

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 26, 2020

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 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: E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Chief Kinney, Chief Painter, Jonathon Mendel, Dan Gladish, Cindy Lastuka, Jansen Wehrley, and Kathy Patton.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yeas of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated Finance Committee met prior to Council 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, working with Law Director on two issues. Demo proposal and feeding wild animals.

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

Water & Utilities Committee: Mrs. Hazeltine had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

- 20-199-10/26 – Bids, Remodel Rotunda
- 20-200-10/26 – City Hall Rooftop Unit (RTU) Replacement
- 20-201-10/26 – Authorize Check Endorsement – CHIP Grant Program
- 20-202-10/26 – Discussion: Comprehensive Plan Update
- 20-203-10/26 – Exp. – Eventide Radio & Phone Recorder – Police
- 20-204-10/26 – Exp. – MNJ Technologies – Tablets for Cruisers
- 20-205-10/26 – Exp. – Stryker Medical – Purchase AED's
- 20-206-10/26 – Exp. – Dynamerican – Parks Restroom Renovations
- 20-207-10/26 – Exp. – RAD Construction – Parks – Rebuild Santa House
- 20-208-10/26 – Amend Ord. 57-20, Lindenwood Lake Dam Improvements
- 20-209-10/26 – Job Creation Grant Agreement – Do It Best, Corp.

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20-210-10/26 – Budget Amendments
20-211-10/26 – Purchase 2020 Newtek Tricaster – Cable TV
20-212-10/26 – Exp. – Dynamerican – Service Dept. City Hall Restrooms
20-213-10/26 – Exp. – Mason Custom Builders – City Building Restrooms
20-214-10/26 – Exp. – Litchfield Heating – Public Bldgs. – City Hall HVAC Replacement
20-215-10/26 – Exp. – Litchfield Heating – Public Bldgs. – City Hall/PD Boiler
20-216-10/26 – Cooperative Purchase Audio/Video Equipment – Rotunda Remodel
20-217-10/26 – Amend Code 133.01 Association Memberships – Police
20-218-10/26 – Exp. – Talbert’s Commercial Products – Law Dept. Furniture

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,

- A. Covid-19- Medina County was moved to level orange and if numbers keep increasing will be back in red. Please remain vigilant with avoiding large gatherings, wearing masks in public, washing hands frequently and social distancing. Updated information on business openings, safety protocols, etc. are on the city and Medina County Health Dept. website. Please continue to support our local businesses.
- B. The original Medina Square Farmers Market - Market concluded on October 17. Thanks to all who have attended and supported the vendors as well as our local businesses.
- C. Porter’s Shoe repair- relocating to 799 North Court, 26B. Please continue to support the Porters. Bill Lamb will also tape documentary for history.
- D. Press Conference that was held on Friday, October 9th with Medina County Commissioner Bill Hutson and I on the Combined Courthouse Project. Links will be on city website, www.medinaoh.org .
- E. Five Ribbon Cuttings on Friday, October 23rd. All praised city services, responsiveness and customer service. Thanks to Council members Paul Rose, Jess Hazeltine and Dennie Simpson for attending each one.
- F. Halloween - Trick or Treat will be held this year- October 31st, 6 – 8 p.m. Encourage masks, social distancing, and other precautions for COVID. Please avoid houses with lights off as residents may be elderly, immunity compromised or both.
- G. Fiber to the home - please take survey at this link- www.Medina.LitCommunities.net .
- H. MCRC Director Mike Wright submitted his resignation from the City effective Friday, November 6th. We thank Mike for his service to our city for 18+ years.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, stated there are a few items on the agenda that originated from Finance concerning the COVID Cares money that has to be encumbered by November 20th and spent by December 28th. Currently received a little over \$1.7 million.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, Officers will be on patrol in the neighborhoods in both Medina and Lafayette Twp. during Trick or Treating in the hours between 6 – 8 p.m. Recently they have been receiving a lot of calls regarding some of the homeless people and panhandlers inside the city limits. For the past several weeks we’ve had officers go out and make contact with each one of

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those individuals that they could identify and offered assistance or rides to shelters in the neighboring communities. It should be noted that all of those people we have made contact with declined any assistance or any of those rides to the shelters. It should also be noted that panhandling inside the city is not illegal as long as they are on public property and outside of the right-of-way.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, absent.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, no report.

Chief Painter, Fire Department, stated in an effort to provide the best and most comprehensive Fire service to our communities, we will be staffing a night shift on a trial basis. Currently we have firefighters on duty Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. until Midnight. Nights and weekends, our staff is on call. Beginning November 9th and running through December 4th, Medina Fire Department will be operating a staffing shift from midnight to 8 a.m. This shift will run for 1 month and then we will evaluate for any efficiencies.

