

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, August 23, 2021

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 23, 2021 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President John Coyne III who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Jonathan Mendel, Kimberly Marshall, Police Chief Kinney, Fire Chief Walters, Jansen Wehrley, Dan Gladish, and Cindy Lastuka.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021, and minutes from the Special meeting July 20, 2021 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yeas of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to this evening's Council meeting. We are back from summer break.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report but stated he attended the LST Advisory meeting held quarterly.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields stated he has a joint meeting scheduled with the Emerging Technology Committee on August 30th.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb removed the demolition discussion from the meeting being held tomorrow night, but the proposal for funding a feral cat program will be discussed.

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

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose stated during the Emerging Technology meeting they will be discussing the LIT Communities Fiber Loop installation and review the recommendations from the Charter Review Committee. They will also review some software to improve the work we do here.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

21-148-8/23 – Budget Amendments

21-149-8/23 – Then & Now – Central Square/Tritech Software

21-150-8/23 – Amend Ord. 56-15 – Wellness Service Agreement w/ Medina Hospital

- 21-151-8/23 – Adopt Uniform Compliance Policies
- 21-152-8/23 – Contract with OHM Advisors – Community Development Director
- 21-153-8/23 – CHIP Grant Payment – 1995 Hathaway Drive, Brunswick Rehab
- 21-154-8/23 – Authorization to sign OneOhio Subdivision Participation Form
- 21-155-8/23 – Agreement, Electric Aggregation Program w/ Energy Harbor LLC
- 21-156-8/23 – 2021 City Auction
- 21-157-8/23 – Purchase (3) Fleet Vehicles – Service and Engineering Depts.
- 21-158-8/23 – Agreement w/ Commissioners – Reciprocal Backup Chief Building Official Services
- 21-159-8/23 – PY20 CHIP Private Rehabilitation Payment – 248 Grant Street
- 21-160-8/23 – Payment Over \$15,000 – Chippewa Roofing – Fire Dept.
- 21-161-8/23 – Amend Ord. 143-20 & 29-21 – Re: Account Numbers
- 21-162-8/23 – Authorize Mayor to Sign Site Access Agreement Form
- 21-163-8/23 – Grant Application – Ohio Dept. of Development

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor

- A. Welcome back to Council from summer break
- B. A number of items on agenda tonight with Emergency Clause that were authorized by Board of Control with caveat of Council approval upon return to meet deadlines required but avoided bringing Council back during break.
- C. Medina Farmer's Market - Each Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- D. 9/11 Memorial event at 10 a.m. on 9/11/2021 - 20th anniversary. Parking will be available at Regal Cinema.
- E. September 12th Tunnel to Towers race - Medina Public Square. Monies raised build smart homes for several disabled veterans.
- F. 2020 Capital grant approved to replace aged Historic lights- Up to \$65,000, 50/50% match.
- G. Had a number of out of town/state guests to city to attend my father's memorial service on Saturday and many commented on the beautiful downtown, flower pots, public restrooms, and overall beauty of our Square and historic district.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, stated there are a few things that came from Finance that they will be going over and he is still finishing up the bond issue and has a rating call today.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, stated that in addition to the two 911 events that the Mayor mentioned, he wanted to speak briefly about another one they recently found out about. A group called Bay to Brooklyn, they are a group of cyclists that are traveling across the country doing a memorial bike ride in honor of the 343 firefighters that were lost. Most of the cyclist are firefighters themselves. They have decided to make Medina one of their overnight stops and asked if we would be interested in hosting them. Chief Walter spoke with Mayor Hanwell, and the Fire Department

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is going to host the group of cyclists at their station overnight on Tuesday, August 31st. The National Guard was nice enough to offer cots and their services. We will invite the public out to welcome them, once we get a little more information on the timing of their arrival.

The Medina Fire Department is going to be expanding their staffing to include Saturdays and Sundays beginning on Saturday, September 4th - Firefighters will be on duty at the station from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the weekends. This is going to go a long way to improve the response time and overall service to the City of Medina, Medina Township and Montville Township.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, stated that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee kicked off their first meeting on July 22 with OHM Advisors and was well attended which resulted in a community walk-through held on August 13th, and the focused areas that came to light were: the North Court Corridor, the East Smith Corridor, the West Liberty Corridor and then the South Town District. There was a second Steering Committee meeting held on August 18th, where they worked on the draft of the community survey. During the month of September, they will host different community engagement events starting on September 18th to be held at the Medina Square Farmer's Market, and looking for another local business to host on September 21st. They are also looking to plan a virtual community meeting the week of September 27th. There will be a lot of opportunities for the public to provide input and feedback.

