

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, December 14, 2020

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2020 at the Medina High School PDC Room and was held both in person with some remote due to the coronavirus pandemic. 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: J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Chief Kinney, Kimberly Marshall, Chief Painter and Clerk Kathy Patton.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, November 23, 2020 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and will meet again in the beginning of January 2021, and hopefully that will be a better year.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report but would like to schedule a meeting sometime in January to get an update for the plans on the upcoming year for Police, Fire and Sanitation.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report but will reschedule a meeting for some time in January.

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

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

**Requests for Council Action:**

20-247-12/14 -- Budget Amendments

20-248-12/14 -- Advance Requests

20-249-12/14 -- Amend Ord. 196-20 pertaining to CARES Act Funds

20-250-12/14 -- Amend Code 133.01 -- Association Memberships -- Fire Dept.

20-251-12/14 -- Change of Vendor from Noce Enterprises to Trumbull Industries -- Water

20-252-12/14 -- Expenditure Over \$25,000 -- Jet-A Fuel

20-253-12/14 -- Agreement w/ Montville Twp. for Fire Services 2021-2024

20-254-12/14 – Agreement w/ Medina Twp. for Fire Services 2021-2024  
20-255-12/14 – State Bid Purchase, 2020 Dodge Journey – Building Dept.  
20-256-12/14 – State Bid Purchase, 2021 Ford Explorer – Police Dept.  
20-257-12/14 – Waive December 2020 Utility Bill Penalties

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,**

- A. Covid-19- Medina County remains in purple level. Please remain vigilant with avoiding large gatherings, wearing masks in public, washing hands frequently and social distancing. Updated information on business openings, safety protocols, etc. are on the City and Medina County Health Dept. websites. Recent health advisory from MCHD Director Krista Wasowski recommends that Medina County residents should remain at home as frequently as possible to assist curtail the rapid spread of COVID of late. Remain in homes per public health advisory from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for next 3 weeks. Employment, healthcare, caring for others or pets, groceries or other essentials are permitted exceptions.
- B. Fiber to the home- please take survey at this link- [www.Medina.LitCommunities.net](http://www.Medina.LitCommunities.net)
- C. Healthy Worksite Award- The City received the 2020 Healthy Worksite PLATINUM level award from Healthy Business Council of Ohio. Last year we won gold level. Well done staff on wellness!
- D. Thank you to Fire Chief Bob Painter for your service to Medina and residents of northern Ohio. Wishing you good health and enjoyment of your retirement!
- E. Happy Birthday to Council Clerk Kathy Patton!
- F. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! I pray all stay safe and healthy this holiday season.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director,** stated there are a few items on the agenda that originated from Finance.

**Greg Huber, Law Department,** had no report.

**Chief Kinney, Police Department,** wished Chief Painter good luck in his retirement and thanked him for his collaboration working together with the Fire Department and Police Department. You have definitely left your mark and your legacy will continue on throughout the future of the Fire Department.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director,** had no report but extended congratulations to Chief Painter.

**Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director,** was not in attendance.

**Chief Painter, Fire Department,** had no report, stated it has been a pleasure working out here in Medina and thanked everybody involved.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director**, was not in attendance.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, had no report but wished Chief Painter the best in his retirement stating it's been a pleasure working with him all these years.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, wished Chief Painter the best in his retirement. Patrick reported on the West Smith Road Reconstruction Project. We have to meet certain guidelines and advise residents here in the next couple of weeks about the maintenance to traffic plan and he is asking everyone to review it and the project will start in the spring of 2023.

**Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments**

See attached Exhibit A.

The roll was called on the Mayoral appointments and were approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Notices, communications and petitions:**

There are none.

**Unfinished Business:**

There is 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. 210-20, Ord. 211-20, Ord. 212-20, Ord. 213-20, Ord. 214-20, Ord. 215-20, Res. 216-20, Ord. 217-20, Res. 218-20, Ord. 219-20, Res. 220-20, Ord. 221-20. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Res. 210-20:**

**A Resolution Commending Robert Painter for his dedicated years of service as Fire Chief for the City of Medina.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 210-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Painter stated it's been an honor to work for the City and service the citizens of Medina, Medina Twp. and Montville Twp. He has really appreciated the support from council he has received throughout the years and the leadership and guidance from Mayor Hanwell and all the day to day operations with his fellow department heads because it wouldn't have been possible without them. This has been a great move for his family and he couldn't ask for a better ending to his career. Thank you everybody! The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 210-20 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

**Ord. 211-20:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Main Street Lighting for the Street Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 211-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated they have been replacing the street luminaires for several years in the Historic District as council is aware. This year 2020 the street crews have replaced 14 and there is additional room in the State Capital Fund for six lights and are requesting to increase this to \$30,372.00. The grant will cover 66% and the city will be obligated for 1/3 for 33%. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 211-20 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger.

