

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, June 10, 2019

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, June 10, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne and led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Benjamin Colonius of the Eagle Scouts.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Keith Dirham, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Chief Kinney, Chief Painter, Mike Wright, Kimberly Marshall, Janson Wehrley and Jonathon Mendel.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 28th, 2019 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and D. Simpson.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to the Council meeting this evening and will meet again in two weeks.

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

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report, stated there is a Special Legislation Meeting on Wednesday, June 12th at 7 p.m. following the budget meeting to discuss the proposal for a more responsible demolition and then the LGTBQ proposed legislation will be held on Monday, June 17th at 7 p.m.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger had no report.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Starcher had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose stated his meeting is on June 19th at 7 p.m. with the Port Authority Representative for the Fiber Optic Network moving from the south to the north and how it can and will improve the City of Medina.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

19-102-6/10 – Increase Exp. – Mason Custom Builders – Public Buildings

19-103-6/10 – Accepting Award of Funds – Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program

19-104-6/10 – Discussion of Parking Enforcement Program

19-105-6/10 – State Bid, Equipment for New Police Cruisers – Parr Public Safety

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- 19-106-6/10 – Medina Municipal Airport Consultant Selection
- 19-107-6/10 – Agreement w/ Medina City Schools for Reagan Park/Eliza Northrop Connector
- 19-108-6/10 – Income Tax Reallocation (to be discussed at 6-12-19 Budget Hearing)
- 19-109-6/10 – Agreement w/ Brandstetter & Carol / Medina County – Design, Planning & Construction Mgmt. Services for the Joint Construction of a County-City Courthouse
- 19-110-6/10 – New EPA Regulations – Storm Water Management, Erosion Control & Illicit Discharge
- 19-111-6/10 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Data-Command, LLC – Water Dept.

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported

- 1) Parking Deck - Construction of parking deck south of Medina City hall will commence this May. Parking will be very limited at Medina City Hall and lot between Sully's patio and Porter's Shoes. Available long term lots are at the southeast corner of West Liberty and South Elmwood; lot on west side of 200 block of South Elmwood (between Smith and Washington); as well as at the existing parking deck behind Common Pleas Courts. The project will last from May to likely December.
- 2) Congratulations to Discount Drug Mart on 50 year recognition!
- 3) Tue. June 4 at 11 a.m. attended ribbon cutting for \$750k Driver Skill Pad/Course at MCCC. Collaborative effort with classroom and drivers training to help youth avoid collisions or if unavoidable, hit less damaging object to preserve life and reduce injuries. \$350k capital grant from State of Ohio, thanks to Senate President Larry Obhof, Rep. Steve Hambley and Rep. Darrell Kick. Funding from Westfield Bank and numerous foundations. Great collaborative effort.
- 4) Farmers Market each Saturday on Square 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 5) Medina Community Band free concerts on Square each Friday night in June and July, as well as July 4. Weather dependent.
- 6) Main Street Medina presents Pizza Palooza on Square Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 7) ORMACO presents Jazz Under the Stars on Square Saturday, June 15, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director stated they divide their budgets into three groups and they have completed council's review of the first group and the first hearing for the second group is Wednesday, June 12th.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, congratulated Discount Drug Mart on their 50th Anniversary and the partnership they have with them.

June 21st there are 6 ribbon cuttings starting at 10 a.m. for Ora Designs, 901 N. Court St., 1 p.m. Hair Classics 520 East Smith Rd., 2 p.m. Firestorm Gear, 139 N. Court St., 3 p.m. Lucy Marie

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Boutique, 139 N. Court St., 4 p.m. Heart & Soul Gift Boutique, 139 N. Court St., 5 p.m. Town Hall Engine House celebrating renovations with funding from private sectors as well as the Capital Bill. Thanked all the dignitaries for being here tonight.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, had no report.

Chief Painter, Fire Department, had no report.

Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director, congratulated Discount Drug Mart on 50 years of business.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, stated they are in the process of installing an activator bollard at Fred Greenwood Park Splashpad. It works by pressing the button on the activator and it comes on. This is in an effort to minimize some shutdowns for chemical imbalances as well as save on energy when it is not being used.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, - Absent.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated the East Smith Rd. project at Court St. and Broadway intersections will be worked on by the contractor over the next two weeks. This week they will be concentrating on some curb and concrete work with some minor lane closures during the day for that. The big impact is next week when they will be resurfacing both those intersections.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report.

Notices, Communications and Petitions

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields moved not to object to the issuance of a C-1 permit to Rivalry Brews dba Rivalry Brews, 1st Floor, 124 Lafayette Rd. #101, Medina. Motion seconded by Mr. Simpson and approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and B. Starcher.

