

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, August 26, 2024

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 2024 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John M. Coyne III, with him Commander Dave Wetzel and the American Legion Post 202 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dave Wetzel, Commander of the American Legion of post 202 presented a Special National Award of Legion of Honor and Humanity to Mayor Dennis Hanwell.

Roll Call:

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

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 Andrew Dutton.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday July 8, 2024, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by D. Simpson. The roll was called and minutes were approved by P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee kicked off this evening with a 2-hour meeting and we will have another meeting in 2 weeks.

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 had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

- 24-151-8/26 – Expenditure – WRIS Web Services
- 24-152-8/26 – Annual Transfer Request – Parking Fund
- 24-153-8/26 – Increase Exp. – Airgas – MCRC
- 24-154-8/26 – Increase Exp. - Heritage OP Aquatics – MCRC
- 24-155-8/26 – Increase Exp. – Paul Davis Restoration – PY20 CHIP Project
- 24-156-8/26 – Job Creation Grant Payment – Carlisle Brake & Friction

- 24-157-8/26 – Amend S&B Code re Payroll Clerk Classification / Job Description
- 24-158-8/26 – Mast Parkway R-O-W Dedication
- 24-159-8/26 – Various Zoning Code Amendments
- 24-160-8/26 – OHMAS Specialized Dockets Project Funding/Veteran’s Treatment
- 24-161-8/26 – Grant Application – 2024 JAG Grant – Police
- 24-162-8/26 – Establish new Celebration Fund
- 24-163-8/26 – State Bid, MNJ Technologies – Computer/Laptop/Monitor Replacement
- 24-164-8/26 – Budget Amendments
- 24-165-8/26 – Purchase (1) 2024 F150 – Service Dept.
- 24-166-8/26 – Expenditure – A & A Safety Inc. – Street Dept.
- 24-167-8/26 – Amend S&B Code, add F/T Account Clerk II to Service Dept.
- 24-168-8/26 – Amend S&B Code, add F/T Mother Equipment Operator – Street Dept.
- 24-169-8/26 – Amend S&B Code, add second F/T Sanitation Laborer
- 24-170-8/26 – 2024 City Auction
- 24-171-8/26 – Accept Grant Donation from Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- 24-172-8/26 – EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant for former Yost Sunoco property
- 24-173-8/26 – Interurban Building Relocation and Use
- 24-174-8/26 – Cyber Security Grant Application
- 24-175-8/26 – Bids, Airport Hangar Apron Improvements
- 24-176-8/26 – Design Discussion, US 42 Resurfacing
- 24-177-8/26 – Design Discussion, N. Huntington Sidewalks
- 24-178-8/26 – Utility Easement for Legacy Hotel Project
- 24-179-8/26 – Expend. / Agreement – Grail, Inc. – Fire Dept. Cancer Screening
- 24-180-8/26 – Amend Ord. 95-23, Increase Estimated Amount

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,

- A. Welcome back Council Members from Summer Break.
- B. Art in the Park 50th Anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, July 21st. A Proclamation recognizing the Medina County Art League was presented. Mayor issued awards with Medina County Art League Members. Two Artists recognized as being at the first Art in the Park as well as the 50th including local resident Elaine Lamb – Congratulations!
- C. School Summer Break ended with students returning Monday, August 19th.
- D. Thanks to Street Department for painting school warning signs and crosswalks prior to student return. Please be attentive and careful of students during arrival and departure times.
- E. State of City to Council will be September 9th at 6:30 p.m., then to the Chamber September 10th at 11:30 a.m. at Williams on the Lake.
- F. 9/11 Memorial Ceremony will be at the Memorial, southside of Medina Fire Station 1, on Wednesday, September 11th at 9:50 a.m.
- G. Mayor Dennis Hanwell and his wife Chis are celebrating 46 years of marriage today!

