

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, November 22, 2021

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 22, 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 D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, 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 this evening's Council meeting and will meet again for the last council meeting of the year on December 13th.

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

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields stated the next meeting is Tuesday, November 23rd at 5 p.m. here at City Hall. They will be discussing the Medina Metropolitan Housing proposal for the Bennet Lumber Property.

Special Legislation Committee: Bill Lamb announced he will soon schedule a meeting for the deer legislation.

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

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no meeting.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance

- 21-226-11/22 – Then & Now – Wintrow Construction
- 21-227-11/22 – Establish Ad Hoc 1969 Courthouse Lease Committee
- 21-228-11/22 – Budget Amendments
- 21-229-11/22 – Amend S&B Code 31.13 – Vacation Period
- 21-230-11/22 – Purchase (3) 2022 Interceptors (1 K9) & (1) 2022 Nissan Rogue – Police
- 21-231-11/22 – Increase PO #2021-1667 – Lake County Sewer – Service Dept.

- 21-232-11/22 – Accept (2) Easements – Gates Mills Bridge Replacement
- 21-233-11/22 – Amend S&B Code 31.14 (C), Sick Leave
- 21-234-11/22 – NOACA Electric Charging Stations Grant Agreement
- 21-235-11/22 – Wellness Services Agreement with Medina Hospital
- 21-236-11/22 – Amendment to Sublease Agreement Hospital / MCRC Use of Space
- 21-237-11/22 – Amend S&B Code, MCRC Part-Time Pay Rate
- 21-238-11/22 – Third Amendment to Cleveland Clinic / MCRC Health & Fitness Agreement
- 21-239-11/22 – Branch Road Infrastructure Improvements
- 21-240-11/22 – Amend S&B Code, Section 31.15 – Travel Policy
- 21-241-11/22 – Adopt Revised Purchasing Card Policy

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor

A. Candlelight Walk activities - Thanks to Main Street Medina and the many, many sponsors and volunteers that made this event such a success. In recent years, this was the most well attended and enjoyed by many both the downtown lighting Friday evening, as well as the parade and fireworks on Saturday evening.

B. City Staff - I also wanted to personally thank the various departments that all pitch in for weeks leading up to the Candlelight Walk events, as well as here most of the weekend for same: Streets, Sanitation, Parks, Police, Fire, Economic Development, Building Dept. Well done by all!

C. Thanksgiving - Medina City Hall & Medina Municipal will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 25th. As such, trash pickup will be delayed one day for those on Thursday and Friday routes – ex. Thursday will be picked up Friday and Friday routes picked up Saturday this week. The Medina Municipal Court will also be closed Friday, November 26th, but City Hall will be open. We have much to be thankful for. I wish all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, stated there are a few items on the agenda that he will address.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, reminded public as we move into the cold weather season, heating season, the importance of having working carbon monoxide detectors in your homes.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, stated the next round of ribbon cuttings is set for Friday, December 10th with four on the schedule. Starting at 11 a.m. – S&D Automotive 891 West Liberty St., 1 p.m. – Center for Behavioral Health and Sleep disorders, 805 East Washington St., 2 p.m. - Busy Witch, 445 West Liberty St. Suite 100, 4 p.m. – Essential Escape Spa 210, East Smith Rd.

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The City Economic Development Committee met in November having a small business and manufacturing round table discussing work force development, as well as get input for small business grants being set up as a result of the ARP funding. Next meeting is December 7th, at 8 a.m. at Root Candles in the Bee Culture Community Room.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the rec center does have extended water slide and leisure pool hours for this Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the Thanksgiving break. If you are not a member, you can simply buy a day pass. There will also be a Black Friday fitness special on November 26th 7:30 a.m. start with a number of classes lined up and members can bring a friend to class for free.

Jansen thanked Main Street Medina, the volunteers, and Boy Scout Troop #501 for all their help.

Dan Gladish, Building Official,

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, stated they have two trucks out for leaf pickup. Shifts are 10 to 12 hours a day, six days a week. Will possibly continue picking up leaves until the snow prohibits.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, had no report.

Andrew Dutton, Planning Community Development Director, Stated the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee held their 3rd meeting last week regarding the Community Survey which has been completed and closed. There were about 400 responses. They will meet again in January 2022.

Notices, communications and petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Shields moved that Ordinance 179-21 be read by title only and open to discussion by council as the second reading, seconded by Mr. Simpson.

Ord. 179-21:

An Ordinance amending and replacing Chapter 145 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Historic Preservation Board.

Bill Lamb stated this ordinance improves on the language that was existing in this section relative to demolition for the Historic Preservation Board. It is the product of months of work by the Law Director in particular to get this drafted correctly so we have a better way for the Board to make the determination of whether or not to approve or disapprove a demolition in the Historic District.

Introduction of Visitors:

Matt Wiederhold resides at 426 East Liberty St., Executive Director of Main Street Medina. Matt wanted to recognize Amy Busby who is on the Board of Directors and George Sam who is the Program Director. Thanked the public for coming out and supporting the Candle Light Walk. He

stated that Santa loves his new house and gave a big thank you to the Parks Department for constructing it. Next year Main Street Medina will be celebrating 15 years of existence as a non-profit. In the 14 years they have generated over \$20 million dollars of economic impact for the city. Saturday, November 27th is Small Business Saturday. Mr. Coyne stated that Council greatly appreciates all the efforts that Main Street Medina does in keeping the square and events vibrant and drawing so many people in. It's a great asset to our city.

