

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 28, 2024

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 28, 2024 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.

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 & J. Hazeltine were absent.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Tuesday October 15, 2024, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and approved with the yea votes 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.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields stated that Public Properties had a meeting scheduled on Wednesday, October 23rd at City Hall and discussed some improvements at Lake Medina and a Trail Planner position.

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

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

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

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Ms. DiSalvo stated a meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

24-219-10/28 – Increase Expenditure – Rocco Masonry – Service Dept.

24-220-10/28 – Amend Ord. 77-24, Re: US 42 Engineering Services

24-221-10/28 – Accept Fair Market Value Estimates – W. Smith Rd. Water Line

24-222-10/28 – Renew Medina Municipal Airport Lease

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, the Medina Community Band presents annual Veterans Day Concert at St. Francis Xavier Church on Wednesday, November 6th at 7 p.m.

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Upcoming Events on the square:

Candlelight Walk kickoff/tree and downtown lighting on Friday, November 22nd.

Holiday Parade of Lights Saturday, November 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

Hindu Heritage Month October – there were over 700 people for dinner and a show at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, October 26th where he did the welcome and proclamation.

Sunday, October 27th the Mayor attended the 50th anniversary of MCCC.

On Tuesday, October 22nd, Chief Larry Walters and the Fire Department responded to a fully engulfed house fire in York Township at 7760 Branch Rd. for mutual aide. There was a female resident trapped in the basement and Chief Walters entered the basement through a window to help assist in lifting her out through a window, chief was then pulled out the same window. Chief, and several safety forces members were treated at MH/CC ER for smoke related effects. Well done Chief Walters!

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith stated that the budget and 5-year financial plan for the city has been completed. Reminder to the public that the city has a renewal levy on the ballot for LST, the city handles life support with a partnership with the Medina Hospital and Medina Township and Montville Township. This levy is how the city pays our share of it. There is no increase in taxes since it is for a renewal in existing tax.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly stated they are waiting to hear back on the approval of the Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Assessment grant for the 426 West Liberty site.

They also heard from the Ohio EPA on the other grant they applied for on Phase 1. Currently holding off on this grant until they hear from the State on the other grant first.

Rolled out the new Workforce in Talent newsletter and have 195 people subscribed to receive the newsletter. They are able to highlight anywhere between 4 or 5 businesses or companies that have open job opportunities. www.medinaoh.org scroll to bottom to sign up.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, Chief reminded the public that this Thursday between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. is Trick or Treat for the City of Medina and Lafayette Township. Please be cautious while out driving around and be aware of the children out Trick or Treating.

Joe Toth, LST Director, Joe stated through September the Life Support Team responded to 2,792 calls for the City of Medina. For all three entities they responded to 4,309. That is an increase of 353 calls from the same time as last year.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, Chief updated the public on the cancer screening that was done for the firefighters and they have been completed with 100% participation in the gallery screening and in addition to that they were able to offer an optional esophageal cancer screening that about 30 participated in and they did that with their insurance. The results are private between the firefighters and their doctors.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, stated they have a lot of activities going on at the Rec Center, they are currently taking registration for the youth basketball program through October 31st and already have several hundred kids signed up. There are a variety of new programs and he encourages the public to stop in or check us out at medinarec.org. Forestry Dept. just rapped up their fall tree planting installing 84 trees throughout town including 33 trees on the West Smith Rd. section that was just completed.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, Dan stated the Building Department has been extremely busy with commercial and industrial project. Currently have 6 under construction with three almost ready to start. It will be a record year for building permits and contractor registrations.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, stated they held the auction at the city garage this past weekend and was well attended. The leaf program kicked off today! Please rake leaves out to the curb but not into the street.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated the work on rehabilitating East Reagan Parkway is scheduled to start this week on Wednesday or Thursday and will remain open during this work but will be down to one lane during construction and traffic will be maintained through flaggers and temporary signals. Currently in the public comment period for the US 42 resurfacing and safety improvement project that will add bump outs around the square area. Folks are encouraged to visit the city website under the Medina News Tab to see an exhibit of what it will look like and submit any questions or comments they have. Comment period will extend until November 22nd.

Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director, had no report.

Jarrold Fry, Medina TV, Jarrod stated at the last meeting he discussed some of the new avenues they have of watching programming on Medina TV and also on the internet and wanted to go over those again. Ch. 37 (Armstrong cable) also on Medina TV YouTube channel, on the city website click on Medina TV, Facebook, Roku, Apple TV and Amazon or Firestick.

Confirmation of Mayor's appointment

Archive Commission – Doug McClure – Expiring 12/31/27

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Confirmation of Council's appointments

Medina County Planning Commission – Chet Simmons – Exp. 12/31/25

Archive Commission – Skip Baran – Exp. 12/31/27

Archive Commission – Beth Biggins-Ramer – Exp. 12/31/27

Archive Commission – Jim Shields – Exp. 12/31/27

Mr. Shields moved to confirm Council's appointments, 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.

Notices, communications and petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

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. 188-24, Ord. 189-24, Ord. 190-24, Ord. 191-24, Ord. 192-24, Ord. 193-24, Ord. 194-24, Ord. 195-24, Ord. 196-24, Res. 197-24, Ord. 198-24, Ord. 199-24, Ord. 200-24. The roll was called and the motion approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 187-24 (1st READING)

An Ordinance to clarify and unify the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio by amending various sections of Part II – Planning and Zoning Code.