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith stated the city has a property tax levy on this fall and it is a renewal levy for the EMS.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report. Congratulations to Mayor Hanwell and many thanks for what you do.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly stated the City of Medina Economic Development office is going to begin publishing a news letter designed to link job seekers with those Medina Businesses that are hiring. The new publication will be called Medina Town Search and will include both full time and part time employment opportunities. To receive the newsletter, go to the City website www.medinaoh.org and sign up by clicking the Workforce News Letter link at the bottom of the page. First issue will be published in early September. If you are a business that would like to utilize this resource contact Kimberly's office either herself or Sarah Tome at stome@medinaoh.org

Chief Kinney, Police Department, Chief stated that recently they have had an unusual increase in vehicle verses pedestrian accidents in the square and he shared some tips for pedestrians and drivers with the hope of minimizing some of these accidents.

Drivers:

Drivers must yield to pedestrians while they are in the crosswalk, it is the law.

Observe the speed limits, drive within the posted speed limit as you are coming through the square or anywhere there are crosswalks or high pedestrian traffic is present.

Be aware of crosswalks if coming through an intersection and be prepared to stop for pedestrians.

Don't block crosswalks, always check for pedestrians, use your turn signals so people know where you're going and pedestrians can forecast where you are going. Slow down at the intersections.

Avoid distractions – most importantly! Keep focus on the road, be alert to surroundings, put the phone down and pay attention.

Pedestrians:

Use the crosswalks, always! Obey the signals.

Try making eye contact with any drivers that are in the area as you are trying to cross the street.

Stay alert – avoid any distractions such as your phone or listening to music when trying to cross a street. Cross quickly but safely and be cautious with turns. Be aware that some drivers may not see you in a crosswalk as they are turning.

Additional steps taking to increase safety include:

Increased patrols and enforcement in the area of the square which they have been doing for the past several weeks. Potential for increase penalties for crosswalk violations is being researched. Further more the City's engineer is also researching additional design options to improve safety at our crosswalks in the square.

Municipal Hunting Program is in full swing and they are accepting applications for that program, the season starts September 28th and goes to February 2nd, 2025. www.medinaoh.org navigate to the Police Dept. website to find that information, there is an application packet there or come to

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the Police Dept. Lobby to pick up an application packet. Lt. Marcum is the point of contact for that program.

Congratulations on your recognition Mayor Hanwell, Well deserved!

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, was absent.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report, other than congratulating the Mayor on being honored and on his wedding anniversary of 46 years – that’s a long time.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Patrick stated the citywide concrete street repair project is still continuing and crews are currently working in the southeast and southwest quadrants of the city and should continue and be completed in another 3 to 4 weeks.

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

Notices, communications and petitions:

Liquor Permit:

Not to object to the issuance of a new D5 permit to Recovery Center of Medina County, dba Serenite Restaurant & Porch & Patio, 538 West Liberty Street. Mr. Shields moved not to object, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and motion passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:

Tammy Kirby resides at 246 W. Friendship St. – Tammy thanked all for the continued efforts on the Yost Sunoco property and the other Brownfield items that we have in Medina.

Tammy questioned if Air B&B’s (short term rentals) ever have an issue at the property that maybe the police have to be called, do the property owners get notified immediately? How does that differ from a long-term rental?

Chief Kinney stated if they are called due to an issue and were able to identify it is an Air B&B they would contact the owner immediately, same with long term rentals.

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. 141-24, Res. 142-24, Res. 143-24, Ord. 144-24, Ord. 145-24, Ord. 147-24. Mr. Shields moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the listed Ordinances and Resolutions, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed with the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 141-24

An Ordinance to approve, adopt and enact current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 141-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Coyne stated this is just their annual adoption to codify the ordinances. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 141-24 passed by the yeas votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Res. 142-24

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for grant assistance with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a Planning Study through their Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 142-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this grant will pay for a planning study. This study will review all the city's accident data and basically prioritize the hot spots in our city and suggest projects that could address those. Once this study is completed it opens up the door to access \$3 million dollars in Federal money that is available to pay for these projects. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 142-24 passed by the yeas votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Res. 143-24

