation containers.

**Public Properties Committee:** Mr. Shields stated they have been working through the Helios Project which came through Finance tonight and will now move on to Council.

**Special Legislation Committee:** Mr. Lamb has scheduled two meetings, Wednesday, May 10 at 5:00 p.m. to update the parking policy, and Monday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss consideration of prohibiting feeding of deer and wild animals.

**Streets & Sidewalks Committee:** Ms. Haire had no report.

**Water & Utilities Committee:** Ms. Hazeltine had no report.

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Mr. Rose had no report.

**Requests for Council Action:**

23-093-4/24 – Advance Request

23-094-4/24 – Budget Amendments

23-095-4/24 – Increase Exp. – Let's Make a Difference

23-096-4/24 – Castle Noel Parking Agreement Extension

23-097-4/24 – Purchase 2023 Ford F-150 Truck Parks Dept.

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor:**

- A. 2022 City of Medina annual report is posted in city website at [www.medinah.org](http://www.medinah.org)
- B. On Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> there was a community pinwheel walk to prevent child abuse. Each pinwheel placed represents a new child abuse/neglect case opened in Medina County in 2022. 595 pinwheels were placed on the Library lawn. Pinwheel gardens were placed at various locations in the county to bring attention to April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. Proclamations were presented by the City and County.
- C. National Day of Prayer breakfast is at Cornerstone Chapel on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. Must register/pay online at [www.medinanop.org](http://www.medinanop.org) Prayer stations around the city from noon to 7 p.m.
- D. Pastor John Peterson from Fellowship Baptist Church passed away on April 23, 2023. He served in the city for over 40 years.
- E. Proclamation for small business week to City Economic Development Director Kimberly Marshall. Proclamations to Medina area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jaclyn Ringstmeier and MSM Executive Director George Sam.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director**, Keith stated there are a number of items on the agenda that originated with finance and he will address them accordingly.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director**, had no report.

**Greg Huber, Law Department**, had no report.

**Lt. Marcum, Police Department**, had no report.

**Chief Walters, Fire Department**, had no report.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director**, shared program/activities update from Rec Center such as playground play dates, bus trip to Guardians games for senior citizens, Party in the Park series is approaching soon. Check out website at [medinarec.org](http://medinarec.org) for more information.

**Dan Gladish, Building Official**, had no report.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, had no report.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, had no report.

**Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director**, reported the Community Development Department is continuing the process of creating a Multi-Use Path Plan with their consultant the Envision Group. Currently looking for public input and feedback. A survey regarding the multi-use plan is available on the front page of our website at [medinah.org](http://medinah.org) and the first public meeting for the project will be held on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. here at City Hall.

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Andrew stated the city is also applying for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) looking for input regarding the use of these funds. A public hearing will also be held regarding the CDBG funding on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

**Confirmation of Council's appointment**

Strategic Plan Advisory Committee – Ward 4 Rep. – Shirley Laribee (Exp. 12/31/26)  
Mr. Shields moved to approve Council's appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Notices, communications and petitions:**

There were none.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was none.

**Introduction of Visitors:**

There were none.

**Introduction and consideration of ordinances and resolutions.**

Mr. Shields motioned to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions: Ord. 77-23, Ord. 78-23, Res. 79-23, Ord. 80-23, Ord. 81-23, Ord. 82-23, Ord. 83-23, Ord. 84-23, Ord. 85-23, Ord. 86-23, Ord. 87-23, Ord. 88-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 77-23**

**An Ordinance amending Section 141.01 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Advertising and Awarding of Contracts.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 077-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this would increase the authorities of various levels for purchases and this is due to price increases. New thresholds for approvals are up to \$2,000.00 by department head. Up to \$20,000.00 by Board of Control, up to \$35,000.00 will be by the Finance Committee and then anything over that will come before Council. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 077-23 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 78-23**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 35-23, passed February 13, 2023, decreasing the expenditure to Dunlop & Johnson.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this is for work performed at the Women' Battered Shelter as part of the CDBG Target of Opportunity Grant and is a reduction from \$141,000 to \$139,022 and is due to the availability of remaining grant funding. Emergency clause is needed as the work has been completed and contractor needs paid. The roll

was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-23 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

**Res. 79-23**

**A Resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt).** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated this is for authorization to participate in the ODOT's purchasing program for salt for 2023/2024 winter season. Emergency clause is requested due to time restraints. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

**Ord. 80-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a three-year contract with Rea & Associates, Inc. for the preparation of the City's CAFR in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for the years ending December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2024.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 080-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham explained this ordinance and the next together. The audit is a bid process but not normal bid process and is run by the State Auditor's Office. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 080-23 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Ord. 81-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of up to \$40,000 to Rea & Associates for the preparation of the annual audit for the City of Medina for the fiscal period ending December 31, 2022.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 82-23**

**An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 5-23, passed January 9, 2023, relative to the Job Creation Grant Agreement for Agrati, Inc.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mrs. Marshall stated the company sent a formal letter to withdraw their Job Creation Grant application. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-23 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 83-23**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 48-23, passed February 27, 2023, relative to the**

**consultant services for the Multi-Use Path Plan for the City of Medina, Ohio.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated they contracted with Envision for \$49,300 for this planning process. There was a \$5,000 contribution from Medina County Parks District which now splits that \$49,300 between ARPA Funds and Planning and Zoning. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-23 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

**Ord. 84-23**

**An Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 24-17, passed February 27, 2017, pertaining to the Memorial Park Swimming Pool Rates.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this will approve an increase to the pool rates with the intention of recovering some of the operational costs that have increased due to inflation. This request will raise the daily admission \$1 for individuals and the season pass rate will go up \$25 for individual or \$50 for family up to 5 members. This will also allow rec center members limited access to the outdoor pool for special circumstances. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-23 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 85-23**

**An Ordinance repealing and replacing the Program Rates and Pool Rental Rates for the Memorial Park Pool.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this is the second part of the Municipal Pool changes. Requesting to change cabana rental to a Party Package and putting the rental opportunity online. This will also change the hourly rate for before or after-hours pool rentals. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

**Ord. 86-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Dixon Engineering, Inc. for the Service Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated currently there is \$9,560.00 on the P.O. and the project required additional inspections in order to complete beyond the original scope. New total is \$28,444.00. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-23 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Ord. 87-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund advances.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is to cover the expenditure for some grant projects. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 88-23**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 221-22, passed December 12, 2022. (Amendments to 2023 Budget)** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham explained that a number of these are in relation to the grants that were mentioned in the last ordinance and then there are some transfers. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-23 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Council comments**

Dennie Simpson offered sympathy to the Peterson Family. Be kind to one another.

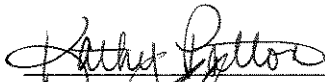
Mr. Rose extended his sympathies to Pastor Peterson's Family.

Paul stated there are a lot of residents concerned that the city isn't doing enough to reduce the deer population and he wants to remind the public that the deer issue will be on the ballot this fall.

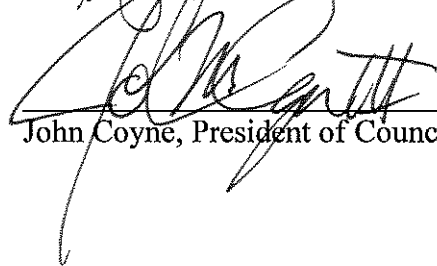
Mr. Lamb stated there will be a very muscular campaign to ensure that the deer ordinance council did pass will be addressed in the general election.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



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Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



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John Coyne, President of Council