

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 24, 2024 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John M. Coyne III, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

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

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday June 10, 2024, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by D. Simpson. The roll was called and minutes were approved by D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they will meet again in two weeks and then go on summer break.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

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 at the last meeting they discussed the city website and how it is progressing. Mr. Fry stated that by 2027 the website will have to be AVA compliant. Sgt. Zaremba explained that they will be switching over to Microsoft 365.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance

24-135-6/24 – Fund Transfer Request – Cable TV Fund

24-136-6/24 – Grant Application – State Violent Crime Grant – Police

24-137-6/24 – Grant Application – Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation – Police

24-138-6/24 – Expenditure – Litchfield Heating, Inc. – Service Dept.

24-139-6/24 – Amend Ord. 108-23 - 1969 Courthouse Lease Agreement

24-140-6/24 – Petition to Join the JEDD – LTC Montville, LLC

24-141-6/24 – Discussion – Credit Card Fees

24-142-6/24 – Budget Amendments

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24-143-6/24 – Award CMAR for Municipal Court Project
24-144-6/24 – Amend Ord. 20-23 relative to the City Railroad Improvements Project
24-145-6/24 – Increase Exp. P.O. #2024-1275 – Paul Davis Restoration – CHIP Grant

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor:

- A. Medina Community Band concerts began on Friday, June 7th at 8:30 p.m. and concerts will continue each Friday evening in June and July as well as the 4th of July weather permitting.
- B. Third Annual Juneteenth Celebration took place on Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thankful for all the sponsors and donors to permit the event to be held free of charge on Public Square. Thanks to Council member Regi Haire for her help at the event.
- C. As a result of the City's participation in Healthy Medina Program with Medina Hospital, the city received a rebate from Medical Mutual of over \$146K for premiums paid in 2023 due to low claim history versus Premiums paid.
- D. Multitude of July Fourth activities posted on City website www.medinaoh.org – near quality of life there is a link that reads “Celebrate the Fourth of July in Medina” There you will find a list of events.
- E. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith stated there is an item on the agenda and he will talk about it when they get there.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, had no report.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department announced to the public that the Municipal Hunting Program will start up again. Will start to accept applications for the program on August 1st. Pick up and return to the Medina Police Department. Lt. Marcum is running this program. Bow season starts September 14, 2024.

Joe Toth, LST Director, Through the month of May the Life Support Team responded to 1,532 emergencies for the City of Medina and for all three entities they responded to 2,330.

Cindy Lastuka, Municipal Court, had no report.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the Memorial Pool is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 7 days a week. Splashpads are on at Greenwood Park 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., and Ray Mellert Park from 12 p.m.- 8 p.m. The parks have been pretty busy lately with the MIST tournament and the Sting Shootout, and a softball tournament coming up. Party in the Park series started last week, it is put on by the Rec Center and sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital and this Thursday there will be a pool party at Memorial Park from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a DJ. Tuesday, June 18th is the Touch a Truck at the Medina Rec 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Project at Spring Grove Cemetery removing the roof on the Mausoleum started today. Friends of the Cemetery is assisting and funding with this project.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, had no report.

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

Notices, communications and petitions:

There were none.

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. 115-24, Ord. 116-24, Ord. 117-24, Ord. 118-24, Ord. 119-24, Res. 120-24, Ord. 121-24, Ord. 122-24, Ord. 123-24, Ord. 124-24, Ord. 125-24, Ord. 126-24, Ord. 127-24, Ord. 128-24, Ord. 129-24, Ord. 130-24, Ord. 131-24. Roll was called and motion passed with the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Res. 115-24

A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a renewal of an existing tax of 3.2 mills in excess of the 10 mills limitation for the operation of an Ambulance and Emergency Medical Service.

Mr. Shields moved to amend this resolution in section 1 removing the words “for the purpose of providing and maintaining necessary or desirable equipment, personnel, supplies and paying any and all other costs or expenses incidental to the”, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on the proposed amendment to Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-24 passed as amended by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo,

R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 116-24

An Ordinance amending Sections 115.01 (A) and (B) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Annual and 5-Year Budget Timeline. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated he put this request in for a fund that has a levy and move it into the first group of budgets we do in the spring allowing more time for the levy. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-24 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 117-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant and enter into an Agreement for Police Service Dog with the Medina City Schools, pertaining to a School Resource Office K9 Program. Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-24, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-24, seconded by Mr. Rose. Chief Kinney stated this allows the Mayor to enter a memorandum of understanding with the Medina City Schools regarding a school resource canine program and also requesting permission to expend the funds of \$24,492 for the dog and upfit. Those are funds from a grant that was secured by the Medina City Schools it is not local tax funding. Requesting permission to apply for a grant and acceptance if awarded from the Lincoln foundation to assist to pay for a vehicle for this program. Emergency clause is requested in order to secure the dog as soon as possible. Mr. Shields will abstain from voting due to the Medina City Schools being his employer. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-24 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 118-24

