

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, November 27, 2023

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 2023 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. John Coyne III, President of Council who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

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

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they met prior to council this evening and will meet again on December 11th to end the year.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

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

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb was absent.

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

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

23-231-11/27 – Budget Amendments

23-232-11/27 – Amend S&B Code 31.05 – Addition of 2nd F/T Law Secretary

23-233-11/27 – Amend SPD-1 Development Guidelines – South Court Village

23-234-11/27 – Approval of Medina Rec Sponsorship Banner

23-235-11/27 – State Capital Grant Project Request

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,

- A. Keep Montville Township staff and family of long time Trustee Ron Bishof in your thoughts and prayers with Ron's Passing.

- B. Unofficial election results show the deer culling archery program was passed by voters. The formal certification of election by the Medina County Board of Elections is scheduled for 3pm on Tuesday, November 28th. The application, rules and reviews for approval will then be available at the Medina Police Department due to 24/7 availability.
- C. 39th Annual Candlelight walk activities took place with events on Friday, November 17th through Sunday, November 19th bringing in the largest crowds he has seen in his 40 years with the city. Thank you to Mainstreet Medina, and all the sponsors and volunteers that made the weekend exceptional. Making Medina Proud
- D. Quotes from Facebook – 2 Mothers that were raised here and now are raising their families here. “From the place that you come from to beyond what you see is a town like your town, if your town was a dream” – N.B. “There is something incredibly special about raising your family where you were raised. I am beyond grateful, Medina, OH.” - SR

Lori Bowers, Deputy Finance Director, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, had no report.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Joe Toth, LST Director, Mr. Toth stated for the month of October the Life Support Team responded to 2,891 calls in the City of Medina. With the Townships added they responded to 4,410 calls.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the leisure pool at the Rec Center is scheduled to open December 2nd. There will also be a pool party that is long overdue. On December 7th the Fitness Room addition at the rec center will have a soft opening.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, Nino stated they have 3 leaf trucks out and about, the city will be making another round or until a heavy snow.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated work continues on the underground installation of utilities on West Smith, through traffic is not permitted, only local access for property/business owners. Hopefully they can wrap up in two to three more weeks.

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

Notices, communications and petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

Ord. 172-23

An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to waive certain unpaid utility accounts. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 172-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Lori Bowers stated this request is to waive uncollectable utility accounts. Some are sheriff sales, and bankruptcies they can't collect on and some are for rubbish accounts and most are from roll off accounts where some are not in the city limits. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 172-23 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Introduction of Visitor:

Angela Mansiur resides at 149 Essex Ln. – Angela thanked City Council and the Service Department for all their efforts at the Candlelight Walk. It's refreshing to see and realize how supported Main Street Medina is and this community is by all the people and their hard work.

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. 172-23, Ord. 190-23, Res. 191-23, Ord. 192-23, Ord. 193-23, Ord. 194-23, Ord. 195-23, Ord. 196-23, Ord. 197-23, Ord. 198-23, Ord. 199-23. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 190-23

An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Medina, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 090-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Lori Bowers stated this is the city's annual budget. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 190-23 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Res. 191-23

A Resolution adopting a Five-Year Budget for the City of Medina, Ohio for the period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 191-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Lori stated this goes along with the annual budget adopting a five-year budget to project out how the city is going to look for the next five years. Mr. Coyne stated that this helps the city out and helps the city be able to function on such a low-income tax. Regi thanked the Finance Department for all the work they do to allow council to get these budgets through and approved. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 191-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Ord. 192-23

An Ordinance authorizing the Job Creation Grant payments to Carlisle Brake & Friction /

Friction Products. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 192-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Marshall requested to table this ordinance until the next meeting.
***Tabled

Ord. 193-23

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Medina County Board of Commissioners to provide fixed route public transportation services within the City of Medina for the period of January 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 193-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this is similar to past agreements we've had with the county in which we will contribute \$90,000 with \$75,000 of that coming from the CDBG grant and \$15,000 will come from general funds over a two-year period. This is a more of an on-demand service. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 193-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose.

Ord. 194-23

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Release between the City of Medina and Olson Products, Inc. pertaining to the Medina Municipal Airport. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 194-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Huber stated that this agreement resolves the financial issues between the City of Medina and Flight Services of Medina which is operated by Olson Products. This concludes the operation of the Airport by Flight Services of Medina and permits the new operator Ron Waldron with his group Cold Stream Air Services to start operations out of the airport. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 194-23 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 195-23

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Medina County Emergency Management Agency to install an amateur radio repeater in/on the Progress Drive Water Tower. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 195-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated Progress Water Tower is an ideal location and also provides us a redundant communication system in case our primary, secondary system goes down in an event of a national tragedy or disaster. The prior MOU that was passed in Finance 2 weeks ago had some amendments from the prosecutor's office. Mr. Huber reviewed the amendments and approved them. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 195-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 196-23

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2023 Ford Explorers including Upfitting, from Montrose Ford for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 196-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is for the 3 frontline vehicles from Montrose Ford and were budgeted. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 196-23 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 197-23

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cleveland Clinic Fitness Center and Medina Community Recreation Center Health and Fitness Agreement. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 197-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen stated this agreement allows the rec center to continue their partnership and collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic by offering Cleveland Clinic access to the Medina Rec Center as part of their employee health plan. The draft in the packet is pending Law Director approval. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 197-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Ord. 198-23

An Ordinance to clarify and unify the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio by amending various sections of Part 11 – Planning and Zoning Code. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 198-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Andrew stated these primarily deal with uses, their definitions and consistency throughout the various chapters and zoning districts. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 198-23 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 199-23

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 221-22, passed December 12, 2022. (Amendments to 2023 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 199-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Lori Bowers stated these are new appropriations that are necessary to cover expenses through the end of the year and one is for a grant that the Police Department received. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 199-23 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

Council comments.

Mr. Simpson expressed condolences to the Bishof Family. He was one of the longest serving Trustees in the county for 54 years, most likely in the state also.

Grateful to Mainstreet Medina for their efforts with the Candlelight Walk event. Be kind to one another.

Ms. Hazeltine expressed her sadness in the loss of her friend Carrie Park, she touched many young leaders through her position as Director of Junior Leadership Medina County. Please consider helping her dream of encouraging and fostering young leaders here in Medina County.

Mr. Rose expressed his sympathies to the Bishof family and the Park family.

Grateful to Angela and George with Medina Mainstreet and the Candlelight Walk.

When we get the heavy snowfall this winter please make sure your fire hydrants are cleared.


Adjournment.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John Coyne III, President of Council