

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, June 26, 2023

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 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, Jansen Wehrley, Chief Kinney, Chief Walters, Dan Gladish, Andrew Dutton Jarrod Fry.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. 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 Finance met prior to Council and will meet again in 2 weeks before summer break.

**Public Properties Committee:** Mr. Shields stated he has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at Spring Grove Cemetery in the Mears Building at 5 p.m., with a tour of the cemetery.

**Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee:** Mr. Simpson had no report.

**Special Legislation Committee:** Mr. Lamb had no report.

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

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

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Mr. Rose had no report. Stated the Emerging Technology Advisory Committee has a meeting at 5 p.m. on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Requests for Council Action:**

Finance Committee

23-123-6/26 – Budget Amendments

23-124-6/26 – Transfer Request – Cable TV Fund

23-125-6/26 – Increase P.O. #23-692 – Huntington Bank – Police

23-126-6/26 – Increase P.O. #23-163 – Roetzel & Andress – Law Dept.

23-127-6/26 – Community Corrections Grant Agreement – Muni Court

23-128-6/26 – 2024 Tax Budget

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23-129-6/26 – Expenditure – Courthouse Parking Garage – Technology Engineering  
23-130-6/26 – Expenditure – Courthouse Parking Garage – Cianci Electric  
23-131-6/26 – MOU between City, Uptown Thirteen Five LLC, and MCDC

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor:**

- A. Medina’s Farmer Market is on Public Square every Saturday until October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- B. Medina Community Band Concerts are Friday nights in June and July on the Square weather permitting starting at 8:30pm.
- C. Medina’s Second annual Juneteenth Celebration was Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> on Public Square. The celebration included guest speakers, live entertainment and many activities. Thankful for council members Paul Rose, Dennie Simpson, Regi Haire and Jim Shields for attending.
- D. Medina Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks are at MHS starting at dark. Fireworks are presented by the City of Medina and Financial Contributions from Medina and Montville Townships.
- E. Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade will be on the fourth at 4 p.m. Hope to see you all there! God Bless Medina and America!

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director**, Keith stated the last two items on tonight’s agenda originated with Finance and he will address them at that time.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director**, absent.

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

**Sgt. Zaremba, Police Department**, had no report.

**Chief Kinney, Police Department**, had no report.

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

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director**, Events to note for the Rec Center: June 27<sup>th</sup> Jungle Bob from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is free to the public with 370 children signed up. July 3<sup>rd</sup> during the fireworks starting at 6 p.m. – Food Truck Frenzy and Foam Party right outside the Rec Center from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. also free to the public.

**Dan Gladish, Building Official**, stated they continue to be busy in the Building Department with several large building projects under plan review, and will continue to see major future growth along North Court Street.

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

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, The South Prospect street construction will be completed this

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week. Smith Road has its first mainline concrete pavement placement scheduled for Friday. Western half of the project from Prospect St., to State Rd., all the concrete paved by the end of July.

**Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director**, had no report.

**Confirmation of Mayor's Appointments:**

Jeremy Sack – Planning Commission (Alternate #2) – Exp. 12/31/25

Kyle Funk – Board of Zoning Appeals Exp. 12/31/25

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion 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 are none.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was none.

**Introduction of Visitors:**

There were none.

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

Mr. Shields moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions: Ord. 105-23, Ord. 106-23, Ord. 107-23, Res. 109-23, Ord. 110-23, Ord. 111-23, and Ord. 112-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Roll was called and approved by the yea vote of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 105-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for Broadcasting and Web Streaming Head End Video Services for Medina TV.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 105-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Fry stated the company they use no longer supports that service and they are requesting to bid to find another company. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 105-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

**Ord. 106-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the Rocky River Stabilization Project at Huffman Cunningham Park.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 106-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this project would address the erosion of approximately 315 linear feet of riverbank adjacent to the athletic fields at Huffman Cunningham

Park. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 106-23 passed by the yeas votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

