

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, February 10, 2025

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2025 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John M. Coyne III, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present: J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. R. Haire was absent, Ward 1 has a vacancy.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Chief Kinney, Chief Walters, Dan Gladish, Kathy Patton, Jansen Wehrley and Kimberly Marshall.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on January 27, 2025 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and approved with the yeas of N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and will meet again in two weeks.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields reported one item tonight from a previous Public Property meeting that came to finance regarding Lake Medina and some improvements that the Park District is going to do to enhance the property.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report. Dennie is asking for an update meeting to be held in early April with the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Service Director. This month we will be having the LST Advisory Board meeting as well.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Rose stated the RCA for the quadracycle has moved from Finance to the next Council meeting on the 24th.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Ms. Haire was absent.

Water & Utilities Committee:

Emerging Technologies Committee: Ms. DiSalvo stated a meeting is scheduled on February 27th at 5 p.m. to finalize the website design.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

24-263-12/9 – Addendum to Quadracycle RCA – Approve Draft Ordinance

25-035-2/10 – Budget Amendment

25-036-2/10 – Amend & Restate ord. 39-21 – Medina TV

25-037-2/10 – Lake Medina Improvements

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25-038-2/10 – Fund Advance – Sanitation Fund
25-039-2/10 – Budget Amendments
25-040-2/10 – Accept Storm Sewer Easement on Hillview Way
25-041-2/10 – Expenditure – HSH Construction – Parks Dept.
25-042-2/10 – 2024 Carryforward
25-043-2/10 – General Liability Insurance Renewal
25-044-2/10 – P.O. Huntington Bank

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,

- A. United Way of Summit and Medina Counties offer free tax prep for households earning less than \$67K per year. To schedule Dial 2-1-1 or go to website www.uwsummitmedina.org/fec
- B. Annual Black History month service will be held at Second Baptist Church located at 451 Bronson St., on Thursday, February 27th at 7 pm. All are welcome.
- C. Proud to announce that Medina Fire Chief Larry Walters was selected by the Ohio Fire Marshall's Office for the 2025 Ohio Fire Service Valor Award for his efforts in assisting a resident out of a burning house on October 23, 2024. The award ceremony will be in Columbus on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 at 2 p.m. We are very proud and thankful for Chief Walters efforts as well as the other firefighters and safety services that day and every day. Well done Sir.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith reminded residents that the City of Medina does have a city income tax. It is collected through RITA. Their website is www.ritaohio.com

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly stated they finally received approval from the State of Ohio for the Brownfield Assessment Grant which is the \$300,000 grant with our \$100,000 matching funds.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, Chief updated all on the Municipal Deer Hunting Program. Archery season ended February 2nd. There was a total of 13 permits issued and a total of 18 deer were harvested. 5 bucks and 13 does.

Cindy Lastuka, Municipal Court, had no report.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, pleased to announce that for the first time in our departments history we are now staffed 24 hours each day with volunteer fire fighters. Using our existing part-time fire fighters to cover these additional shifts.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, Jansen highlighted some upcoming programs

available at the Rec Center. Young Chef class (Lets bake) on February 14th for kids ages 8 to 12. Senior Speakers series returned - Friday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m. Mayor Hanwell will be speaking, coffee and lunch is provided.

Newer programs include: a casino trip on March 11th to Jack Casino and several restaurants trips. After School program is up and running well, K through 5th grade.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, was not in attendance.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Patrick reported an update on the Municipal Court Renovation Project as construction has begun last week. We expect to receive the Guaranteed Maximum Price package #2 this week.

Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director, was not in attendance.

Notices, communications and petitions.

Liquor Permit:

Not to object to the transfer of a C2X and C2 permit from Riser Foods Co. dba Medina GetGo 3389, 302 S. Court Street to GetGo Operating LLC, dba Medina GetGo 3389, 302 S. Court Street. Mr. Shields moved not to object, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed with the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo

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: Res. 33-25, Ord. 34-25, Ord. 35-25, Ord. 36-25, Ord. 37-25, Ord. 38-25, Ord. 39-25 seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and P. Rose

Res. 33-25

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application to the Cleveland Clinic for the purchase and installation of five (5) Automate External Defibrillators (AEDs).

Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 033-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen stated this request is to approve grant application to the Cleveland Clinic's Strategic Priority Fund in the amount of \$11,100 to fund the purchase of AED's as now required by HB #47. If awarded the AED's will be purchased and placed at various parks. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 033-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 34-25

An Ordinance accepting the appraisals (Fair Market Value Estimates) for the Medina Street Bridge Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 034-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 034-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they need to acquire several easements (3) and by passing this ordinance it will give us the right to make offers. Emergency clause is requested as we would like to keep the project moving and acquire these easements. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 034-25 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 35-25

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-24, passed September 9, 2024 relative to the agreement with the Ruhlin Company as Construction Manager for the renovation of the Medina Municipal Courthouse. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 035-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 035-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated last September when this ordinance was passed, the agreement did reference Exhibit B, however, Exhibit B was not attached to the ordinance and this will do that. Emergency clause is needed as the project is underway. 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, and N. DiSalvo. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 035-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and P. Rose.

Ord. 36-25

An Ordinance amending and restating Ordinance No. 39-21, passed March 22, 2021 relative to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Medina County Board of Commissioners for Medina TV Production Services. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 036-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 036-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Fry stated this is to amend and restate the ordinance passed in 2021 as there is a change in the hourly rate to get it up to the standards of 2025 from \$52.00 to \$67.00 an hour including hourly rate and benefits. The emergency clause is requested to make the changes within the negotiating window with the county and city. To take effect from January 1, 2025. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 036-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 37-25

An Ordinance amending Section 31.02 (5) and 31.02 (6) of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 037-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Cindy Lastuka explained this is to update the salary and benefits code for their two grant positions and their Judicial assistant that is part-time. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 037-25 passed by the yea votes of

N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 38-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund advances. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 038-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this is an advance from the General Fund to Sanitation Fund to cover expenses until the sanitation increases can help stabilize the funds and keep it in black. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 038-25 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 39-25

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 209-24, passed November 25, 2024. (Amendments to 2025 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 039-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated that these are budget amendments, one is an adjustment for a donation made from the park foundation for \$50,000 to the Police Dept. and a donation from the Ken Cleveland Foundation for the Parks Dept. to upgrade the playground equipment and the others are adjustments. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 039-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Council Comments:

Ward 1 vacancy interviews. (In order of application received)

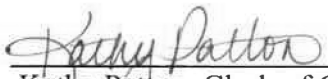
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Executive session. (personnel)

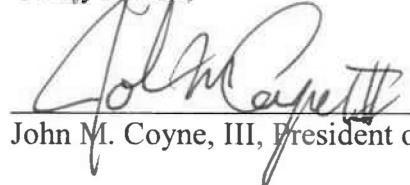
It was moved by Mr. Shields and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official at 8:50 p.m. to include just the council members. The roll was called and motion passed with the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne and D. Simpson.

Adjournment

Executive session adjourned at 9:17 p.m. Mr. Coyne announced Council has agreed to appoint Chet Simmons to the Ward 1 Councilperson position. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, III, President of Council