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. 189-21, Ord. 190-21, Ord. 191-21, Ord. 192-21, Res. 193-21, Ord. 194-21, Ord. 195-21, Ord. 196-21, Ord. 197-21, and Ord. 198-21, Ord. 199-21, and Ord. 200-21. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Res. 189-21:

A Resolution amending Resolution 46-21, passed March 22, 2021 for grant assistance through the PY2020 Targets of Opportunity Cares Act (CDBG-CV) Grant being administered by the Ohio Regional Development Corporation (ORDC). Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 189-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 189-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated when this was passed in March the amounts of funds were incorrect. This is an amendment to that so the Battered Women's Shelter improvements are in the amount of \$355,500.00 and administration costs to ORDC are \$34,500.00, and local administration is \$1,000.00 for a total of \$391,000.00. We are asking for the emergency clause because of the deadlines and to start the project. 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. 189-21 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 190-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Second Amendment to Emergency Medical Services Agreement between Medina Hospital, the City of Medina, Medina Township and Montville Township. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 190-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this ordinance is to continue the Emergency Medical Services LST operates out of Medina Hospital. This is a 5-year contract beginning January 1, 2022 expiring December 31, 2026. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 190-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 191-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the payment of \$30,000.00 to Main Street Medina for the City's 2022 Membership Renewal. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 191-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 191-21 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 192-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure to NuStep, LLC for the purchase of three (3) NuStep T6 PRO Recumbent Cross Trainers for the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 192-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated these will replace three cross trainers we've had since the early part of 2009 and have reached the end of their service life. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 192-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Res. 193-21:

A Resolution supporting the Miracle League of Northeast Ohio Field Expansion Project at Sam Masi Park. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 193-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated the Miracle League has a ground lease that was executed back in 2015. They have invested \$70,000.00 to resurface the infield. They are currently in the fundraising phase of completing the field where they want to pour concrete and installing pour in place rubberized surfacing in the outfield to make the field handicapped accessible for all their participants, this is to include a homerun fence. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 193-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 194-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure to Mason Custom Builders in conjunction with the Phase 11 City Hall HVAC Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 194-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated the ceiling at City Hall above the Rotunda area will need to be opened up to install 4 large VAD boxes and with that the tile will not go back and we are proposing to replace the ceiling tile in the rotunda area with drop ceiling as well as the perimeter and the vestibules. This is funded through the American Rescue Plan funding. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 194-21 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 195-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Medical Mutual of Ohio for Health Care Insurance for the employees of the City of Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 195-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell thanked DS Benefits for getting this done before needing an emergency clause. Mayor Hanwell is pleased to report to the council and public that the city is able to renew with Medical Mutual of Ohio, all the benefits that they had this year at a 0% increase. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 195-21 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger.

Ord. 196-21:

An Ordinance amending Sections 31.02 (B)(8) and 31.05 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Sanitation Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 196-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated in an effort to resolve some staffing issues in sanitation, this request is to raise the number of MEO's

from 9 to 12. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 196-21 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 197-21:

And Ordinance amending Section 943.09 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Special Lot Endowment Fund for the Spring Grove Cemetery. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 197-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen stated they opted to strike the Special Lot Endowment Fund. Requesting that the Special Lot Endowment fund no longer be available for purchase after December 31, 2021. The current enrollees prior to that date will continue to receive special care. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 197-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 198-21:

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. 198-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 198-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this was an emergency repair on the railroad and therefore had no P.O. Emergency clause is needed due to the work already being done and vendor needs paid. 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. 198-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 199-21:

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. 199-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated there are some advances issued with grants and then the rest is all to do with the bond issue they completed. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 199-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 200-21:

An Ordinance amending Section 31.13 – Section 2 (D) of the Salaries Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Vacation Period. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 200-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 200-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this makes the vacation year back to the calendar year and is something employees would like to see. The emergency clause is so that it would be effective for this year for vacation use in the coming month. 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. 200-21 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

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Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson thanked Mark Kolesar for attending the council meeting. He also thanked Matt Weiderhold, staff, the Board, and all involved with making the Candlelight Walk so unforgettable. Every year it gets better. Dennie wished everyone a healthy and safe Thanksgiving and thanked the Medina High School Football team for giving us a spectacular season!


Jessica Hazeltine thanked Sam Livingston and Katie Furst for the turkey drive for Feeding Medina County. Handed out 248 turkeys and raised \$2,175.00 in the 50/50 raffle. The winner donated back her winnings. Thanks to all the volunteers. She also thanked everyone that came out to the Candlelight Walk and all the volunteers.

Mr. Rose thanked Mark Kolesar for attending. He thanked everyone that participated in making the Candlelight Walk a success.
Happy Thanksgiving!

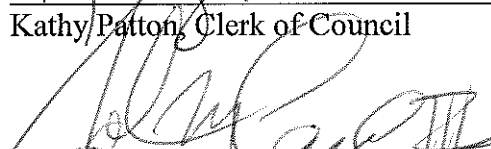
Mr. Lamb also thanked everyone that came out to the Candlelight Walk and all the volunteers. We have a lot to be thankful for here!

Mr. Heffinger stated to be kind to everyone and Happy Thanksgiving!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council

