

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, August 24, 2020

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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: J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, 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, and Kathy Patton.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on July 13, 2020 and Special Council meeting on August 5, 2020 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved. The roll was called and the motion passed by the ye a votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they met prior to this evenings Council Meeting and will meet again in 6 weeks unless there is something that needs immediate attention.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson stated there were ongoing meetings with the Fire committee, Mayor and a few other representatives from the Townships to discuss possibly increasing some of the staffing.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb is looking to schedule a meeting in September.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger had no report, stated Broadway Street's brick road is looking really good.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

20-160-8/24 – Budget Amendments

20-161-8/24 – State Bid, Purchase Dodge Durango – Building Dept.

20-162-8/24 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Job Creation Grant – Friction Products

20-163-8/24 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Job Creation Grant – Progressive Medina LLC

20-164-8/24 – Grant Application, Ohio EPA – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

20-165-8/24 – State Bid, Purchase (2) Police Cruisers from Lebanon Ford

20-166-8/24 – Trade-in (2) Police Vehicles, Lebanon Ford

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20-167-8/24 – 2020 City Auction
20-168-8/24 – Interurban Building Improvement Agreement – Medina Community Design
20-169-8/24 – Revocable Use Permit – Medina Brew Company, Wall Sign
20-170-8/24 – Discussion – MCRC Full-Time 32 Hour Work Week
20-171-8/24 – Agreement – Spring Grove Cemetery Drainage Improvement
20-172-8/24 – Bids, W. Liberty Storm Sewer Improvement, Parking Deck Detention
20-173-8/24 – LPA Project Agreement w/ ODOT – W. Smith Phase 4
20-174-8/24 – W. Smith Road, Phase 4 Design Services Agreement

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, had the following prepared report:

- A. Covid-19 - Thank you to public for helping reduce the spread by following guidelines of social distancing, wearing masks in public, and avoiding large gatherings. Updated information on business openings, safety protocols, etc. are on the City and Medina Co. Health Department's websites. Please continue to support our local businesses.
- B. New Parking Deck/TIF- The new parking deck being erected was supplemented by a \$1 million dollar capital grant from the State of Ohio. The deck is progressing well and expected to be completed in next week or so.
- C. Please complete the U.S. Census. Important that all residents are counted. We qualify for state and federal grants based on the reporting.
- D. The original Medina Square Farmers Market opened its 15th season on the Medina Square on June 6th, and will run through October 17th. The market will be open from 8-9 a.m. for guests over 59, and immune compromised shoppers, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for regular shoppers. For more information, and to see customer shopping guidelines, please visit medinafarmersmarket.com, or Medina Farmers Market on Facebook.
- E. State of the City was presented to Medina City Council before this meeting and will be presented virtually to Medina Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday September 1, 2020.
- F. Fiber to the home - please take survey at this link- www.Medina.LitCommunities.net

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, There are a number of things they talked about in the Finance meeting earlier that he will address as they get there. Stated that the Finance Dept. is working through the software conversion but the process isn't something they would wish on anybody.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, was absent.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, was absent.

Chief Painter, Fire Department, was absent.

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Mike Wright, Rec. Center Director, was absent.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, had no report.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, reported the following: S. Broadway Street will be complete this week. The 2020 Concrete Street Repair project finished up last week.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report

Notices and petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:

Mike Ryan, resides at 155 Roshon Dr. Medina, OH. Mr. Ryan spoke on proposed Resolution 146-20. Of course the people of Medina and its city employees and leaders should oppose racism of any kind, but instead of saying that, the proposed resolution is intellectually dishonest and insulting to the city's residents, employees and leaders. This statement paints a false narrative of the condition of Ohio and the City of Medina specifically. This is nothing more than an inflammatory and false statement towards our state and city and its history and should be removed. This resolution singles out African Americans as victims of discrimination and draws no attention to any other ethnic group or the present day racial violence being inflicted upon the Caucasian America. One clause directly insults Medina residents by declaring that many of us are simply too privileged to understand the effects of racism. Do you intend to state on the record that discrimination of any kind toward all other persons' of any other ethnic background is acceptable? Is there a different kind of rage for a different color of skin? Such a statement should find no place in any civil discourse let alone a governmental document. The proposed resolution declares that this undefined systemic racism is a public health crisis akin to the Covid-19 virus, does this council suggest that systemic racism exists in the city of Medina to the level of pandemic proportion? Is there evidence to support that claim? Public emergencies typically require the expenditure of tax dollars. Given the city's limited budget, will Council defund the Medina Police to pay for that effort? Our city is being sought out and emulated by other cities in the state and the State of Ohio itself with regard to our advanced administrative policies and practices.