The exciting part of this trial is that it is a joint effort between Medina Hospital's LST and Medina Fire Department. We will have a fire engine stationed at the hospital. This engine will be staffed by 2 city firefighters and 2 LST paramedic/firefighters. They will respond to all emergency incidents following the Fire Departments normal operating policies. We anticipate to have lower response times and some personnel efficiencies. LST Director Mark Phillips and I have set this trial up and it will be funded out of our current operating budgets. We will update you with our findings in mid-December.

Mike Wright, Rec. Center Director, absent.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, spoke of the Kiwanis Club traditionally providing tree seedlings to the 3rd graders, Jansen is excited to be able to continue that program.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, Had a correction on address for Porter Shoes: 799 North Court St.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated they were contacted about 3 weeks ago by Kokosing Materials informing us they wanted to do a repair on their loading pit that would eventually close the railway due to being unsafe. The closure had a great impact on Osborne-Medina. There has been some repairs and they are anticipating opening the railway by tomorrow with a final inspection. This is all at Kokosing costs.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report.

Cindy Lastuska, Municipal Court, had no report.

Jarrod Fry, Medina Cable TV, clarified for viewers that they are proud to be providing coverage for Medina HS Football Team that has had two great wins but due to OSHAA regulations they can

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only live audio during the game and then watch the broadcast shortly after the game.

Mr. Coyne congratulated Medina High School Football team and coaches for their two great wins recently beating St. Ed's and St. Ignatius.

Notices, communications and petitions:

None

Unfinished Business:

Res. 144-20:

A Resolution authorizing an application for grant assistance from the State of Ohio, Ohio Public Works Commission, relative to Issue 1 and LTIP Program Funding for the South Prospect Street Reconstruction Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 144-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 144-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they are moving forward with the full program and the application will be due in the beginning of November. The project we recommended is the reconstruction of South Prospect St. between Smith and Lafayette. Total cost will be \$1,031,000.00. The grant will cover \$493,000.00. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 144-20 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

Introduction of Visitors:

Nathan Case, 513 E. Washington St. spoke of elections and usually being able to check on candidates by reading the local newspaper, but today candidates can tell you whatever they want and what they tell you does not have to be fact or the truth or even an actual statement; they hide the truth. Long story short the general public does not have the story straight or proper information to make an educated vote on Issue #7.

Ralph Jocke, encouraged everyone to vote YES on Issue #7 to stop the waste of \$60 Million dollars in tax payer's money. Building a new combined City / County Courthouse does not provide the City or the County with any greater capabilities than they currently have. We are already experiencing very difficult financial times. Spending that kind of money during these times is irresponsible and unnecessary. The people during this election have the chance to say I don't want my money spent that way.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Motion to suspend the Rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions: Res. 144-20, Res. 179-20, Res. 180-20, Ord. 181-20, Ord. 182-20, Ord. 183-20, & Ord. 184-20, Ord. 185-20, Ord. 186-20. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Res. 179-20:

A Resolution approving and accepting the Justice Reinvestment Incentive Grant (JRIG) award for the Medina Municipal Court, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 179-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 179-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mrs. Lastuka stated this is a JRIG grant for two of their probation officers and it goes from 2019 – 2021. Emergency is needed, they have the money but it needs to be allocated and this will cover any pay raises for them as well as health insurance. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 179-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Res. 180-20:

A Resolution accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 180-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 180-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is a step in the budget process for the State's Code, emergency is due to us having to certify these rates back to the County Auditor's office. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 180-20 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 181-20:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to endorse the insurance check to Donna Nicola for repairs to the property at 559 N. Harmony Street, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 181-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 181-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Mendel stated this is so the Mayor can sign off on a check that needs three signatures in order to cash because it is made out to the owner, the mortgage holder and the city since we have a lean on the property. Emergency is needed so the mayor can sign off on this and the homeowner can have her money to execute the repairs needed. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 181-20 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 182-20:

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a commercial rooftop air conditioning unit and related items /equipment from Trane for Medina City Hall, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 182-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 182-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated the emergency clause is needed due to the

COVID Cares Act since the P.O. needs written/authorized by November 20th, 2020 and work completed by December 28th. This is through the National Corporative Purchasing Program. Expected delivery date would be December 7th – 14th with install anticipated for 4 to 5 days using existing duct work. The health department blessed this project as COVID related. Part of the 1.7 million received from the Federal Government will be used to purchase this equipment. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 182-20 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 183-20:

