

**Public Hearing**

To consider an amendment to the contract establishing and governing the City of Medina-Montville Township Joint Economic Development District to add certain property to the District. Albrecht, Inc., 5864 Wooster Pike Road, Medina.

Ms. Marshall explained the amendment stating that Albrecht, Inc. owns this property that is in Montville Township and they would like to join the Joint Economic Development District. This property will house a new quick service restaurant.

Joe Albrecht spoke in favor as he is the owner of the parcel.

No one spoke in opposition.

Public Hearing closed at 7:34 pm.

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 2025 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President of Council John M. Coyne III, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Oath of Office:**

Chet Simmons, Ward 1 Councilman, by the Honorable Mayor Dennis Hanwell

Bible held by Jan Simmons (wife), also in attendance their daughter and grandchildren.

**Roll Call:**

The roll was called with the following members of Council present: J. Coyne, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson. N. DiSalvo was absent.

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

**Reading of Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on February 10, 2025 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and approved with the yea votes of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, 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 had no report.

**Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee:** Mr. Simpson stated that he and the Mayor will be attending the LST Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Legislation Committee:** Mr. Rose stated the quadracycle ordinance is on the agenda for tonight's meeting and is in favor of it passing.

**Streets & Sidewalks Committee:** Ms. Haire had no report.

**Water & Utilities Committee:** Committee chair to be appointed tonight.

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Ms. DiSalvo was absent.

**Requests for Council Action:**

Finance Committee

- 25-045-2/24 – Advance Request
- 25-046-2/24 – Budget Amendments
- 25-047-2/24 – Expenditure – Fanning Howey – MCRC
- 25-048-2/24 – Replacement of Scale Cluster – Municipal Court
- 25-049-2/24 – Expenditure – TEGOH – IT Dept.
- 25-050-2/24 – PY25 CHIP Partnership Agreement
- 25-051-2/24 – Bids, W. Liberty/S. Elmwood/W. Washington Water Line Improvements
- 25-052-2/24 – Needs Assessment/Feasibility Study – Medina Municipal Complex
- 25-053-2/24 – Municipal Court Renovation – Guaranteed Maximum Price Agreement No. 2
- 25-054-2/24 – ODO Brownfield Remediation Program – Grant Application
- 25-055-2/24 – Discussion / Possible Amendment to Ord. No. 162-22 – Hunting
- 25-056-2/24 – Cyber Security Liability Insurance Renewal

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,**

- A. United Way of Summit and Medina Counties offering 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](http://www.uwsummitmedina.org/fec)
- B. The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Medina Ice Festival was held in the Historic District February 14-17. This year there were 176 carvings, some used as many as ten blocks they were so big. Museum visitor results were 40% Medina, the other 60% were from NY, PA, WV, IN, IL, MI, CA, WA, FL, KY, NC and rest of OH.
- C. Annual Black History Month service will be held at Second Baptist Church, 451 Bronson St., on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. All are welcome.
- D. Congratulations to the Medina County Historical Society for the following awards.
  - 1/3/25 – The National Park Service, department of the interior, listed the McDowell-Phillips house on the National Register of Historic Places.
  - 02/11/2025- The Cleveland Restoration Society and AIA Cleveland awarded the Medina County Historical Society, City of Medina, and Main Street Medina the Award of Excellence for the preservation of a community building – The Medina War Bond Building that was moved from Medina Hospital to the McDowell Phillips house property and Historically reconditioned.  
Well done on both.

- E. Water line break in service offices. Offices will be temporarily located in lower level of City Hall in multi-purpose room until further notice.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director**

A reminder to all residents that the city of Medina does have a city income tax. We handle the income tax through RITA so we do not collect it here ourselves. [www.rita-ohio.com](http://www.rita-ohio.com).

**Greg Huber, Law Department**, had no report, but wanted to welcome Chet Simmons to Council.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director**, Kimberly stated a ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> for Cold Stream Air MX which is an aviation maintenance mechanic shop at the airport.

Plans have moved forward and they hired Cunningham and Associates to do a survey of the 426 West Liberty St.

**Chief Kinney, Police Department**, Chief welcomed Chet Simmons to Council. Chief wanted to highlight some activity that several employees took over last week responding to a call about a dog that was stuck in an icy pond. Two Medina officers responded and Captain Ingersol from the fire department responded as well. They were able to successfully rescue the dog from the pond. Chief Kinney thanked all that were involved with this rescue. Shortly after the dog rescue, there was a horse stuck in ice on its side in Lafayette Township and it was successfully rescued. We are proud of our staff for the great work they do day in and day out.

**Joe Toth, LST Director**, Joe stated the Life Support Team finished 2024 with 3,766 calls for the City of Medina which is 244 more than the previous year. For all 3 entities they responded to 5,819 calls, which was 460 more than 2023. Through January 2025 in the city, there were 364 runs and that is up 57 runs.