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-24, passed January 22, 2024, relative to the expenditure to Akron Uniform for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-24 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 119-24

An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Rogue Fitness (dba Coulter Ventures LLC) related to equipment for the Medina City Hall Fitness Room. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 119-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney is asking to expend those funds at Akron Uniform for the Police Department and the emergency clause is requested for outstanding invoices. Mayor stated there were grant dollars remaining after the renovation of the workout room and female officers were interested in smaller

weights that were not part of the original purchase and the remainder \$2,381.00 will be used to purchase those. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 119-24 passed by the yeas votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Res. 120-24

A Resolution adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Medina, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and submitting the same to the Medina County Auditor. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is the tax budget for 2025. This doesn't budget our appropriations they use it to come up with our revenue estimate. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-24 passed by the yeas votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 121-24

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford Transit Van from Montrose Ford for the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell explained this will authorize this purchase with carryforward funds for the rec center and primary usage will be to expand the programming opportunities for the community residents. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-24 passed by the yeas votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 122-24

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 59-23, passed March 27, 2023, relative to the West Smith Reconstruction, Phase 4 Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 122-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this covers the costs of unforeseen expenses. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 122-24 passed by the yeas votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 123-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the Progress Drive Water Tower Repainting and Repairs Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 123-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Pat stated the repaint of the Water Tower to include several repairs and improvements \$375,000. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 123-24 passed by the yeas votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 124-24

An Ordinance amending Section 31.02 (B)(7) and 31.07 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to a new classification of Parking Violations Hearing Examiner and adopting the job description for same. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated the state legislators changed the parking violation to make it more of a civil process. To deal with people that are not paying or waiving any parking fines is to have a parking hearing examiner review them. Emergency is needed due to having only a 12 month look back and we already have a

number that have dropped off already. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-24 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 125-24

An Ordinance amending Sections 353.05(E), 353.06(D), 353.07(B) and 353.99(C) of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Parking Infraction Fines. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 125-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 125-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated each of these sections had to be modified because of the change in the law. The emergency clause is requested so this can take effect as soon as possible. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 125-24 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 126-24

An Ordinance amending Sections 31.02 (B)(12), 31.05 and 31.07 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Law Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 126-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 126-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Emergency clause is requested as help with the case load is piling up. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 126-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 127-24

An Ordinance amending Section 31.02 (B)(5), (B)(6) and 31.05 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Medina Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 127-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this brings their code up to date. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 127-24 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 128-24

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 to the Medina County Treasurer for the lease of a portion of the Medina County Courthouse Complex known as the 1969 Courthouse, for the purpose of operating the Medina Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 128-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated the county executed a lease with the city on 10/3/23 and the city executed it on 9/28/23 we have not paid any amount of rent since that period and the reason is due to the county

still having some property that they were either giving to other departments for auctioning off. Now that property has been cleared, the city is preparing to remodel that court so the lease payments need to begin and they agreed to start them on July 1st. They agreed to waive the security costs which is \$70,000 a year up until the point that everyone moves in and begins to use it for Municipal Court purposes. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 128-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose

Ord. 129-24

An Ordinance amending Section 1 of Section 31.13 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Vacation for Experienced Hires. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 129-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated a committee came up with this recommendation due to the hiring environment. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 129-24 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 130-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund transfers. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 130-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is a transfer to cover the operations at Cable TV Fund. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 130-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 131-24

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 190-23, passed November 28, 2023. (Amendments to 2024 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 131-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 131-24 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

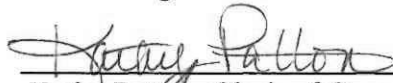
Council comments

Dennie attended several ribbon cuttings. Thanked all involved with the city's Pride celebration, the cemetery historical walk. Be kind to one another.

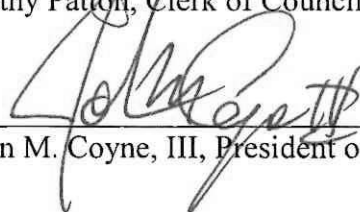
Regi stated the Juneteenth Celebration was a very festive event on the square and well attended.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, III, President of Council

