

Finance Committee
Monday, April 12, 2021
6:04 p.m. Medina City Hall – Rotunda

In attendance: J. Coyne – Chairman, E. Heffinger, P. Rose, J. Shields, B. Lamb, J. Hazeltine and Dennie Simpson.

Also present: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Keith Dirham, Chief Kinney, Chief Walters, Kathy Patton, Jansen Wehrley, Kimberly Marshall, Jonathan Mendel, Debra Hallock, Jeanne Pritchard, and Mandy Sheck.

1. Assignment of Requests for Council Action

2. 21-016-1/25 – ED TREX Transfer Form – Los Cantaritos, LLC

Mrs. Marshall stated this request is a follow up to their discussion during the January 25th Finance Committee meeting. Ohio Revised Code states that a permit can be transferred from one area to another for the purposes of an economic development project. We are respectfully requesting council to allow the Mayor to sign the attached Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control Economic Development TREX transfer form and requesting the emergency clause. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

3. 21-068-4/12 – Budget Amendments

#2021-012 – Police Reimbursement

Chief Kinney stated this is for \$750 and is a reimbursement for their CIT – Training Crisis Intervention Training for two officers. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

#2021-010 – Police Donation

Chief Kinney stated this is a \$100.00 donation. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

4. 21-069-4/12 – 2020 Carryforward

Mr. Dirham stated these were funds that were appropriated in 2020 and were not spent. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

5. 21-070-4/12 – Cyber Security Liability Insurance Renewal

Mayor Hanwell stated he apologizes for the lateness on this, they had to sign a binder to take us from April 1st, through April 13th reason being they were trying to shop this due to the Cyber Security for communities and businesses has increased dramatically and our current provider provided us a quote and it was a 91% increase from last year. \$26,820.00 is the cost. Emergency clause is needed to take it tonight to finance and council so he can sign it in the morning to have it take effect on April 13th, 2021. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

6. 21-071-4/12 – MCDAC Grant – Police Dept.

Chief Kinney is requesting permission to apply for and accept the MCDAC Grant (Medina County Drug Advisory Committee). This is a program that funds our school resource officers. Emergency clause is needed due to time restrictions on the grant. Mr. Shields moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

7. 21-072-4/12 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Mason Custom Builders - Police

Chief Kinney stated this is for the general contractor that is completing the locker room remodeling in the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0

8. 21-073-4/12 – Purchase 2021 F-150 & 2022 Chassis – Water Dept.

Mr. Piccoli stated this is for two vehicles, F600 4x2 dump truck with stainless steel bed so it doesn't rust out, currently using a 2006 1-ton dump that is worn and has had numerous repairs. The 2nd purchase is pickup truck 4x4 F-150 replacing a 2008 truck currently with over 100,000 miles on it. Mr. Piccoli stated both these vehicle purchases are budgeted for. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0

9. 21-074-4/12 – Agreement w/ OHM Advisors – Comprehensive Plan Consultant

Mr. Mendel stated they did an RFP process, it was recommended that City Council permit the Mayor to accept and contract with OHM Advisors to manage the creation of a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Medina. The Law Director looked at it and there are no issues so we can remove the sentence "Subject to Law Director Review". Mr. Coyne stated the next step would be to put together a committee to go over the Comprehensive Plan. Jonathon stated yes, a steering committee has been worked through. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0

10. 21-075-4/12 – Memorandum of Lease – 406 S. Broadway St. – Peaceworks, Inc.

Mayor Hanwell stated they are midway through their second 5-year term and they would like to extend it for another two 5-year terms, to operate under the same conditions, not change anything. They are very satisfied how things are going. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

11. 21-076-4/12 – Discuss Electric Aggregation Funds

Mayor Hanwell stated they received \$22,177.00 but of that \$1,337.00 were needed to cover the remainder of the south town Christmas lights that we committed to last year, so that leaves \$20,780.00 available. There has been some discussion on replacing some of the very first lights we put up, but don't believe we have enough money nor time of Bobby Duker to try to do it all in one year, so what we would like to do is block by block beginning where we started and get those replaced because they are beginning to dry rot. Nino spoke on the process of replacing. Mr. Lamb asked if it was possible to put up permanent lights like Disney World does, they would pay for themselves over the years. Mr. Piccoli stated he is not familiar with that type of set up. Mr. Huber stated some of the issue there have to do with the fact that many of these properties aren't owned by the city. Disney World they own their property and they can do what they want.

