

Finance Committee
Monday, November 25, 2019
5:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room

In attendance: John Coyne-Chairman, Jim Shields (5:32 p.m.), Paul Rose, Bill Lamb, Dennie Simpson, Bob Starcher, and Eric Heffinger.

Also present: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Jonathan Mendel, Jansen Wehrley, Mike Wright, Chief Kinney, Kimberly Marshall, Kathy Patton, Dan Gladish, Judge Werner, Bob Finnan, Jon Dileno, Jessica Hazeltine, Stan Sheetz, Pat Walker, Matt Wiederhold, Commissioner Bill Hutson, Cindy Lastuka, Rick and Tammy Kirby.

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. Executive Session: (collective bargaining negotiations)

It was moved by Mr. Shields and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment to include the Mayor, Law Director, Chief Kinney and Jon Dileno. Executive session was adjourned and the Finance Committee meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

3. 19-209-11/12 – Combined Court Discussion

Judge Werner provided a handout for the members of Council and the Mayor. He went on to say that the benefits of a combined court building include: security, efficiency, capacity – planning, and preserving the Square long-term. Mayor Hanwell stated he has met individually with the Judge a number of times. Commissioner Hutson, the Judge and the Mayor have also met with a chamber sub-committee and Main Street Medina, both of which feel very strongly of the importance for the businesses of keeping the courthouse operations downtown and preferably combined with the Municipal Court. Mayor Hanwell also said we have \$4.4 million in reserve, and whatever the building costs beyond the \$4.4 million, the judge is willing to reinstitute the fees to pay back 50% the difference and the city comes up with the other 50%. Understand that the city is not looking to build a \$10 million dollar building, we are looking at keeping this as close to \$8 million as possible.

Mr. Coyne stated he is confident that we can keep it around \$8 million and our share would be half of that difference which would be around 20%.

Judge Werner stated this is important for the county, the city and the folks who fill these offices after we are all gone, so that they have some flexibility. The Supreme Court has told Judge Collier and others that as the needs for additional judges come up, they can't really authorize them until there is a place to put them. So this is anticipating needs for both common pleas and for the municipal court in the event that additional judges are needed. It also concentrates activity down on the square which is important to everybody here. He is a little concerned about artificially limiting this to an \$8 million dollar figure. He hasn't seen any estimate of building a new court house that came in at \$8 million, but he is committed about making this thing dollar smart. Judge Werner stated they will need a court order for the fees from the special projects fund. He is prepared tomorrow to enter an order lifting that cap so we can get through this design phase, get to the engineering drawings and find out what the final cost will be and then work our way

through the construction part of this.

Mr. Lamb feels we've finally come to a resolution in the interest of the county and the interest of the order and functionality of the court, and feels if we go forward, we will best serve the business interest and the preservation of the downtown district, which is important to the economy and serve the next decade after decade.

Mr. Starcher stated this is a multi-generational project and the Courthouse will be the cornerstone of the square for more generations to come.

Commissioner Bill Hutson stated if it ends up like he thinks it will end up, he agrees with Bill Lamb in that it is important that we all work together and feels it is very important to keep the courthouse downtown on the square today and 50 years from now and hopes council makes the right decision.

Mr. Rose stated everything he wanted to say has already been said, he wanted to add thanks to the Mayor and Judge for working together. Paul is confident that we can make this work in the \$8 million dollar limit.

Mr. Coyne questioned if everyone on council is ok with moving forward with the thought of having the special projects funds contribute the money that it currently has and then anything over and above that will be shared 50/50 between the Special Project Fund going forward and the city, which will probably have to come out of the 301 account since we don't have a lot of money left in there, but we have enough to split right now. Council agreed to move forward.

4. 19-210-11/25 – 2020 Membership Renewal to Main Street Medina

Mayor Hanwell stated the city has sponsored Main Street Medina at \$30,000.00 annually for as long as he has been Mayor. Matt has provided the 2019 Main Street year in review where you can see some of the other funds to a total of \$250,000.00. Most impressive to the Mayor is the list of small businesses that contribute, share, and financially support Main Street with such collaboration to achieve the vital and vibrant downtown that we have. Mayor Hanwell respectfully requests that we continue this sponsorship. Matt Wiederhold spoke of the partnership between Main Street Medina and the City since 2007. He spoke of having for the 6th year a 100% occupancy in the square and visitor ship is up. Matt stated they are working on Welcome to Medina Signs as there really isn't anything that states one has arrived in our city. They have expanded staff and have a part-time person doing work in south town with new developments and new events for there. Matt respectfully request the city commit to another \$30,000.00 for another year. Mr. Simpson, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Coyne and Mr. Shields thanked and commented on how well everything is run by Matt and Main Street Medina, especially after this past weekend of the Candle Light Walk. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

5. 19-211-11/25 – Appoint Mayor Laubaugh to 9-1-1 Planning Committee

Mayor Hanwell stated when the 9-1-1 Planning Committee was first established back in the late 1990's our population of the county was not 175,000 so Medina and Brunswick each had a seat. Now as we look to reinstitute the 9-1-1 Planning Committee with the idea of redoing our plan so the cellular calls come directly to the closest, verses all being routed through the Sheriff's Department, one of the things they noticed was the county population is now over 175,000 which requires us to add an additional Chief Executive Officer of a Municipal Corporation and

Wadsworth is the only other municipality that is currently not represented. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

6. 19-212-11/25 – Purchase Agreement w/County Park District

Mayor Hanwell stated that Medina County Parks purchased 8 acres and they only need 5 acres of it and the remainder that they will not use is adjacent to the Sealy Mattress on the edge of Lafayette Township and is zoned to industrial. When they purchased it they asked if the City would may be interested in the remaining 3 acres that they did not need for their purposes. They paid \$9,000 per acre and offered the 3 acres closest to Sealy Mattress for the same amount. The Mayor requested the offer not to exceed \$27,500.00 for the property, paperwork and title. Mayor Hanwell said the money would come from the JEDD fund. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

7. 19-213-11/25 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Vasu Communications - Streets

Mr. Piccoli stated that the Police and Fire Departments have migrated away from the analog radio system earlier this year and went to Digital. In order for the Service contracts to communicate with dispatch, we need to go to the digital radio system. The best means of communication with dispatch would be for both entities to use this radio system. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

8. 19-214-11/25 – Fair Housing Agreement

Mr. Mendel stated this is part of executing their PY19 CDBG allocation grant to provide Fair Housing services. Emergency clause is requested in order for it to begin as of December 31st. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

9. 19-215-11/25 – Budget Amendments

#2019-051 – Donations/Land Acquisition

Mr. Coyne stated the land acquisition is what they just discussed for \$27,500.00 and the donation is \$3,000.00. Kimberly stated the \$3,000.00 is from Main Street, The Community Design Committee, and the Chamber of Commerce contribution toward the publication of the Historic District Visitor Guide. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

#2019-052 – Misc.

Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

10. 19-217-11/25 – Memorandum of Understanding for Transit

Mr. Mendel stated as part of the Community Development Block Grant they have money allocated for transit every cycle that they do the two year grant. Funding is invoiced at \$45,000 for 2020 and \$45,000 for 2021 with \$11,250.00 provided through the Community Development Block Grant in 2021 and \$67,500 to come from the City of Medina General Fund. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

11. 19-218-11/25 – PY18 CHIP private rehab at 1995 Hathaway, Brunswick, OH.

P.O. for Private Rehabilitation project. Contract is \$34,730 and request is for \$40,000.00 for any change orders. Emergency Clause is requested to insure timely payment. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

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There being no further business before the Finance Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman