

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, January 10, 2022

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 10, 2022 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.

Oath of Office:

Regina Haire – Ward 3 Councilwoman
Councilman Bill Lamb held the bible and Mayor Hanwell swore her in.

Roll Call:

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

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

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021, and Organizational meeting on January 5, 2022 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. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to this evening's Council meeting and will meet again on Monday, January 24, 2022.

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

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Bill Lamb had no report.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mrs. Haire had no report.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose stated there is one opening for the Advisory Committee if anyone is interested please send him an email prose@medinaoh.org.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee:

22-001-1/10 – Budget Amendments

22-002-1/10 – Expenditure – Software Solutions / Annual Support

22-003-1/10 – 12 Hour Shifts for Patrol Officers & Sergeants – Police

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22-004-1/10 – Expenditure – Central Square – Maintenance Agreement – Police
22-005-1/10 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – MNJ Technologies – Police
22-006-1/10 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Vance’s Law Enforcement – Police
22-007-1/10 – Authorization for land negotiation – 2000 Medina Road
22-008-1/10 – Cooperative Purchase (ARPA Funds) – Musco Lighting – Reagan Park, Field #4

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor – Wished everyone Happy New Year.

- A. Welcome- Councilwoman Regi Haire, as well as re-elected Council members At-Large Paul Rose and Councilwoman Jess Hazeltine
- B. Thank you to all staff at Medina City Hall for their patience and understanding during the city hall renovation projects that have taken place over last two years. Operations continued uninterrupted and staff handled the noise, dust, and general disruption admirably.
- C. Congratulations to MPD Special Officer Rick Grice. Rick retired after serving 52 years as a Special. His father served in Specials and his two sons- Todd did and has been a fulltime officer with Medina Police Department; Terry served on Specials then went to full-time officer and eventually Chief of Montville PD. Terry is now the Sheriff of Medina County. Rick’s son in law also served on specials and is currently a full-time officer for Wadsworth PD. Congratulations and well-done sir!
- D. Martin Luther King service - I am honored to be the featured speaker at this year’s annual MLK service. The service will be at First Baptist Church, 3646 Medina Road, Medina on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, stated Happy New Year everyone. There are a few items on the agenda that he will address.

Greg Huber, Law Department, was not in attendance.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Happy New Year to all. Nothing to report this evening.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, reminded public of the opportunities at the recreation center. Focus on fitness January special 5 visit – punch card. Some improvements underway and are expecting ten new treadmills as well as new flooring in community room A which is now a fitness studio.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, was not in attendance.

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Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, had no report.

Andrew Dutton, Planning Community Development Director, stated the next Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19th.

Confirmation of Mayoral appointment

Historic Preservation Board – Patty Stahl (business owner) – exp. 12/31/25

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor’s appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and motioned passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

Motion by Council to authorize designee for public records training.

Motion to designate Clerk of Council, Kathy Patton to act as the Mayor and Council’s designee to attend public records training as required by Sections 149.43 and 109.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Shields moved to designate Clerk of Council Kathy Patton as the Mayor and Council’s designee for public records training, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and motion was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Notices, communications and petitions:

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields moved not to object to the issuance of a D-1 permit to Chancote, LLC, 871 N. Court Street, Medina, seconded by Mr. Simpson, and approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

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. 001-22, Ord. 002-22, Res. 003-22, Ord. 004-22, Ord. 005-22, Ord. 006-22, Res. 007-22, Ord. 008-22, and Ord. 009-22. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Res. 001-22:

A Resolution authorizing an application for grant assistance from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services SFY 2022 Specialized Dockets Subsidy Project

Funding Grant for the Medina Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 001-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 001-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 002-22:

An Ordinance authorizing an expenditure of not to exceed \$66,500 to Epic Aviation LLC for the purchase of Jet-A-Fuel at the Medina Municipal Airport. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 002-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is to cover aviation fuel / jet fuel for the year. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 002-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Res. 003-22:

A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to make tax advances during the year 2022 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 003-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 003-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated that the resolution is as it states to request advances on the property taxes. If we don't formally make this request we don't get the money until they do the final settlements. The emergency clause is because the first one of these advances is within the time that it would not be effective. 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, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 003-22 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 004-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of twenty (20) pieces of Matrix Ultra and Aura Selectorized Weight Equipment through Johnson Heath Tech North America for the Recreational Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 004-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 004-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this is to replace 20 pieces of Selectorized equipment that has been with the facility since 2002. We are using Carryforward funds for this purchase. Price includes trade-in of \$7,000.00. Emergency requested due to the quote only being good until January 31, 2022. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 004-22 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 005-22:

