

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 10, 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 Mr. Shields, Council President Pro-Tem, 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, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine. B. Lamb and J. Coyne were absent.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Nino Piccoli, Patrick Patton, Chief Kinney, Chief Walters, Andrew Dutton, Joe Toth, Cindy Lastuka.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Simpson moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Rose. The roll was called and passed by the yeas of J. Shields, D. Simpson, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Shields stated that after tonight's meeting Council is on break. The next regularly scheduled Finance meeting will be on August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Properties Committee:** Mr. Shields stated there is a meeting 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 was absent.

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

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

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Mr. Rose stated the Advisory Committee met last week to discuss the new City website. Be aware that soon in your water bill there will be some questions to answer as to what you would like to see on the City website.

**Requests for Council Action:**

Finance Committee

23-132-7/10 – Budget Amendments

23-133-7/10 – Then & Now – Wintrow Construction – Railroad Repair

23-134-7/10 – Account Number Change – P.O. #23-609

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23-136-7/10 – Account Number Change – P.O. #23-1075

23-137-7/10 – Bids, Job #1154 – Reagan Park Skatepark Rebab (ARPA Funds)

23-138-7/10 – Grant Application – Ohio Public Works Commission

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23-139-7/10 – Amend Ord. 40-23 – 2023 Concrete Repair  
23-140-7/10 – Bids, 2023 Sidewalk Repair Program  
23-141-7/10 – Grant Application – PY22 CHIP-LAP (Lead Abatement)

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,**

- A. Farmer's Market on Public Square is every Saturday until October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- B. Medina Community Band Concerts are held on the Public Square on Friday nights in June and July at 8:30 p.m., weather permitting.
- C. June 28<sup>th</sup> in Partnership with Purple Heart Homes, Owens Corning and Legacy Roofing provided a new roof to US Navy Veteran Melvin Fellhoelter on Shorewood Drive in Forest Meadows. Thanks for taking care of our veterans.
- D. The annual July Fourth Fireworks were at MHS/MCRC July 3<sup>rd</sup> at dark. The annual parade was held on the fourth, thanks to all who attended. God Bless Medina & America!
- E. Proclamations were given to Susan Fishbach, Erin Gross and Emily Pignato for lifesaving efforts at the Weymouth Rd. soccer game on May 31<sup>st</sup> for saving an 81-year old male watching his grandchild's game.

**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,** was absent.

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

**Joe Toth, LST Director,** Joe stated through the month of June, the Life Support Team responded to 1, 737 calls for the City of Medina, and for all three entities they responded to a total of 2,631 calls.

**Chief Kinney, Police Department,** Chief Kinney spoke on the Flock Camera System that was installed over a year ago. The most two recent incidents they had were just last night/early Sunday morning, they got a LPR alert from one of the camera's for a stolen car that was out of Cleveland. They were able to apprehend the driver of a stolen vehicle and there were criminal tools that he possessed that is indicative of their intent to commit crimes in Medina. This fits the pattern of what they've had over the past three years where these groups come down from Cleveland, break into our houses, our cars, steel from our cars or steal the entire vehicle. We were very fortunate to get him into custody and prevent a future crime from being committed. A week prior to this, another incident they had that showed incredible success with the Flock cameras was Strongsville PD called us and informed us that they had a missing, endangered elderly person with dementia that had driven away from her house and family had no idea where she was. She had no cell phone and was just out aimlessly driving. Two of our Flock cameras picked up her and they were able to get her stopped and returned to her home in Strongsville safely. These two incidents show that it was a good investment for this system. These are just the two most recent incidences over the past year, we have recovered several stolen vehicles and cleared some serious felony warrants with

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the notification from this system.

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

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director,** was absent.

**Dan Gladish, Building Official,** was absent.

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

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer,** updated public that West Smith Road will be open the week of the Fair from Court Street to State Rd. They do have to close West Liberty State Route 18 at the railroad crossing just west of Medina Street for four days to replace that crossing.

**Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director,** Andrew stated they are working with their consultant Envision on the creation of a Multiuse Path Plan for the city and surrounding area. A second public meeting will be held here at City Hall on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m.

**Notices, communications and petitions:**

There were none.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Ord. 108-23 (2ND 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. Huber stated that Pat Walker is noting an objection to movement of the law library and some possible reduction in the square footage of the library. Greg contacted attorney Mike Lyons who represents the county and asked him to schedule a meeting with the Law Library Board and the Law Library Association so that we can define what the changes are.