**Chief Walters, Fire Department**, had no report.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director**, Jansen stated the Medina County Sanitary Engineer office is starting a project at Huffman Cunningham Park, along the west branch of the Rocky River, doing a restoration of the stream bank that is encroaching a sanitary sewer. Tree clearing started today and will run through April 30<sup>th</sup>, and access will be limited to the park throughout the project. Playground construction at Ken Cleveland Park is to begin next week, weather permitting. Jansen thanked the Park Department and the various other city departments that worked for the Ice Festival putting out the over 700 cinder blocks and all the stands.

**Dan Gladish, Building Official**, Dan stated the grocery store projects are keeping the Building Department very busy. N. Court Meijer grocery store construction is near completion and we will be finalizing our inspections this week. Store management has started to occupy the store, and is scheduled to open in May. The N. Court Buehler's grocery is underway on a \$1.5 million interior alteration project. There will be minor inconvenience to customers as contractors are working third shift. The new S. Court Acme Store project is on schedule. The mild weather this week will allow the exterior façade work to move forward. Store opening goal is mid to late July.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, was not in attendance.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, Patrick stated last fall they started the East Reagan Rehabilitation Project and then pulled off for the winter. The contractor will be re-mobilizing and restarting that project later this week and will take about 6 to 8 weeks to complete.

**Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director**, welcomed Chet Simmons to Council.

**Confirmation of Council Appointments**

Chet Simmons – Finance Committee, Special Legislation Committee and Chair of Water & Utilities Committee – Exp.12/31/25

Chet Simmons – ACCESS Committee – 12/31/24

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the council appointments, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed with the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

**Notices, communications and petitions**

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields moved 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, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed with the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and P. Rose.

**Unfinished Business**

There is 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: Ord. 40-25, Ord. 41-25, Ord. 42-25, Ord. 43-25, Res. 44-25, Ord. 45-25, Ord. 46-25, Ord. 47-25. The roll was called and motion passed with the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, P. Rose and J. Shields.

**Ord. 40-25**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 209-24, passed November 25, 2024. (Amendments to 2025 Budget – 2024 Carryforward)** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 040-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Keith stated this is re-appropriation of the unspent appropriations from 2024. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 040-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 41-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept a storm sewer Easement on Hillview Way.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 041-25, seconded by Mr.



Simpson. Patrick stated they discovered a portion of an existing city storm sewer actually ran outside of the right-of-way under private property. Property owner granted the easement for \$1. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 041-25 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 42-25**

**An Ordinance approving the Petition of Albrecht, Inc. to be included within the City of Medina – Montville Township Joint Economic Development District pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 715.76.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 042-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 042-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kimberly stated this is to approve their petition to join the City of Medina, Montville Twp. Joint Economic District. Emergency clause is so they can get started on the project. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 042-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and P. Rose.

**Ord. 43-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Wichert Insurance for the City's Property and General Liability Insurance for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 043-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this is to renew the liability insurance effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Renewal is about a 6.5% increase. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 043-25 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, P. Rose and J. Shields.

**Res. 44-25**

**A Resolution acknowledging support for the Lake Medina Improvements presented by the Medina County Park District.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 044-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated the leased Medina Lake to Medina County Parks. Their director Nathan submitted a letter showing their projected or proposed improvements over the next few years for Medina Lake. Mr. Shields stated this also originally came through Public Properties and we are very excited for these upcoming improvements. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 044-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields and C. Simmons.

**Ord. 45-25**

**An Ordinance amending Chapter 529 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio by the addition of a new Section 529.09, relative to the regulation of commercial Quadricycles within the City of Medina.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 045-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this was discussed several times at the Finance Committee and feels it is prudent to permit the operation with the limitations they've listed in the ordinance, and are acceptable to those that are proposing the quadricycle in the city. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 045-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 46-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund advances.**

Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 046-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Keith Dirham explained that this is an advance to cover a grant for Brownfield. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 046-25 passed by the yeas of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 47-25**

**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. 047-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Keith Dirham stated most of these deal with the previously mentioned advance for the Brownfield Grant, the rest are repaying other outstanding advances. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 047-25 passed by the yeas of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

**Council comments.**

Mr. Simpson welcomed Chet Simmons to Council. Remember to be kind to one another.

Ms. Haire also welcomed Chet Simmons.

Mr. Simmons stated he attended the worship at Fellowship Baptist and it was his pleasure to be there.

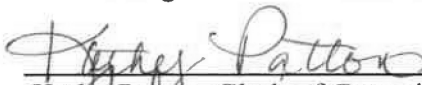
Mr. Shields welcomed Chet Simmons.

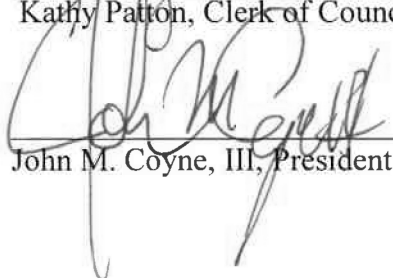
Mr. Rose echoed the welcome to Chet. Paul spoke on the EPA.

Mr. Coyne welcomed Chet stating he is on a lot of committees and there is a lot of work to do.

**Adjournment.**

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John M. Coyne, III, President of Council