If we need the declaration of a public health emergency against racism in Medina does that indicate that racism is a crisis in Medina? This resolution is not unifying. By addressing systemic racism toward only one ethnic people group during a period of time such as now filled with hate and violence and injustice you have not fought against but instead created racism in the Municipal Government system.

Reverend Arthur Ruffin, resides at 1125 Grovelane in Medina. Pastor Ruffin also spoke on

Resolution 146-20, stating no matter where you live racism takes place, he doesn't feel it's the question of what ethnicity is being displayed or raced against but the time we live in now black lives are the number one on the chart, and doesn't feel that is an insult to any other race. Life is filled with many complications and all we think about is me, or I, it's not a community thing. If we want to make Medina a better place, we can't look at it as Republican or Democratic. Sit down and say how can we live together in peace and in harmony, how can I not make it about me but make it about us? Pastor Ruffin stated he wants to live in a city where people love him for who he is, and wants to love you for who you are.

Stan Scheetz, Attorney in Medina for 45 years, his offices are at 225 East Liberty and he resides at 342 East Liberty and has been a resident of Medina County since 1957. Mr. Scheetz commended the Mayor on the State of the City report and the Council for everything that you do in our city. He stated he respectfully asserts the Medina City Government, the Mayor, and Council have progressively diminished the trust and transparency within its constituents over the past 8 to 10 years in relation to the operation of the City Hall, the government, the Council and the Boards and Commissions. Any previous trust and transparency brought by previous administrations has been eroded during these past 8 years. There has been no diversity on our council the past years, of thought, complexion, gender, ethnic background or opinions, as our magnificent 7 white males have dominated the council for the past 16 to 20 years. He stated that many of the decisions go on behind the scenes and before there is actually public vetting of various issues, and he contends it is time for a change and that council should consider term limits of Council Members and Mayors serving in Medina City. Mr. Scheetz feels 8 years, 2 terms is enough for almost any politician to serve in a specific position. If you are that good at what you do go out and serve somewhere else and use your expertise there. He wants new blood, new ideas and new visions for our city moving forward. True leaders must recognize trends and adapt to the future.

Mr. Scheetz stated the Mayor calls this government by consensus, he sees it as council by quid pro quo, you vote for what I need in my ward, and I'll vote for what you need in your ward. Today's Mayor Dennis Hanwell was a very good Police Captain and administrator, however he does not see him as a visionary bringing the city forward, he sees him as a micro-manager of every department, commission from engineering to service to zoning and planning right down to the cemetery commission, and he thinks he must micro-manage every decision which leaves very little opportunity for growth of various staff members or department heads in any capacity when you are serving at will and can be fired at any time if you are not in lockstep with the administration.

Pam Miller resides at 450 Woodland Dr. in Medina. She applauds council for considering Resolution 146-20 on racism on tonight's agenda. It is a testament to the city's ongoing commitment to supporting diversity and willingness to demonstrate to the community that we are a city that is welcoming and concerned about the wellbeing of all who live and work here regardless of the color of their skin. This resolution grew out of two disasters. The murder of George Floyd and other Black Americans and the disproportion of effect of Covid-19 on people of color. Mrs. Miller respectfully suggests that the title of this resolution should be "a resolution declaring racism a public health crisis" rather than the more limiting title on the agenda. Other cities in Northeast Ohio have passed resolutions with nearly identical language and have kept the more general identification of racism. Racism is Racism. It's important for the community to know

that a resolution like this is not binding, it is not a law but it is a statement that reminds Council to carefully examine policies and ordinances to look through a racial lenses if you will, to make sure they are equitable toward all and this resolution declared racism a public health crisis is a means of building awareness that pervasive racism exists, that it's effects are catastrophic and that we will be a better community if we work together to eliminate it.

Sandra Thomas Pane resides at 3734 Lester Road in Medina. Sandra stated she is a proud black woman born and raised here in Medina. She went away to school and afterwards came back because Medina is her home. Anyone who thinks there isn't racism in Medina County is living in a different world than hers. Sandra feels this resolution is much needed and is grateful that it is even being brought up and hopes it passes even though she feels it needs some word smiting. Sandra spoke about growing up in Medina and being followed through a store on the square as a child. Remembers a cross burning in Medina by the KKK and a man approaching her telling her to go home that this was not a place for her.

Bruce Gold resides at 407 Providence in Medina, stated that words mean something, words matter and the way this resolution was written it has no force, no resolution, no ideas on how to solve the problem. This is symbolism over substance. He does not see any thing where the problem with systemic racism being a public health crisis, he doesn't see it as a health crisis because it's not addressing, it's not saying that there are other people who get better healthcare or there are more opportunities to expand your choices for healthcare. We have other issues and better ways to address them.

Point #3 says that it is found and determined that formal actions of this council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this council and he begs to differ, the majority of this resolution was resolved behind the scenes not in an open meeting. As a business owner in this community he has so many regulations he has to work with, like OSHA and they change daily. We need to stop making things that sound good and develop programs to develop policies that will make a difference and effect people to help them change their circumstances. This resolution does nothing.

Ann Bednarski resides at 105 Sturbridge Dr. in Medina. Ms. Bednarski stated two of the gentlemen present tonight that spoke brought up some very interesting points. Ann spoke of her eye disability growing up as a child. Ann stated that she doesn't judge people on their looks or what they stand for. She agrees with the person that stated, this resolution doesn't do anything except separate people.

Jo Ann Campbell resides at 1111 Woodglen Circle.

Contemplating how best to address this Anti-Racism Resolution, I must admit I searched for signs of a racial health crisis, to no avail. Where are the signs?

So I did a little research: 17 cities and counties have, within the last 2 months, passed similar resolutions such as the one proposed this evening— declaring racism a public health crisis deserving immediate action and condemnation. 20 states have enacted the same.

In addition to this push, attempts to insert the radical 1619 Project is being adopted in surrounding school systems in similar fashion. Our Ohio Board of Education passed the 1619 Project just a short time ago, with little discussion or review. The goal? To indoctrinate our children to believe the lie that Americans are systemically racist because of slavery in our past, and that our Revolutionary War for Independence from England was really fought to preserve slavery, not gain our freedoms.

Along the same vein, diversity and inclusive policies for police officers are being forced in these areas as well, based on the assumption that blacks and minorities are disproportionately targeted and killed by “privileged” white officers who are part of an institutionally racist system. But the problem with this narrative, driven by Marxist organizations such as Black Lives Matter, is that it is factually untrue. In fact, statistics show that white officers are no more likely than those of color or of Asian descent, to shoot black civilians.

According to the latest study issued in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences: “The more frequently officers encounter violent suspects, the greater the chance that members of that racial group will be shot by a police officer.” So it is not a question of skin color, but of how many instances of violence one engages in that determines one’s likelihood of being involved in a shooting with police. Nevertheless, the pressure to include diversity training based on this false narrative is mounting.

The common denominator that links these cities and states is that they emanate, predominately, from leftist controlled areas, and this is significant. There is an obvious agenda behind the manufactured divide created between blacks and whites. This is nothing new, but was a strategy of Karl Marx, as outlined in The Communist Manifesto— with the aim of using identity politics and class divisions to exterminate private property in the name of social justice and equality, while destroying capitalism and freedom.

I urge you to resist the temptation to pass this feel good measure that is but the first step in the plan of Marxists like Co-founder of Black Lives Matter Patrisse Cullors, and others on the left—to stir animosity and hatred between groups, fan the flames of violence, and ultimately attempt to destroy the freedoms of America through socialism and communism.

Respectfully submitted.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Motion to suspend the Rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions:

Ord. 141-20, Ord. 142-20, Ord. 143-20, Res. 144-20, Res. 145-20, Res. 146-20, Ord. 147-20, Res. 148-20, Res. 149-20, Ord. 150-20, and Ord. 151-20. The roll was called and the motion to suspend passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger.

Ord. 141-20:

An Ordinance authorizing Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the 2020 Concrete Pavement Joint Sealing Program. Mr. Shields

moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 141-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is their annual program to maintain streets through crack sealing. This year they are asking for \$50,000. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 141-20 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 142-20:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 149-19, passed July 31, 2019 relative to the payment for the Design-Build Contract with CPS Construction, Inc. for design and construction of a City Hall Parking Structure. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 142-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is a reduction in the cost of the parking deck. They omitted the canopy and omitted the requirement for the detention. The city will install the detention as discussed at finance committee. This reduces the cost of the parking deck by a little over \$73,000. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 142-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 143-20:

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure to i2c Technologies Ltd., to purchase security cameras for the City Hall Parking Deck. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 143-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they elected to install their own security cameras. Patrick requests the emergency clause due to deck opening soon and wanting the cameras installed ahead of opening. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 143-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 143-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 143-20 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Res. 144-20:

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 for Public Improvement Projects. Mr. Patton stated the State of Ohio is going forward with this program and it looks like we will get full funding which means for us a grant in the range of \$450,000 to \$500,000 for street projects. The applications are no due until November and we administratively would like to take some time and select a project.

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Res. 145-20:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement for the acceptance of a one-time stipend from Alternative Paths for the CIT Support and Expansion Project – CIT Initiative Program for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 145-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated they are requesting acceptance of the \$1,500.00 stipend from Alternative Paths. This is to offset the personnel costs of assigning an officer to be a liaison for the crisis intervention team. To augment that service and that collaboration between them and Alternative Paths for their ongoing

commitment to the escalation training and use of force training. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 145-20 passed by the yeas of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Res. 146-20:

A Resolution declaring African-American Racism a Public Health Crisis. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 146-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Rose thanked the residents that spoke on this resolution tonight and suggested that council listen to them and work on the wording on this resolution before passing it. Mr. Lamb stated that they have reviewed it and discussed it. It is a resolution, it's not enforceable, it's not a law but it is a message and it is more about education. A resolution defined is an intention, an intention to deal with an issue that many of us recognize and you may not see it at all because it exists very much in many people's heads and it's important that we signify what this community stands for in exactly the same way we did when we passed the equality legislation.

Mr. Simpson thanked Pam Miller for all her hard work with this and the Diversity Project. Dennie enjoyed Pastor Ruffin's comment about getting to know each other and to understand each other. Mr. Simpson stated he is supporting this resolution.

Mrs. Hazeltine stands in strong support of this resolution. She represents Ward 1, and they deserve this resolution and it is necessary. Privilege is when a problem does not personally affect you, does not mean it is not a problem just because you don't see it. Jessica sees it every day in Ward 1 and it needs to stop!

Mr. Shields stated he has known Pastor Ruffin since he came to Medina and appreciated everything he spoke on tonight. Jim stated he has read through this resolution so many times trying to figure out why is there so much controversy with this and he struggles because everything in there he agrees with and it's the right thing to agree with in his opinion and feels good moving forward with passing this resolution.

Mr. Coyne stated that a lot has been said tonight and there are a lot of things that could be changed but again any legislation that council passes whether it be a resolution of support or an ordinance there are always things that can be done better. The message that he sees is that we take one brick at a time and try to do the best they can for what they have in front of them including trying to make sure that the message we are trying to send is that we are against racism, any kind of racism and there has been a spot lot on African American racism currently and that is why he believes the title was changed the way it was. You have to start somewhere.

Mr. Rose stated he and Pastor Ruffin have had several conversations prior to this meeting and he still feels it should include be all inclusive of all racism. Those are the words that concern him and that we are using "health crisis" and nobody really knows what that really means. Should we be against racism? Absolutely! That's not the question. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 146-20 passed by the yeas of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine. P. Rose abstained.

Ord. 147-20:

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2019 Mack TE64R Front Loader from Belle Equipment Company for the Sanitation Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 147-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated council authorized the grant application through the Ohio EPA for the purchase of this front loader garbage truck. As such, we learned in the beginning of June that the grant program was suspended for the 2020 season and possibly for 2021 also. Fact is, we still need this vehicle to be used both in the commercial use and the yard waste program. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 147-20 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger.

Res. 148-20:

A Resolution accepting the donation of face masks from Tempur Sealy International, Inc. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 148-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor stated this is a donation from Tempur Sealy of face masks to the City of Medina. It was valued at \$1050.00. We would like to thank Tempur Sealy for that donation. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 148-20 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

Res. 149-20:

A Resolution accepting the donation of hand sanitizer from Alchem Incorporated. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 149-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor stated this was a couple of cases of hand sanitizer donated to the City of Medina from a local business Alchem Inc. It was valued at \$698.00. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 149-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 150-20:

An Ordinance establishing a Coronavirus Relief Fund (#170) for the City of Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 150-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 150-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated these funds are required to be tracked through us having a fund here at the city and we are asking for the emergency so we can move the funds. We received around \$500,000.00. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 150-20 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 151-20:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 187-19, passed November 25, 2019. (Amendments to 2020 Budget). Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 151-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated there are two additions and they are both from Mountain Bike Trails and they are a pass through of money that we received and there are a group of reductions that came out of the budget meeting. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 151-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D.

Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson stated to Mr. Scheetz he has considered him a friend and he respects his opinion on most things. Dennie stated he has not made a decision on limiting terms served, but Stan's comments about the current council and current mayor in the last 8 to 10 years working behind closed doors or deciding matters before it is ever brought to the floor has hurt the city and that the city is in horrible shape because of it, that is just simply not true. Prior to the virus hitting businesses were at 99%, housing market in Medina is booming and the city is and has been in good shape over the last 10 years. It's a collaborative effort, there is nothing going on under the table on this board. Mayor Hanwell has not only worked well with council, and we don't always agree on everything, he works well with the administration and does everything in his power and sometimes more than 16 hours a day. Dennie takes offense to Stan Scheetz comments about needing change because of the underhandedness of this board and this administration and these department heads. Dennie feels Stan is misguided on those points. We really do need to work to be kinder to one another.

Mr. Heffinger stated he is the new blood on this council and so is Mrs. Hazeltine. He has been here only two years, but within that time he has never seen the accusations that Stan has thrown at this council or this administration. Eric stated he doesn't know if he agrees with Stan on term limitations or not, but is willing to talk about it. Eric noticed tonight a lot of accusations against the process of how we pass things in the city here. Some of those claims may need to be addressed and in how we let the citizens of Medina know what we are doing here, we do these meetings in public but nobody seems to watch them or listen to them until we get to the actual council meeting, missing the debates and meetings beforehand in public. To defend the Mayor, he feels the Mayor is doing an outstanding job especially during this pandemic. Eric spoke of the Black Lives Matter Protest and the Back the Blue demonstrations on the square recently and how the Mayor and Pastor Ruffin had the same message for both groups that these ideas are not polar opposites, we can attack both problems at the same time, we can have a strong Police Department that takes care of us because we need that in our community, and we can also address that there are problems that we need to fix.

