

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Keith Dirham, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Chief Kinney, Chief Painter, Kimberly Marshall, Mike Wright, Dan Gladish, Janson Wehrley and Jonathan Mendel.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on October 28, 2019 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yeas and nays of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to the Council meeting this evening and will meet again the week of Thanksgiving.

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

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report. He scheduled a meeting on the Comprehensive Plan – Feeding Wild Animals for November 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger had no report.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Starcher had no report but stated he will be scheduling a meeting for Utility Rate Review Commission to go over some changes made by Avon Lake Regional Water District.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

- 19-202-11/12 – Health Insurance Renewal with Medical Mutual of Ohio
- 19-203-11/12 – NOACA Grant - W. Smith Phase 4: Sponsor Partnership Acknowledgement
- 19-204-11/12 – Renew Internet Auction Legislation for 2020
- 19-205-11/12 – Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) Revisions
- 19-206-11/12 – Renew Public Defender Contract
- 19-207-11/12 – Increase P.O. 19-691 – Walter Haverfield – Law Dept.
- 19-208-11/12 – City Hall Parking Structure Construction Update/ Change Order Discussion

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported

- 1) Parking Deck - Construction of parking deck south of Medina City Hall commenced the week of Labor Day. Long term lots will be available at Castle Noel lot; Feckley lot on north side of Thyme2; County Courthouse parking deck; County Administration lot extension off E. Liberty Street; parking lot between W. Liberty and W. Washington with Huntington bank drive through; Municipal Court lot is available on weekends and evenings; 3 hour lots were established at open areas of lot between Sully's and Porters as well as lot at the southeast corner of Elmwood and W. Liberty. Customer parking along West Friendship adjacent to Medina Co. Historical Society. 2 handicap spaces outside NW doors of Medina City Hall.
- 2) Utility drop boxes and post office mailbox moved to Municipal Court lot; working on getting post office to move their box to Municipal Court lot too; mini library was placed at 3 hour lot at SE corner of Elmwood and W. Liberty;
- 3) Annual Veteran's Day free concert by Medina Community Band at St. Francis Church, 606 East Washington St., Wednesday, November 13th at 7 p.m. Theme this year will be "Celebrating the Patriots." All are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to support the St. Vincent DePaul Society.
- 4) 35th Annual Candlelight Walk activities - Friday, November 22nd - activities during the day, 7 p.m. - tree and downtown lighting; Saturday, November 23rd - activities during the day, 5:30 p.m. Parade from MHS to Square delivering Santa to Santa house into county courts; After parade at approx.. 6:45 p.m., fireworks will be displayed over the Square to holiday music; Sunday, November 24th activities during the day. Great event and draw to our fine community. See www.mainstreetmedina.com for details.
- 5) Congratulations to Police Chief Ed Kinney for being selected to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Jan.-March, 2019.

Keith Dirham, Finance, Mr. Dirham thanked Council, the Mayor and Administration – everyone was on board in supporting the levy especially the voters who helped pass it.

Last week the Service Director, the City Engineer, the Water Superintendent and he attended a meeting of the Avon Regional Water. They have told us they are increasing the rates above and beyond what they had already posted.

Congratulations to the council members who are elected and reelected and is looking forward to working with you all.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report. Congratulated Chief Kinney on the award he is receiving and knows from speaking with other police chiefs how competitive that is and what a high honor, he deserves it.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

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Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, had no report.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, had no report.

Chief Painter, Fire Department, had no report.

Mike Wright, Rec. Center Director, reported the Medina Youth Basketball skills testing and registrations for 6th – 12th grades are tomorrow and Thursday night. Please see our brochure or go online to review the times for these last two registration dates at www.medinarec.org.

The facility is still in need of lifeguards. The starting pay is \$9.46 an hour and the position includes OPERS and a flexible schedule. We can train or if you are already certified, please fill out an application online or in person, at the Recreation Center.

The next Rec Advisory Committee meeting is Thursday, November 21st at 7:30 a.m. at the Rec.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, stated they will be conducting the second round of the visual deer survey next week on November 19th and 21st, between the hours of 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. City park staff will be out in red city trucks spotlighting and collecting numbers for our Deer Management Program.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, reported they are getting close to finishing the S. Elmwood Bridge Project. They do anticipate that West Smith will be open through the S. Elmwood intersection for the weekend of the Candlelight Walk which starts on November 22nd and anticipate that the entire project and the entire intersection will be open within a couple weeks after that.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, reported the latest big snowfall put a damper on the Leaf collection program, but the weather is supposed to warm up by the end of the week and then they can resume with the leaf pick up. Please do not push leaves into the street.

Notices, Communications and Petitions

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There is none.