Mr. Shields moved that Ord. 187-24 be read by title only and placed before council for a first reading and for any discussion by council, seconded by Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Dutton stated these are miscellaneous amendments to the Planning and Zoning Code. Modifications to the Zoning amendment, variance site plan and conditional zoning certificate process, changes to fence requirements, adjustments to allow roof to project ten feet into the rear set back, provisions to parking lot lane requirements, changes to multiple sections providing a specific definition for fitness facilities or gyms, and creation of general regulations for short-term rentals. These were reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommended for approval, and Public Hearing was held on October 15th.

Res. 188-24

A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies, and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 188-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 188-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this a requirement of the budget process under state law. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 188-24 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 189-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Revocable Use Permit with James Sipos to use or occupy the framed shed located on City Park property known as City Lot No. 5720, adjacent to the residence at 1050 Sturbridge Drive. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 189-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this is the first of two revocable use permits. This is at 1050 Sturbridge Dr. for a 147 sq. ft. shed which was located partially on city property. The revocable use permit allows the resident to use it indefinitely unless the city requires it to be removed. There was some discussion at finance regarding incorporating

additional language. In the third sentence of the third paragraph it states the shed will be removed when the property is sold unless a separated revocable use permit is granted by the City of Medina to the subsequent property owner. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 189-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and P. Rose.

Ord. 190-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Revocable Use Permit with Dominic P. Cheff III and Gina A. Cheff to use or occupy the framed shed located on City Park property known as City Lot 5720, adjacent to the residence and 1044 Sturbridge Drive. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 190-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this is similar to the previous ordinance. This also incorporates the same language in the third sentence of the third paragraph. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 190-24 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 191-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Euthenics, Inc. for engineering design services for the South Huntington Street Bridge Replacement Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 191-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they were awarded through ODOT a little over \$1.7 million dollars to replace the South Huntington St. bridge. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 191-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 192-24

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 163-24, passed September 9, 2024, pertaining to the agreement with IamGIS for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Services. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 192-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the last ordinance on this failed to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement so this ordinance takes care of that. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 192-24 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 193-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept a sanitary sewer easement from the Legacy Hotel of Medina, LLC. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 193-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the construction will require the relocation of the existing sanitary sewer that runs behind the buildings on the west side of South Court St. We need a revised easement and this ordinance would accomplish that. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 193-24 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 194-24

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 71-24, passed April 9, 2024, relative to the expenditure to Signal Service Company for the Street Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 194-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated a

contractor damaged a signal cabinet at the corner of Liberty St. and State and 19 months later we were able to settle with the insurance company and would like to get the vendor paid. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 194-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and P. Rose.

Ord. 195-24

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) Ventrac Tractor 4520N for the Street and Water Departments. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 195-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated they are always borrowing the Park Departments unit and typically when they need it. This will be used year-round. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 195-24 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 196-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Preliminary Engineering Agreement between the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company and the City of Medina, Ohio pertaining to the Prospect Street Bridge Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 196-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the city got an additional \$1.7 million to replace the Prospect Street Bridge and the project is under design. Part of that design will encroach under the railroad right-of-way so we need to work with them and get a permit. They require this engineering agreement before they will even start to review the plans. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 196-24 passed by the yea votes of

Res. 197-24

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for the Cybersecurity Software and Services Grant for the Medina Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 197-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Lastuka stated this is a grant that was opened up by the Ohio State for Cybersecurity Software that is being requested. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 197-24 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 198-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for Job #1096, the Reagan Park Cold Storage Building. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 198-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. This would be an authorization to bid, award and construct a 40 x 80 cold storage pole building at Reagan Park. This structure will replace a storage building we lost in 2020. Funding is mostly from insurance as well as the balance coming from unanticipated capital. Project was reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 198-24 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 199-24

An Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 183-23, passed November 13, 2023, relative to the Pavilion Rental Fees for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 199-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr.

Wehrley stated this ordinance amends two items in the pavilion/gazebo rental fee structure. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 199-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and P. Rose.

Ord. 200-24

An Ordinance authorizing the disbursement of a credit from Medical Mutual of Ohio (MMO) pertaining to a 2023 Contingent Premium Refund. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 200-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 200-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated the renewal fees were driven down successfully and resulted in an excess of \$146,000.00 credit and the employees should be rewarded for that. Approximately half of that rebate will go to assist with premium reduction payment for those on the city healthcare and the other will reduce the city premium share. Emergency clause is needed due to only having a certain number of pay periods left in the year. 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. 200-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Council comments

Mr. Simpson reminded all of the upcoming holiday in honor of our Veterans. Glad Chief Walters and staff are all ok and safe after that housefire. Please go Vote!


Ms. DiSalvo thanked Chief Walters for being there and hopes she never needs the fire dept. Go Vote and support our schools.

Mr. Rose congratulated Chief Walters and thanked him for his services. Thanked and acknowledged our Veterans for their sacrifices. Get out there and vote!

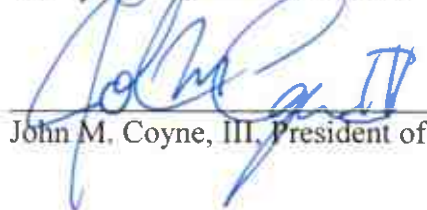
President Coyne commented on our two levies that affect our community, one is the school levy and the other is the LST levy which is a renewal.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, III, President of Council