This Friday, August 27th is the next round of Ribbon cuttings starting at 11 a.m. Kimberly stated they hired a temporary administrative assistant Christine Walters (Fire Chief's wife) until they fill the fulltime position.

The next City of Medina Economic Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 8 a.m., at City Hall.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, not in attendance.

Cindy Lastuka, Municipal Court, had no report.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, not in attendance.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated that they previously sent an application to NOACA for their Electric Vehicle Charging Station Program and the City was elected to receive four charging Stations for our City Parking Deck. Earlier this year we were awarded four other Charging Stations through the Ohio EPA Program, we will have eight stations in total.

Notices, communications and petitions:

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields moved not to object to the issuance of a new D-2 permit to Keller Meats & Market LLC, 320 S. Court St. 101. Medina, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and motion

passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

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, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Res. 132-21, Res. 133-21. Ord. 134-21 and Ord. 135-21. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Res. 132-21:

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 a public improvement project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 132-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is their annual application to the Ohio Public Works Commission and this year they are eligible to receive up to \$484,442.00 in grant funds. We are required to take out a zero interest loan for \$130,000.00 so that the total grant award will be a little over \$614,000.00. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 132-21 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Res. 133-21:

A Resolution authorizing the City of Medina to participate in the proposed Opioid Litigation Settlement Plan of Claims against distributors of the suits against Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 133-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 133-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell wanted to recognize Medina County Prosecutor Forrest Thompson who is one of the county prosecutors in Ohio that worked through the federal legislation on this proposed settlement. What the settlement provides is local municipalities an amount of money up front and they also create another bank of money that is almost like an estate that will last in the foreseeable future to help with the opioid crisis and addiction issues. We are very satisfied with the settlement that has been proposed. The emergency clause is requested because while council was on break they asked that interested jurisdictions interested in the settlement to sign and return at a date that is already passed. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 133-21 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger.

Ord. 134-21:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 217-20, passed December 14, 2020. (Amendments to 2021 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 134-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated that the first one is court fees that they are collecting over at the court so the appropriation is to spend them, the rest are pass throughs. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 134-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 135-21:

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. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 135-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 135-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is where they failed to meet some contractual obligations so we withheld payment. They have now met those contractual obligations so we would like to pay them and that is why we need the emergency clause to get the vendor paid as soon as possible. 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. 135-21 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson welcomed back council members from summer break. Dennie thanked Chief Walters on his hard work on getting the weekend staff at the Fire Station. Mr. Simpson spoke on all of the department heads and the Mayor on wearing masks tonight. We know by local and national news that the Delta variant is spreading with a vengeance. Wearing masks is a proven way to help deter the passing of COVID. Do what you can, if you don't feel like wearing a mask, please remember to social distance when you can and wash your hands at every opportunity. Be kind out there, be kind to people that disagree with your opinion.

Mrs. Hazeltine spoke on the Tunnels to Towers Run and how she knows someone personally that has benefitted from a smart house that was built through them.

Overdose Awareness Day is August 31st. This is a day where we mourn those that we lost, but more than that, Overdose Awareness Day is and an opportunity to provide people with information on how to avoid overdose. If anyone is ever in need of Narcan or testing strips you can always pick them up from her front porch, no questions asked. (address is on city website)

Mr. Rose echoed Mr. Simpson in being glad to be back and stated during that time off he had the opportunity to visit several small towns in the county of Medina and quite frankly they have a long way to go to even come close to the charm and beauty we have here in the city.

Mr. Lamb thanked Kimberly Marshall for the work she is doing with the Comprehensive Plan. Good prospects for our future is determined by what we do now. He recognized that Russ Fischer,

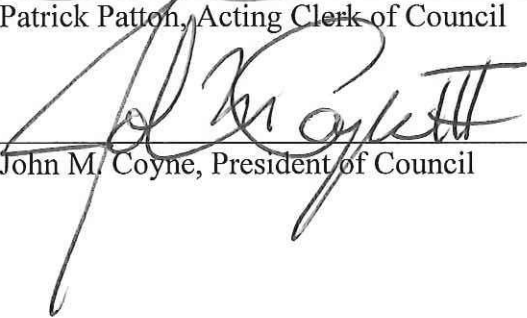
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a candidate for city council, was in attendance tonight.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Patrick Patton, Acting Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council