A Resolution authorizing an application for grant assistance from the State of Ohio, Ohio Public Works Commission, relative to Issue 1 and LTIP Program funding. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 143-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated internally they met to discuss several potential projects. The one they are recommending to council is a reconstruction of E. Smith road between Jefferson and Harmony. These two blocks were among the lowest in the city in terms of traffic volume and there is also a storm sewer issue they would like to address with this project that will benefit an area much larger than this. The project is budgeted at \$1,525,000.00 and this grant will pay for \$530,000.00 of that. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 143-24 passed by the yeas votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 144-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund transfers. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 144-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is a transfer to the parking fund, the revenues in that fund aren't sufficient so we do an annual transfer to cover the difference. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 144-24 passed by the yeas votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 145-24

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 106-24 passed May 28, 2024. (Petitioned Special Assessments for Legacy Hotel of Medina, LLC) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 145-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Coyne explained that this is for the special assessments that the property owner is going to assess themselves and it goes on their

tax bill. They didn't have the interest rate and number that they were going to be assessed and that finally came in so all we are doing is making a modification to that ordinance adding those numbers that the property owner will be assessed going forward. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 145-24 passed by the yeas votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 146-24 (FIRST READING)

An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio, by the addition of a New Chapter 164, Transient Lodging Tax. Mr. Shields moved for Ordinance/Resolution No. 146-24 be put before council for consideration only and discussion without a vote, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Rose requested the three readings so that anyone wanting to comment about this can. This is an opportunity afforded to us by the State of Ohio, we are allowed up to 3%, the cities of Brunswick and Wadsworth are doing it now on their hotels and this is part of another way to increase the tax flow into the city without increasing the tax rate. Mr. Coyne stated the goal of council would be to use the money generated near the hotel that the money was generated from to make the area more attractive.

Ord. 147-24

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. 147-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated there are a number of amendments here. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 147-24 passed by the yeas votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose

Council comments

Mr. Simpson congratulated Mayor Hanwell on the honor he received tonight. Happy Anniversary! Think about how fortunate we are in this country to have so many issues that we all agree on like supporting our Military, loving our families, and supporting the first second amendment. We have so much more in common than what we disagree on, so during this upcoming election season he asked for people to remember that and when in discussions with family members or friends or public it is ok to disagree with someone just do it respectfully and be kind to one another.

Ms. Haire stated she is glad to be back tonight but commented on how fast the summer went. We are now into the school season and there is a lot more traffic coming into town or cut throughs to the various schools so please be careful driving. Look out for the deer also.

Ms. Hazeltine stated we may not always agree, but in this case, she congratulated Mayor Hanwell – well deserved.

Mr. Shields extended congratulations to the Mayor.

Invited everyone to the Ward 3 & 4 meeting on September 3rd at 7 p.m. being hosted by he and Ms. Haire at Ella Canavan school located 825 Lawrence Street. Large parking lot on south side of building where you can enter.

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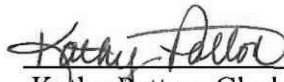
Mr. Rose congratulated Mayor Hanwell.
Thanked Chief Kinney for extra patrols around the square.
Maybe think about making the square a circle, change the paint / lights.

Mrs. DiSalvo thanked the Mayor for his service.
With school starting there is going to be a lot of new drivers. Please set a good example for those young drivers.

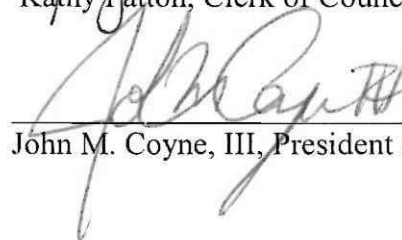
Mr. Coyne welcomed everyone back and stated its time to get to work.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, III, President of Council