**Ord. 212-20:**

**An Ordinance establishing a Medina Square Christmas Lighting Fund #141.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 212-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated they have a significant contribution they believe to be coming very soon and they need a fund to place it in. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 212-20 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 213-20:**

**An Ordinance adding Section (G) to Section 31.04 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Special Regulations, pertaining to the Parks Director.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 213-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated the Recreation Center Director resigned from the city a short time ago and they are looking at the management structure of the rec center, especially during this time of COVID. Instead of replacing the Recreation Center Director, we asked the Parks Director to take over the leadership role of overseeing that and out of fairness to him we are asking the council to permit him to be paid an extra \$461.54 by-weekly in addition to his salary as Park Director and that it be effective November 9<sup>th</sup> as that is when he assumed these duties. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 213-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

**Ord. 214-20:**

**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. 214-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham reported there is a slew of them this time because of the end of the year. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 214-20 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Ord. 215-20:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund advances.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 215-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated advances are a loan from one fund to the other so we are loading money from the General Fund to these funds and they will be repaid when the other funds have the appropriate monies to do so. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 215-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Res. 216-20:**

**A Resolution supporting H.B. No. 637, providing that the Clerk of the Medina Municipal Court shall be appointed by the sitting Medina Municipal Court Judge.**

\*Removed/pulled from the agenda.

**Ord. 217-20**

**An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditure of the City of Medina, Ohio for the fiscal year ending in December 31, 2021.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 217-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is the last step in the budget process and then in a couple weeks we will start a new one. Mr. Coyne stated there is a 10% cut across the board for 2021 to prepare for a potential slowdown in the collections of income tax, we have received some CARES Act money to help. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 217-20 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

**Res. 218-20:**

**A Resolution adopting a five-year budget for the City of Medina, Ohio for the period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 218-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this goes hand in hand with the budget, it is the plan for the additional 4 years beyond 2021. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 218-20 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and E. Heffinger.

**Ord. 219-20**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 196-20, passed November 9, 2020, Sections 1, 2, and 4, relative to the use of CARES Act Funds to cover certain payroll costs, unemployment compensation and legal expenses.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 219-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 219-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is the CARES Act monies that we talked about before, emergency clause is requested because this money has to be spent by the end of 2020 and we have to have all I's dotted and T's crossed by the end of this year. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 219-20 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

**Res. 220-20**

**A Resolution commending Nancy Abbott for her dedicated years of service as Clerk of Court for the City of Medina Municipal Court.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 220-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 220-20 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Ord. 221-20:**

**An Ordinance amending section 917.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio by repealing Section 917.06(b) and waiving Utility Bill Penalties for the month of December 2020. (Emergency Requested)** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 221-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 221-20, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated the reason we are asking to waive the penalties for the month of December is because as you have seen in the news the Post Office is way behind right now and a lot of our customers have not received their bills or are just now receiving their bills. Emergency is needed because it is this month's penalties. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 221-20 passed by the yeas votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Council Comments:**

Mr. Coyne wished Kathy Patton and Mayor Dennis Hanwell a Happy Birthday!

Mr. Simpson also wished Happy Birthdays to Kathy and Dennis.

Best wishes to Chief Painter.

First doses of the vaccine have gone out today.

Electoral College announced that President Elect Biden has won, so congratulations to him and thank you President Trump for your service.

Best of Health and a Happy New Year, stay kind to everyone!

Mr. Heffinger stated Mr. Simpson already mentioned everything he wanted to share, he echoed best wishes to Chief Painter, Happy Birthdays to Kathy and Dennis.

We are not fighting each other, we are fighting a virus and nothing will be back to normal until we get this virus under control. Take care of each other and as Councilman Simpson always reminds us, be kind. There are times when council does not agree on things but for the most part we agree that this city is a beautiful place that we can work together to make a better place for everybody. It's all about being respectful and kind because the end goal is the same for all of us.

Mrs. Hazeltine echoed the retirement and birthday wishes. She thanked everyone on council and in government. She stated each one of you have truly helped her and formed her and shaped her in your own way to be a better leader. Hopefully she has served her residents well and will continue to in 2021 and as long as they will have her. Happy Holidays, be kind to each other.

Mr. Lamb extended well wishes to Chief Painter, extended birthday wishes to Kathy and Dennis. To the administration, he thanked them for their work all year. Mr. Lamb thanked his colleagues on Council, and said he feels they accomplished a lot this year in such difficult times and he is proud to be part of this 7 member group. To the community, Happy Holidays and Blessed New Year!

Mr. Rose congratulated Chief Painter and thanked him for all he has learned from him. Happy Birthday to Kathy and Dennis.

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Spend money locally and remember those businesses are the ones that will keep things going. Merry Christmas to everyone and may 2021 be our best year ever.


Mr. Shields echoed birthday wishes to Kathy and Dennis and retirements to Nancy and Chief Painter and thanked them. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Mr. Coyne wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He is looking forward to meeting back in person in the New Year.

Kathy Patton gave a shout-out to her children Chelsea and Colin Patton for tuning in tonight.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

  
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Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council

  
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John M. Coyne, President of Council