Introduction of Visitors:

There were none.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 173-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amended Declaration of Mutual Easements and Cooperation Agreement with the Board of Education of the Medina City School District, and Repealing Ordinance No. 94-19, passed June 24, 2019. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 173-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley

stated this ordinance is repealing the original since the Medina City School District requested a change to the agreement for mutual easements for the purpose of constructing the connector trail from Reagan Park to Northrop Elementary School. The change that was added was to limit the use of the trail during school hours. Jansen noted that the project is moving along and hopefully it will be open this spring. Mr. Shields will abstain from voting since he is employed by Medina City Schools. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 173-19 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Ord. 174-19:

An Ordinance amending Section 133.01, Association Memberships of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Police Department Chaplin. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 174-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this ordinance permits their Police Chaplin to join the International Alliance of Chaplin Corps. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 174-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Ord. 175-19:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 135-19, passed September 9, 2019, authorizing a payment to GB Hawk Construction Co. for the Private Home Rehabilitation at 33 Circle Drive, Medina as part of the PY18 CHIP Grant Program. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 175-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Mendel stated this is a change to the existing P.O. for this project for \$4,700.00 increasing the total to \$45,000.00. Emergency clause is needed due to limited contractors for CHIP Projects and this would allow them to be paid sooner to free up capital to continue bidding on more CHIP Projects. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 175-19 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields.

Ord. 176-19:

An Ordinance the Mayor to enter into a Programmatic Agreement with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office for the administration of programs using HUD allocated funds. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 176-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Mendel stated this agreement exempts the city from environmental reviews for certain HUD funded projects. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 176-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and B. Starcher.

Ord. 177-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$20,000.00 to the Medina County Office of Older Adults for meals and related services for the year 2020. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 177-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor states this is the third year that the Office of Older Adults for Medina County is asking the city to contribute \$20,000 for meals and related services and the Mayor is happy to report that the Human Services levy did pass in November and a portion of those funds will support the ADAMH Board for mental health and substance abuse, Medina County Job & Family Services as well as the Office of Older

Adults for Medina County so it is uncertain as to whether this supplement will need to be continued but those levy funds will not be available until the year 2021. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 177-19 passed by the yeas votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

Ord. 178-19:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 95-18, passed June 11, 2018, authorizing bids and awarding a contract for the Champion Creek Multi-Purpose Path and Streetscape Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 178-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated that they have completed this project to the Champion Creek Bicycle and Streetscape enhancement project. The final estimate did exceed the authorized amount by a little over \$3,500 and we are requesting that council will modify that ordinance to accommodate that. This is a grant project, 80% covering. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 178-19 passed by the yeas votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

Ord. 179-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Leon and Ella Mae Brown for the purchase of the house and land at 364 Foundry Street. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 179-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated he was approached by Reverend Brown regarding the city's interest in this property. Reverend Brown has been trying to sell it and understands that the city would have no purpose for the house itself, it is a single level home that was converted for a church use that they no longer need and this lot is adjacent to another lot that the city was able to acquire and demolish the home for unpaid taxes, so this would provide us with more land to expand the park. As some of these properties become available and we've negotiated a price with the Reverend and Mrs. Brown for \$11,000 for the property. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 179-19 passed by the yeas votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Ord. 180-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$9,500.00 to Medina Excavating for the demolition and removal of the building located at 364 Foundry Street, Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 180-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this home is on the property they just discussed and obviously they need to demolish this house and restore the lot. They had two bids on it and Medina Excavating was the lower of the two and would like council to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$9,500.00 for that purpose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 180-19 passed by the yeas votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose

Council Comments:

Eric Heffinger stated unfortunately a family in Medina on South Court Street had a house fire and it was completely devastating. Luckily they were not home at the time but their dog was and is being treated at a vet. Eric thanked the emergency responders for getting there so quickly but stated the family still needs a lot of help. They need immediate money or gift cards for what they are

going through, if anyone can help at all the South Court Historic Neighborhood is collecting funds. If you can help, please make out a check to South Court Historic Neighborhood and drop off here at the City Council Office and Eric will make sure it gets to them. VCS Salon and Spa are also accepting any donations and are open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. These are our neighbors, so anything you can do to help would be appreciated.

Mr. Simpson congratulated Chief Kinney stating that is quite an honor. Dennie recognized the great job and response time of Chief Painter and firefighters on the South Court house fire, they even treated a dog for smoke inhalation.

Finally, Mr. Simpson stated he is glad this campaign season is over and thanked his family and friends and supporters in having confidence in reelecting him, he is honored and humbled.

Mr. Lamb spoke of the house fire and the young family affected by it. They had bought the house and were restoring it. The family is incredibly grateful for the enormous outpouring of help from the community. A number of sites have been created including a Go Fund Me for the family dog that has over \$1,000.00.

Mr. Rose stated he went to Union Square Apartments and that they are in the process of doing a \$10 million dollar rehab. He was shown an apartment as is and one how it will look when complete. This will be a nice improvement to the neighborhood, an improvement to the community, and everyone will benefit from this. Mr. Rose thanked Mr. Piccoli for mentioning the Leaf Pick up Program because he had a few constituents concerned about it and is glad their leaves will be picked up as soon as the snow melts. Finally, Paul thanked all the veterans for their sacrifices in their time to allow us to do what we do here and to allow us the privilege to vote.

President John Coyne thanked the community for passing the LST Levy, it's very helpful to the city and the budget for the city and providing the services it does. He also thanked those who elected to run for office this time throwing their private life into a public atmosphere, and congratulated those who have stuck it out and won and put their hard work in because running for a campaign is a lot of hard work.

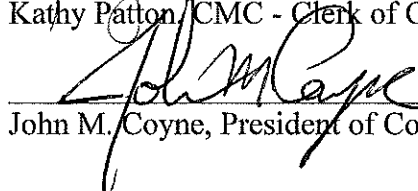
Final budget was completed this evening and won't have another meeting until next year.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council