

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, March 09, 2020

**Opening:**

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, March 09, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

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

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Keith Dirham, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Lt. Birckbichler, Chief Painter, Kimberly Marshall, Dan Gladish, Janson Wehrley, Jonathan Mendel, Teresa Knox and Mike Wright.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on February 24, 2020 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yeas of E. Heffinger, P. Rose, J. Shields, and J. Coyne.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to council tonight and will meet again in two weeks.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson was absent.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb was absent.

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

Water & Utilities Committee: Mrs. Hazeltine was absent.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

**Requests for Council Action:**

**Finance Committee**

20-047-3/9 – Budget Amendments

20-048-3/9 – Accept Donation – Medina Evening Rotary Club for 9/11 Memorial

20-049-3/9 – Approve Water Connection – 5528 Lafayette Road

20-050-3/9 – Increase Expenditure – Signal Service Co. – Street Dept.

20-051-3/9 – Letter of Arrangement – 2019 Financial Audit

20-052-3/9 – Game Time Fitness Equipment – Ray Mellert Park

20-053-3/9 – Amend S&B, 31.07, 31.05, 31.04(H) – Tree Care Technician

20-054-3/9 – Resolution Directing Property Owners to complete Lindenwood Dam Improvements

20-055-3/9 – Bids, Job #1018 – Lindenwood Lake Dam Improvements

20-056-3/9 – MOU w/ Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District

**Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee**

20-057-3/9 – Underground Waste Containers

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,** reported

- 1) Parking Deck - Construction of parking deck south of Medina City will start again week of March 16, 2020.
- 2) Medina Bicentennial Books on Sale - \$10 for soft cover; \$20 for Hard Cover: Miss Molly's and Medina County Convention & Visitors Bureau has hard and soft covers; soft covers only at City Hall (Barb Dzur) and Fire House Museum when open.
- 3) Corona Virus COVID 19- information at Medina County Health Dept. website on symptoms, preventions, etc. Go to [www.medinahealth.org](http://www.medinahealth.org) and click on rolling banner on top of main page. New alerts and updates will be provided here as well.
- 4) Thursday, March 5, 2020 - Councilman Jim Shields, Lt. Scott Marcum and I attended the American Red Cross Acts of Courage awards in Fairlawn. Police Officers Matt Martincin and Chris Deeks were both awarded for saving two women from second floor apartment on fire on Birch Hill, June, 2019. Could not convince women to jump so found a ladder in nearby parking lot with construction ladder to get both out safely. Well done!
- 5) Thursday, March 12, 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Main Street Medina presents Ladies Night Out on Square at businesses.
- 6) National Day of Prayer Events- Thursday, May 7:
  - a. 7 a.m. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at William on the Lake- tickets are \$15 person or table of 8 for \$100. Tickets will be available from local churches and Mayor's office.
  - b. Noon prayer service at St. Francis Church involving school students
  - c. 7pm Prayer service will be at Medina United Methodist Church.
  - d. Theme - "Pray God's Glory Across the Earth"

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director,** reminded residents that the City of Medina does have an income tax and returns are mandatory and must be filed by April 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be two opportunities coming up where representatives from RITA will be in town at the Rec Center on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help with the forms.

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

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

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director,** stated the Hometown America's Bicentennial Book Unveiling will be held at the Fire Engine House Museum 50 Public Square, at 10 a.m. on March 15<sup>th</sup> and then at 11 a.m. the ribbon cutting for new business Sweet Mango located at 871 North Court.

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**Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director**, had no report.

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

**Mike Wright, Rec. Center Director**, reported The Medina Rec thanks the community for another great year for the rec basketball league. This year they had 91 teams registered with just over 900 participants. Our last games are set for this weekend so the field house will be back to normal for Spring Break March 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup>.

The next Rec Advisory Board meeting is Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 a.m. at the recreation center.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director**, reported March 11<sup>th</sup> the USDA Wildlife Biologist will conduct deer survey beginning at 7 p.m. This is to verify the data that the Park Department has collected.

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

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, stated with the South Broadway project the gas company has been on site and are lowering the gas laterals across the street in anticipation of the project. Letters have been sent to residents with information. They will announce a public meeting for residents to come in.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, stated Ohio Edison contacted the city with respect to a project they have on East Smith road between Court and Broadway to exchange two poles, removing two and installing two with road closure on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> after 9 a.m. - open back up by 2 a.m. both days.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was none.