Mr. Shields stated he has known Stan Scheetz almost his whole life and considers him a friend, but was taken back by some of his comments tonight. Jim is here on council because he has ran 6 times, 5 of those he has had no one running against him. He isn't sitting here because he wants to control this as "seven white men" like Stan stated. Jim stated he cares about the City of Medina, he was born and raised here, and for him it is all about doing what is best for this community and these residents and that is the only reason he is here because he loves this city. Jim thinks it is fair to let people know that Stan has been turned down by Planning Department and the Council for development projects, one of which Jim voted yes on and one he voted against, and it's funny how Stan turned against Jim after he voted no. Jim stated he is all for more people on this council and have welcomed Eric Heffinger and Jess Hazeltine and anyone else that came before them.

Mrs. Hazeltine agrees with Stan on the comment of more diversity on council and is very proud to be the eleventh woman who has served on this council in the last 200 years. To her that is progress

and she feels they are moving in the right direction. She is not aware of any clandestine meetings where people have talked secretly unless they are just not inviting her. Mrs. Hazeltine stated even when they don't agree on things, they are a great council, stating that she is polar opposite of some people on council and they have never been mean or disrespectful to her.

Mrs. Hazeltine also reported that the Ward Meetings have been cancelled due to Covid-19 but "Coffee with Jess and Bill" is an alternative venue to tune into Medina TV on Facebook live every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Lamb stated he proposed term limits at one time, it was discussed and it wasn't successful. This is a really good group and as Eric stated and he feels the same that he may only want to run twice, Bill was Mayor for two terms and he won't be running for council again when his term is up. He welcomes new blood and has worked to elect four women to City Council including the only black woman ever elected to Medina City Council, he likes diversity on City council but you have to get elected. Bill takes exception to the comments made by Stan about the Mayor. They were unfair and Bill's view of the work that Mayor Hanwell has done has really been masterful. I don't know that you can ask for a more energetic, thoughtful, and considerate and one of the best people he has ever met in his entire life as far as a listener, even may be disagreeing with you but will listen and hear you out and trying to come to a resolution to make things work. He does have vision and is responsible for the continued success of this community. He is in large part singularly Responsible for this period of time and the success in this community because he knows how to bring people together. Bill stated he doesn't see anything go on here that isn't public, no secret meetings or discussions. It's all debated and argued all in public and it comes out, frequently they disagree on issues it isn't always a 7 for nothing vote. Bill stated Dennis Hanwell will leave big shoes to fill when he decides not to run for mayor.

Mr. Rose stated he can't add anything more to defend the Mayor and the Administration because this is one hell of a team. Paul stated that Stan spoke about Council doing things underhanded, doing things back door, lobbying back and forth, what about December 2016 when you called me up and said hey Paul lets go for a ride and lets look around at the things that I've developed and look at this and look at that. What about those storage sheds on Route 3 south end of town you developed and two months later you are in front of the Planning Commission asking us to approve more storage shed up on Rt. 57 but it was ok for you to lobby me behind the scenes to get what you want and now you are accusing these people? Paul stated he is offended and insulted and stated Stan is a discredit to this organization and doesn't care how all these other people feel because that is what he sees in Stan.


Mr. Rose stated this weekend there was a rally on the square for "Where are the Kids", did you know that over 460,000 kids go missing every year, that's a shame. We need to work on this, and there is a savethechildren.org to go and get more information and if you suspect anything where kids may be trafficked or any human give the National Human Traffic and hotline at 1-888-373-7888, we need to work to help these kids.

He explained his vote to abstain on Resolution 146-20 was because he agrees with having to get the message out that we are antiracism and disagrees with the wording of that resolution.

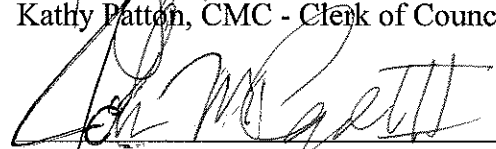
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Jessica Hazeltine stated locally, if you want to work with the children of Human Trafficking, you can contact Baily Ewing and Beth Ewing that do the Human Trafficking Collation for Medina County or Rhonda Wurgler at the Medina Children's Center.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05p.m.



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council