Mayor Hanwell stated that in addition to the Law Library, obviously the Board of County Commissioners are the owners of the building, so the lease is between them and the Law Library but will do what they can to assist with that.

The roof issues will be taken care of since the roof is still under warranty. Also having an engineer look at the pillars out front. The efficiencies and advantage of having all of the courts in one given location and sharing security entry points, sharing area to house prisoners, will pay dividends for both the city and the county by sharing the costs.

**Introduction of Visitors:**

There were none.

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

Mr. Simpson moved to Suspend the Rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions: Res. 113-23, Ord. 114-23, Res. 115-23, Ord. 116-23, Ord. 117-23, Ord. 118-23, Ord. 119-23, Ord. 120-23, Res. 121-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. The roll was called and passed with the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Res. 113-23**

**A Resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of the Probation Community Corrections Act Grant (CCA) renewal for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025 for the Medina Municipal Court.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Cindy Lastuka stated this is a reoccurring grant that they get every July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of every year. They were awarded \$406,000.00 and they need the emergency clause due to time restraints with the grant. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-23 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

**Ord. 114-23**

**An Ordinance amending Section 31.02 (B)(6) of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Municipal Court Probation Grant Positions.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Cindy Lastuka stated they changed the part-time probation officer's salary. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-23 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Res. 115-23**

**A Resolution adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Medina, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and submitting the same to the Medina County Auditor.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Dirham stated this is the first up under the State's guidelines of our budget process. We are already working on our budgets. Emergency clause is needed because of time restraints. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and R. Haire.

**Ord. 116-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure to Technology Engineering Group, LLC for the Courthouse Parking Garage Camera Project.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Sgt. Zaremba stated

they are moving forward on the 50/50 split project on the parking garage with this being just one element of it. Emergency is needed due to needing this installed as soon as possible and not wanting a lapse of camera coverage any longer than it already has been, also the quotes are locked in only for 30 days. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose.

**Ord. 117-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Uptown Thirteen Five, LLC and the Medina City Development Corporation for certain infrastructure improvements to be made by the City and the Developer.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Dutton stated this is for infrastructure improvements for Liberty View Project. Mayor Hanwell stated this was already passed but the LLC name was changed and the emergency is needed for this reason. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-23 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 118-23**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 221-22, passed December 12, 2022. (Amendments to 2023 Budget)** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Dirham stated this is for transfers. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and R. Haire.

**Ord. 119-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing an expenditure to the Medina City School District Board of Education for the Natatorium Repair Project at the Medina Community Recreation Center.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 119-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mayor stated on behalf of Jansen Wehrley this ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$740,852.00 payable to the Medina City Schools for the 50% city share. The recreation center is using carryforward funds and the capital improvement funds to complete this project. Mr. Shields will abstain from voting due to conflict of interest. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 119-23 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose. J. Shields abstained.

**Ord. 120-23**

**An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Medina, Ohio, certifying that when a municipal obligation was incurred sums were lawfully appropriated in the funds to satisfy the obligation and sufficient sums currently exist to satisfy this obligation.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-23, seconded by Mr. Rose.

Mr. Dirham stated this is to pay for an unplanned repair to the railroad, and the emergency is because the repair has already been done and they need to pay the vendor for the repair. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-23 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Res. 121-23**

**A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for grant assistance from the Ohio Development Services Agency for the PY22 CHIP Lead Abatement Program.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-23, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Dutton stated the City of Medina in partnership with the City of Brunswick were awarded a \$700,000.00 of CHIP funding in late 2022 and this is in addition to that. Emergency clause is requested because the obligation is due later this month. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-23 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

**Council Comments**

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

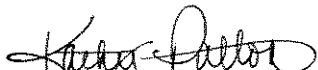
Mr. Rose reminded all that there is a special election in August and the State of Ohio is one of 17 states that allow residents to vote on amendments to the constitution. United States Constitution takes 2/3 of congress to get it moved out to the states and 2/3 of the states to approve any changes. Please remember to vote.

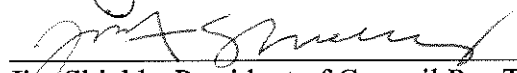
Ms. Haire participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade the other day, she was pleased to see so many members of our community out there and quite impressed by our youth that attended as well.

Mr. Shields stated Council will be on vacation until August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

  
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Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

  
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Jim Shields, President of Council Pro-Tem