**Ord. 107-23**

**An Ordinance approving the Eighth Amendment to the City of Medina-Montville Township Joint Economic Development District and Annexation Contract adding territory to the district.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 107-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Andrew Dutton stated South Town Center LLC the owner of property at 5827 Wooster Pike, Medina would like to join the JEDD, they have completed the petition form accordingly. Their request is to amend the JEDD contract by bringing this parcel into the JEDD. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 107-23 passed by the yeas votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 108-23 (1st READING)**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Lease Agreement between the Board of Medina County Commissioners and the City of Medina, Ohio for the lease of a portion of the Medina County Courthouse Complex known as the 1969 Courthouse for the public purpose of operating the Medina Municipal Court.** Mr. Shields moved for the reading only of Ordinance 108-23 tonight by title as a first reading, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated when they discussed this at finance he mentioned that Councilman Rose asked to have the infrastructure looked at. Mayor noticed that the roof may need some attention and the county was going to have that inspected after Dan Gladish's visit. The pillars on the front which are believed to be structural seem to be deteriorating and may need attention or replaced. Some of the mechanicals have been modernized with the equipment but the mechanicals themselves are still from the original building. The Mayor asked the County Administrators to check with the Board of Commissioners as to whether they would be willing to forgo the immediate rent to us as some of the costs that we may have if some of these things need to be addressed right up front.

Mr. Huber stated that attorney Pat Walker wrote to Mr. Huber on behalf of Medina County Law Library Association. Ms. Walker is pointing out that the law library group have not agreed to the reduction of square footage for the library to being 2,144 sq. ft. expressing disappointment that there would be a different location, a different space. Greg stated in this lease we are going to have to address an issue with the Law Library, we are tenants we don't own that building and a conversation needs to occur between the County and the Law Library but he will try to initiate meetings to discuss what the issues are and what the solutions might be.

**Res. 109-23**

**A Resolution donating seven Dell computers to the Medina City Schools.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 109-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Sergeant Zaremba stated this is their continued partnership with the Medina City Schools. Mr. Shields will abstain from voting on this ordinance and the next due to the Medina City Schools being his employer. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 109-23 passed by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. J. Shields abstained.

**Ord. 110-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing an expenditure to Medina City Schools for the City's share of the**

**Pickleball Court Construction at A.I. Root Middle School.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 110-23-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 110-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Wehrley stated this project involves demo of two existing tennis courts located at AI Root Middle School and the construction of 6 new Pickleball Courts for use by the public. Emergency clause is requested because the project is under construction and in process. The total contract sum with Medina City Schools is \$237,783 with 50% being the city share of \$118,891.50 of ARPA Funds. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 110-23 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, B. Lamb, P. Rose, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. J. Shields abstained.

**Ord. 111-23**

**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. 111-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated one of these is for the transfer which is the next item on the agenda and the rest are moving money around. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 111-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

**Ord. 112-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund transfers.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 112-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is to transfer what is equivalent to 20% less than the refund from RITA to the Cable Fund this is because Cable TV Fund no longer brings in the revenue that it used to. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 112-23 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

**Council Comments**


Mr. Simpson reminded all to be kind to one another.

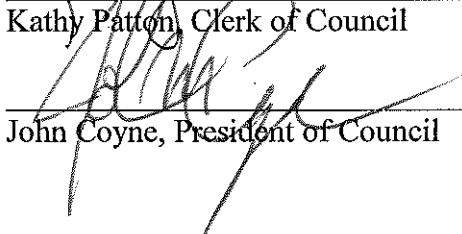
Ms. Haire stated be safe and leave the fireworks to the professionals for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Ms. Hazeltine thanked the SPCA and Medina Meow Fix for the work they do for our community. Jessica stated she was not able to attend the Juneteenth event due to work, many raved about the musician and seeing the diversity in Medina County.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

  
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Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

  
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John Coyne, President of Council