Unfinished Business:

There were none.

Introduction of Visitors:

There were none.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Res. 083-19:

A Resolution congratulating Benjamin W. Colonius on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-19 passed by the yea votes of E.

Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

Res. 084-19:

A Resolution congratulating Discount Drug Mart on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-19 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

Dignitary Commendations:

- Michelle Gillcrist – N. Ohio Regional liaison – Office of Ohio Governor Mike Dewine
- Rebecca Armstrong – State Treasurer Robert Sprague’s Office, Deputy Director Public Affairs
- Stephen D. Hambley – State of Ohio Representative
- Darrell Kick – State of Ohio Representative
- Leah Jones – U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown Regional Representative
- Heidi Matthews – Congressman Gonzalez’s Office – District Director
- William Hutson – Medina County Commissioner
- Colleen Swedyk – Medina County Commissioner
- Caryn Candisky – Office of Senator Rob Portman, Northeast Ohio District Director
- Steve Ferris – Government Affairs Director

Ord. 085-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the North-Taxiway Extension Project at the Medina Municipal Airport. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Huber stated this ordinance would allow bids for the construction to begin. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-19 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Ord. 086-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the filing of an Application for Grant Assistance from the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Housing and Community Development, in connection with the Small Cities PY19 Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jonathon stated they do this in two year cycles with the State of Ohio as through the Community Development Block Grant funding and sets out a various number of programs that they develop every year. \$150,000 grant over a two year period and does not have to be allocated into individual calendar years. The necessary Public Hearings have been held. Application is due June 14th and the emergency clause is needed. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields. The roll was called and

Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Ord. 087-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Railroad Crossing Agreement between the City of Medina and the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company relative to the West Smith Road Crossing. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they were pursuing an agreement from them to allow us to install a waterline under the rail crossing on West Smith to replace an old waterline. They did approve it but also required us to enter into agreement with them. This agreement is subject to the Law Director's review and approval. Mr. Huber stated this agreement has a couple of clauses that include indemnification language that we are still trying to work out. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and B. Starcher. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-19 passed by the yea votes of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and D. Simpson.

Ord. 088-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Core and Main to \$60,000 for the Water Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli states this ordinance will permit the continued purchases of maintenance items for the city water system. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-19 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

Ord. 089-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2019 Ford F550 4 Wheel Drive Truck from Montrose Ford for the Street Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated this would allow for the purchase of a utility truck for the Street Department and will replace a 2004 pickup truck as well as a 2001 one ton dump truck sold in the city auction. Purchase is made through the participation in the CUE contract which is the Community, University and Education Purchasing Program. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-19 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

Res. 090-19:

A Resolution relating to a Moratorium on Enforcement of Zoning Setback, Parking, and Landscape Requirements where nonconformities result from governmental taking of property pertaining to the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) State Route 18 project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 090-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated that they were requested by ODOT to pass this resolution. They are starting the process to acquire right-of-way for the State Route 18 Corridor Improvement Project. This moratorium is designed to serve as a notice to the property owners that have to sell some property to ODOT that they will not be subject to any zoning problems as a result of ODOT's

taking some of their property. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 090-19 passed by the yeas of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Council Comments:

Mr. Heffinger thanked everybody that came out to Rock'n the Court this past week, we had beautiful weather and a great time.

There are two events coming up where help is needed:

The South Town Clean Up – June 22nd, staging at Spokes Café at 8 a.m.

The Champion Creek Clean Up – July 20th, staging at Hawkins Market at 8 a.m.

Sign up for these events at www.MainStreetMedina.com

Mr. Lamb thanked Councilman Heffinger for his help with Rock'n the Court and the Special Police who came and helped keep everyone there safe.

Welcome home to former councilman Mark Kolesar and was the founder and driver of the Champion Creek Clean Up.

Mr. Rose congratulated Discount Drug Mart, his spoke of his first experience was in 1978 in the Lakewood Store and he has been shopping there ever since.

Paul spoke of the Strategic Plan and explained it in several phases.

5 main action items:

1. Attraction and Expansion of the Business
2. Expansion and retention
3. Attraction, Expansion and Retention
4. Fair Property
5. Generational Development Opportunities

Mr. Coyne stated they have a Strategic Plan in the City of Medina that we follow and each council member's task was following one of the goals and keeping abreast of it and reporting back to the community of what is going on with respective goals. It's been a great guide for us as the council and administration of how and what we want to follow and where we want to go in the future. Mr. Coyne stated it seems to be working because he believes that we are at least guiding the City of Medina in the correct direction in the future by making it more accessible to other communities around Northeast Ohio and trying to be a focal point of what it is to be a small town in Northeast Ohio.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council

John M. Coyne, President of Council