**Introduction of Visitors:**

Pat Walker resides at 523 E. Friendship St. Ms. Walker stated that the Save Your Courthouse Committee has decided to do another imitative petition to put the Courthouse issue on the ballot in November because they felt the City and County were not working jointly. They will be collecting signatures on election day at the recreation center, the fairgrounds and Human Services building collecting signatures between now and election day or go to her office at 231 S. Broadway to sign the petition.

**Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Ord. 044-20:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$10,000.00 to the Medina County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) for animal related services for the year 2020.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 044-20, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mayor Hanwell stated that the \$10,000.00 is a lot less than what the city would have to pay if they

had an animal control officer. Rose stated that the SPCA has come a long way with all their improvements. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 044-20 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne, and E. Heffinger.

**Ord. 045-20:**

**An Ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio Section 943.06 (i) pertaining to Markers, Monuments, Foundations and Niche Coverings at the Spring Grove Cemetery.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 045-20, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Wehrley stated this is to add language into 943.06 (i) to include specific information about the height of the tablet that is permitted in the newer sections. Concerns were to monuments being over 5 feet in height because the current ordinance regulates the size of the base, the width of it, and the taller you go with the monument, it tends to become unstable and poses a potential risk with settling and falling over. We brought this concern to the Cemetery Commission and they recommended a change to the marker requirements in the newer sections of the cemetery which are markers placed over single lots or double lots that the tablets on those markers are to not exceed 48 inches tall. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 045-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, and P. Rose.

**Ord. 046-20:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford F250 Truck equipped with a Reading Classic II Service Body from Montrose Ford for the Parks Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 046-20, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Wehrley stated this unit will replace 2005 GMC it is being equipped with a service body and is being funded with carryforward monies. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 046-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Res. 047-20:**

**A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for the purpose of purchasing a new front load Packer Truck to be used in the collection of recyclable materials.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 047-20, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Piccoli stated the total cost of the new front load packer is \$286,000.00 and grant will cover \$100,000.00. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 047-20 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, P. Rose, J. Shields, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 048-20:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Gatchell Grant Resources to work on the City's behalf to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the replacement of air tanks for the Fire Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 048-20, seconded by Mr. Rose. Chief Painter stated the cost of the grant request is \$443,467.00 leaving estimated cost to city around \$49,000.00 and Chief has that in his carryforward. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 048-20 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne, and E. Heffinger.

**Ord. 049-20:**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 98-19, passed June 24, 2019, relative to the Agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Medina County, Ohio to share costs of Professional Design, Planning and Construction Management Services for the Joint Construction and Management of a County-City Courthouse.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 049-20, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mayor Hanwell stated the original Ordinance 98-19 which was passed in June 2019 incorrectly stated that the funds be paid to Brandstetter and Carol and in another section it stated that the funds should be paid to the County Commissioners, so this is correcting that. Ord. 98-19 also did not include the fees for the Construction Manager at Risk although it referenced them in the original ordinance. It adds an additional \$38,000.00. \$19,000.00 from the Courts Special Projects fund and \$19,000.00 from the City's capital account to make up the \$38,000.00 for the expected Construction Manager at Risk fees for the city's share. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 049-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, and P. Rose.

**Ord. 050-20:**

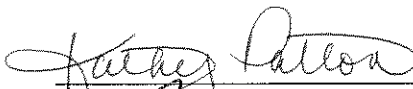
**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 187-19, passed November 25, 2019. (Amendments to 2020 Budget)** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 050-20, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Dirham stated that three of these are donations, and the other one is a transfer within the department. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 050-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

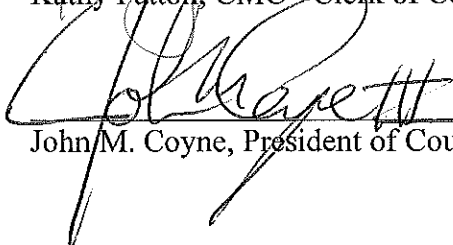
**Council Comments:**

Mr. Rose spoke of the COVID-19 virus, mentioning his cousin that lives in Mulan and how people were already sick with symptoms before the outbreak even occurred and wondered if they just weren't tested. Paul is not trying to minimize it. Don't panic just use precautions, wash your hands don't shake hands this time of the year. Over 60,000.00 people a year already die just from the flu in the US.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

  
Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council

  
John M. Coyne, President of Council