An Ordinance amending Section 31.02(E) of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Salary Schedule pertaining to Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors at the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 005-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated they are

having a hard time recruiting new lifeguards and retaining those that we have due to the ongoing minimum wage increases. After performing a study with other facilities nearby, they would like to make the pay comparable to the average lifeguard rates. New payrates would be effective immediately for all new hires and then existing staff would be re-evaluated and step recommendations made based on their level. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 005-22 passed by the yeas of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 006-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute Consent Legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to complete a sign replacement project at various locations in the City of Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 006-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 006-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this legislation was requested by ODOT they have a project for this summer to replace various signs along SR 3 throughout the city. Emergency clause is needed because ODOT forwarded this legislation to us mid-December and asked us to return to them by December 31st. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 006-22 passed by the yeas of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Res. 007-22:

A Resolution amending Resolution No. 153-21, passed September 13, 2021, relative to Section 1, Allocation of Funds for the Small Cities PY21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 007-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated it appears they just wanted to round off the numbers. The total grant is still \$150,000.00. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 007-22 passed by the yeas of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 008-22:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 201-21, passed December 13, 2021. (Amendments to 2022 Budget). Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 008-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated the first line should be amended to account #107-0107 instead of #106-0101 this is a donation that the Fire Department received. The second one is the ARPA funds that we are moving from one line to another and the third one is a Bicentennial stamp. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 008-22 passed by the yeas of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 009-22:

An Ordinance amending the Rental Fees for the Medina Community Recreation Center, and repealing all previous Ordinances pertaining to Rental Fees. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 009-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated they are currently operating without a rental coordinator and have not done official rentals since COVID

started. This request is to streamline our birthday parties and meeting room bookings and offer those online so we can reduce staff time and operate as lean as possible. This request will also eliminate outdated party packages and services that they used to provide and no longer intend on providing in the future. The emergency clause is requested due to them not having a rental coordinator and are trying to operate as lean as possible and increase their revenues and are receiving a number of rental requests recently. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 009-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 009-22 passed by the yeas of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson congratulated Regi Haire and stated it is a pleasure sitting next to her. He acknowledged Mr. Grice and his years of service to the City of Medina. Happy New Year to everybody! With everything going on in our nation and around the world just remember to be kind to one another. Try and put a smile on someone's face it can make such a difference.

Mr. Shields also congratulated Mr. Grice as well, he and his family are all about community service and all about Medina. Jim welcomed Regi to council stating he is looking forward to working with her again.

Mr. Lamb congratulated Regi also, stating it's good to have her here - 5 men and two women will create an interesting balance. Bill thanked Rick Grice for all his years of service and mentioned that Rick Grice played a key roll in the city saving and purchasing the Airport that became Medina Airport. He also had a key role in drafting the legislation that created the Historic Preservation Board and so much more – Christmas lights in the square, expansion of firehouses, and was an important person in saving the historic Munson house. Rick was also the first Planning Director that the city had.

Mr. Rose wished a Happy New Year to everybody and is looking forward to a hopeful 2022. Paul welcomed Regi Haire to council, and congratulated Rick Grice. Mr. Rose updated the public on the costs that the "Stop Government Waste Committee" has given the city in 2021 - an extra \$85,000.00 to our costs – taken out of the taxpayers General Fund to pay for extra legal fees for their lawsuits – which by the way, they've lost three. They may need to learn a lesson and quit wasting the city's money and STOP these STUPID lawsuits. This money should be going towards city services, Police, Fire etc. Not to mention the opportunity costs that we also lost was \$200,000.00, by not being able to participate in the new Courthouse. So, \$285,000.00 because somebody doesn't like somebody else, which is ridiculous.

Mrs. Hazeltine stated she approves of her new seat mate and female power on council and welcomed Regi Haire to Council. Jessica stated they owe a great debt of gratitude to Rick Grice, stating she was unaware until Mr. Lamb shared all of the wonderful things Rick has done. She congratulated her dear friend Nick Hanek who has just been voted in as the Vice Mayor of the City of Brunswick.

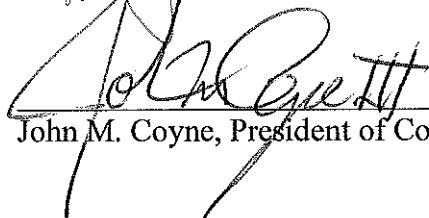
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Regi Haire thanked everybody for welcoming her back to City Council and said she is looking forward to working with the city, administration, and fellow councilmembers and representing the residents of the City of Medina and Ward 3 residents.

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



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council