12. 21-077-4/12 – ODOT Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement

Mr. Patton stated this is a request for the City and ODOT to enter into an agreement for the City to maintain and operate an ODOT owned traffic signal at Rt. 42 and Grande. We've been

maintaining that for three years and had an agreement that previously expired. We believe the maintenance fee of \$1,300.00 is fair and recommend to agree with this. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

13. 21-078-4/12 – Easements for Spring Grove St. Bridge Replacement

Mr. Patton stated that this summer one of their bridge replacement projects on Spring Grove requires three easements from adjacent land owners. This will pay for two easements. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

14. 21-079-4/12 – Create Fund #171 – American Rescue Plan Act Fund

Mr. Dirham explained a little about the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. Congress passed a law but the Treasury Department has not yet issued all the guidelines and clarifications on what that law means. The estimate that we received is that the City of Medina is going to receive \$5,089,095.15 in American Rescue Plan Act Funding that will be in two tranches, one we should get within a few months that will be half of it and the other half we should receive next year. This is still an estimate, and we can't bank on it.

The big news on this grant is this is very unusual, they are authorizing a thing called revenue replacement. We don't know the mechanics of this and it's hard to guess since this is not something the federal government normally does.

Keith spoke of the Rec Center's losses and the Street Fund – gas tax increase.

Keith stated they would like to use Walter Haverfield since they advised us on the Cares Fund.

Mr. Coyne stated it is very beneficial for the city of course to receive these additional funds beyond what we received in the first-round last year that assisted us in some of our capital projects that we needed to get done related to COVID. Mr. Rose proposed when we get the paperwork lets scrub the words real closely making sure we are not signing something away that we don't want to sign away when we take these dollars. Mr. Shields moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 7-0.

15. 21-080-4/12 – Discuss obtaining an appraisal to determine cost to convert Municipal Court Building into a Community Center.

Mr. Lamb stated the most important issue of course is the passage of Issue 1 which is directly related to this idea. That is key to moving the court to the 1969 building, save those funds, save the funds long term and determine what to do with the Municipal Court Building, which is not his decision to make but our decision to make. Bill stated he is open to other suggestions and possibilities because he has heard a lot of good ones.

Mrs. Hazeltine stressed the importance of having a community center in our community. The location is ideal with the passage of Issue 1. Jessica stated that Ward 1 is the only ward that doesn't have a school in it, and all the children in ward 1 go to a school outside of their ward. We do have a career center but they are not part of Medina City Schools. Jess explained that most of ward 1 students will go to the library after school. Jessica and her children volunteer for the sandwich brigade program and people donate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches because those kids go there right after school and it's basically a babysitting center. The librarians are able to feed the children and sometimes that is their meal for the rest of the day. We also don't have a senior center in Medina city either. There are a lot of resources that children need that

just aren't in a centralized location and having a community center is very important to the people of ward 1 that would be utilizing it.

Mr. Simpson agrees with Bill and Jess. If and when Issue 1 does pass and if the county isn't interested in the municipal court building, then he would be very interested in it.

Mr. Shields did mention that there are some great after school programs, Mrs. Hazeltine mentioned the Library. We also have the Medina County Police Activity league that runs out of Garfield Elementary School two times a week for 3rd through 5th graders, we have Cups Café, we have the Salvation Army, we have a lot of great programs that are going on for kids everyday after school and if we do something, he doesn't want to exclude those partners and would like them to be partners in this also.

Mayor Hanwell mentioned that with the Office of older Adults it's been an intentional collaboration with the county to support the Office of older Adults up on Northland Drive. If we open another one we might be taking the same pool or dividing them. Brunswick and Wadsworth have their own because they are a distance from Medina City. He has always thought that it makes more sense and the council supported until they got the Human Services levy passed. Mayor Hanwell commented on the American Rescue Plan Act Fund mentioning spending the money once and being done verses investing the money into things that could then develop over the years and bring much more to the city than simply expending the dollars.

Jessica Hazeltine wanted to clarify that she was in no way trying to take away from the work that Laura does at the Office of Older Adults or any of those other organizations because they do a fabulous job. The collaboration with the schools for guides with Guide Stones has been amazing. I think we need to partner and collaborate and it would be nice to have a central hub where all of those things can come together. When you talk about duplication of services and you look at the city and you look at the county that's something that responds to a need in the community. You need more than one place and you need more than one building for it. We have two recovery centers right now in Medina County, we have multiple services for the differently abled, we have Peaceworks, SHC, Creative Housing, so there is in general a lot of duplication of services and she doesn't necessarily see that as a bad thing as long as the need is there.

There being no further business, the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

John M. Coyne, Chairman