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. 183-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated these are amendments to the budget as noted, the first one is fire that is a movement within the fire fund and then we have more legal funds than what we anticipated. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 183-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 184-20:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the Rotunda Renovation Project at Medina City Hall, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 184-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 184-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Emergency needed due to COVID Cares Fund deadlines. Anticipation is to bid out two weeks and open receive bids on November 10th and that leaves awarding period, and construction to be completed by December 28th of this year. The current Rotunda is not equipped to meet the demands the way we are conducting business. The Rotunda has essentially become a multipurpose room and is not equipped with the technology to handle the needs of today and to broadcast city council meetings and maintain the requirements of public meetings during the pandemic to say the least. Microphones are needed and the playback sound system will need to be upgraded and these are just a few things. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 184-20 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 185-20

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of two (2) Tricaster Mini 4K Deluxe Bundle Kits from iVideoTechnologies, LLC for the Cable TV Department, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 185-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 185-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Fry stated this will assist them with their coverage of events that they are now covering due to COVID. Emergency clause is due to COVID Care Fund deadlines. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll

was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 185-20 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 186-20

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of audio, video and technical equipment for the Medina City Hall Rotunda Renovation Project from B and H Photo, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 186-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 186-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Fry stated this will be to work on the City Hall Rotunda Project and the equipment. This will allow the technologies needed for paperless meetings, and utilize spacing appropriate for COVID guidelines. Provides streaming services. This is under COVID Funds and emergency is needed for specific time guidelines. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 186-20 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Added to Agenda:

Mr. Shields moved to add Resolution No. 187-20 to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Res. 187-20

A Resolution commending Michael Wright for his dedicated years of service to the City of Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 187-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 187-20 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson congratulated Mike Wright and stated it has been a pleasure working with him over the many years. He urged everyone to be educated about your vote, please vote, and again be kind to one another.

Mr. Lamb thanked Jonathon for bringing back the Comprehensive Plan Update. He appreciates it and is looking forward to moving ahead with it. Bill thanked the Mayor for reaching out to the Porters and feels it is a real commitment from the city for them to continue the long history of that business.

Bill spoke of the Courthouse Project and how he has always spoken out in favor on preservation and restoration, why it matters and how important that 1969 building is and how important the additions to the 1840's courthouse is, and the uniqueness of the building that was the prosecutor's office. He looks at the project now as we have met our goals, we have a great plan, and it is important to him that we move forward with what they have proposed, the courthouses have been saved. He has no doubt in his head that after the conversations he had and the meetings he has been in, that there is no way that anything would happen other than the fact that those buildings,

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the 1969 courthouse, the additions to the 1840 buildings and the prosecutor's office will be saved.

Mr. Coyne stated he is the longest serving city councilman - going on 22 years. When he started back in 1988 they were talking about the Municipal Court with Judge Chase and we've been through 4 to 5 different courthouse projects. We've been through so much over the years with different locations different designs. This current project for construction cost looks to be under \$8 million.


This is very exciting. We were told by the county if we do not participate in the combined project they will move forward without us and just take the top floor off their plans. That is a concern because in the long run it will cost us more money, maybe \$9 or \$10 million to build our own. With all the courts, everything will be in one space for the residents, except for the Wadsworth courts. We want to make sure we spend your money wisely and we want to make things easy for you.

Mr. Rose spoke in honor of his sister and grandmothers as this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He congratulated the MHS Football team.

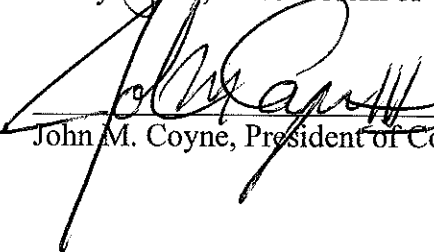
Mr. Rose stated that if you look at the plans for the combined courthouse, you will see places where additional courtrooms were added for the future. Some were marked as ceremonial, but should the need come down the road ten to fifteen years from now, that ceremonial room will be used as a regular courtroom. You need to be aware that all of council, commissioners, Administration and most of the courthouse judges want this and are looking forward to working together.

Mrs. Hazeltine spoke about the concern of the current political climate, and how she ran for council to represent the residents of Ward 1, and all Medina residents. Working together with the county for the combined courthouse project has been a learning experience. She is proud to be part of a team that is actually a team. Jess stresses that she is very transparent and her phone number and email are on the Medina City website, if you are to have any questions or concerns and would like some answers to please contact her or anyone on council. It's very easy to sit behind a keyboard and throw people's names around without even contacting them directly.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council