

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, January 24, 2022

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 24, 2022 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President John Coyne III who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present J. Coyne, R. Haire, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. J. Hazeltine was absent.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Nino Piccoli, Patrick Patton, Police Chief Kinney, Fire Chief Walters, Andrew Dutton and Jansen Wehrley.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on January 10, 2022 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to this evening's Council meeting and will meet again on Monday, February 14th, 2022.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report but stated he would like to get together with the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Service Director to schedule a meeting for an update moving forward for 2022.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Bill Lamb had no report but is working on an agenda for feeding wild animals.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mrs. Haire had no report.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mrs. Hazeltine was absent.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose stated there will be three individuals confirmed to the Emerging Technologies Advisory Committee tonight, and once they are confirmed we will work on setting up a meeting.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance

22-009-1/24 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Conway Data, Inc. – Economic Development

22-010-1/24 – Expenditure – Lake County Sewer – Street Dept.

22-011-1/24 – Expenditure – Signal Service Company – Street Dept.

22-012-1/24 – Expenditure – Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. – Sanitation Dept.

22-013-1/24 – Authorization for Medina Fiber to locate facilities on City owned property

22-014-1/24 – FAA Grant Approvals – Cares Act & American Rescue Plan

22-015-1/24 – Approve Task Order #6 – Delta Airport Consultants

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor

- A. Martin Luther King service - We had a great MLK, Jr. service on Monday, January 17th.
- B. Thanks to Council members Paul Rose, Bill Lamb, Dennie Simpson and Jim Shields for attending, as well as Fin. Director Keith Dirham. Additionally, Muni Court Judge Gary Werner and Juv./Probate Judge Kevin Dunn; Sheriff Grice and Police Chief Kinney, Co. Commissioner Bill Hutson, Trustees Sally Albrecht and Chuck Johnson, as well as OH State Rep. Sharon Ray. Event was attended both in person and virtually on the First Baptist Medina website. Much appreciated.
- C. Snow - Thankful for streets, parks, sanitation, cemetery and forestry staff for help in
- D. clearing snow Sunday evening, January 16th through Tuesday the 18th. We appreciate their efforts and working long hours to keep our streets passable and safe. Tue. – Thur. used shovels to clear area around crosswalk activation signals along N. Court to assist our residents with physical challenges. Due to large amounts of snow smaller pickups were used as needed to clear driveway aprons after large plows went by. Wed- Friday we used a backhoe to clear access to sidewalks in neighborhood surrounding schools to permit children to have safe access to same. Well done!
- E. Sidewalks - Respectfully ask residents/businesses to clear snow from the sidewalks for pedestrians/students walking to and from school, library, Rec. Center, etc.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, reminded residents that the city does have an income tax and anticipates the filing deadline will be back to normal this year. There has been a slight change, if you are working from home – when COVID started the state passed where you will still pay tax where you normally work and that expired the end of last year and now you will be paying the full rate not the credit rate here.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, thanked the Streets Department and all other departments involved with clearing the roads and sidewalks.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, reminded residents regarding home fire safety that they have seen an above-average number of residential structure fires last year and they have already had two so far this year. Regarding using portable heaters during the cold weather months, please keep them three feet away from any other combustible items and try not to leave them unattended. They have dealt with a few fires that were related to the portable heaters. Do not overload your electrical outlets, especially with things like portable heaters, electrical outlets and extension cords. Please make sure you have working smoke detectors in your home. The Fire Department has a FB page and they post safety messages with additional information every Friday for Fire Safety Friday

messages.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, was not in attendance.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, Thanked Tina Sabol for the last 2-1/2 years she served on the Rec Center Advisory Committee as both the Secretary and the Chair, she resigned after the last meeting. New February brochure will be released Thursday, January 27th with lots of new programs. Rentals are now online on website with already to date scheduling of 15 of them.

The Parks Department introduced Sledding Under the Lights at Reagan Park and has been well attended. We will continue doing that if the conditions are favorable on the weekends.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, was not in attendance.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, stated the MLK winter storm was challenging due to the high winds. Spent a lot of time with the Police Department pushing around 40 vehicles stuck in the roadways. There were some breakdowns, it wasn't perfect but they do what they can to make things safe.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, notified residents that live along West Smith Rd. in the area where they will be doing their project next year that their right-of-way acquisition consultant has started the acquisition process, and if you haven't already, you will be notified in writing and then followed up with a phone call. The company's name is OR Colon and they are working with the city and can address any questions you may have.

Andrew Dutton, Planning Community Development Director, had no report.

Confirmation of Mayor's committee appointments

Jeanne Pritchard – Cemetery Commission – exp. 12/31/23 (filling vacancy)
Richard Melzer – Shade Tree Commission – exp. 12/31/25
Stephanie Mueller – Uptown Park Advisory Committee – exp. 12/31/24

Robert Mueller – Emerging Technology Advisory Committee – exp. 12/31/24
Ariel Bly – Emerging Technology Advisory Committee – exp. 12/31/24
Rick Kirby - Emerging Technology Advisory Committee – exp. 12/31/24

Mr. Shields motioned to confirm the Mayor's committee appointments, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Roll was called and motion passed by yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Confirmation of Council appointment

Jessica Hazeltine – Medina County Planning Commission – exp. 12/31/22

Mr. Shields moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and motion passed by yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, and B. Lamb.

Notices, communications and petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There was 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. Ord. 010-22, Ord. 011-22, Ord. 012-22, and Ord. 013-22. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 010-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the payment to Software Solutions Inc. (SSI) for annual support services for the City's VIP Professional Accounting System. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 010-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated that this is for one year running from March 1st, 2022 through February 28th, 2023. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 010-22 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 011-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) and the City of Medina to establish temporary 12-hour work shifts for some members of the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 011-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 011-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is for a 6-month trial period for the patrol officers and the patrol sergeants to enter into an agreement with the Mayor for a 12-hour shift period. Emergency clause is requested and they want to begin this trial starting on February 13th for the beginning pay period. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 011-22 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 012-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure to Central Square Technologies for the subscription and annual maintenance agreement for the Computer Aided Dispatch and

Report Management System for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 012-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is the maintenance contract for their main computer system at the Police Department for the Computer Aided Dispatch and the Reports Management System. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 012-22 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

Ord. 013-22:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute the Approval Letter for the expenditure to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC for the Reagan Park Field #4 Lighting Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 013-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 013-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this project is to install new LED Athletic Field Lighting at Reagan Park on Field #4 which is the oldest lighting system. This purchase will be utilizing the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program and American Rescue Plan Act Funding. The emergency is requested due to needing to complete this before baseball season starts. 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, R. Haire, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 013-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Council Comments:

Dennie Simpson stated he hopes the residents understand the difficulty in keeping the roads maintained not only during snow emergencies but during the year itself. Keep in mind we have 99 miles of roadway in our city, and he just wanted to complement the staff from the Service Department and all the other departments that help out. Dennie spoke of the MLK Celebration he and his wife were fortunate enough to attend, stating Mayor Hanwell did a great job during his presentation. Be safe out there and be kind to each other.

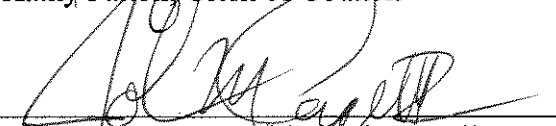
Paul Rose thanked the Streets Department for their great job clearing our roads. He reminded residents to keep their fire hydrants cleared of snow.

Mr. Lamb echoed what Dennie said about the MLK Celebration and also complimented the Service Department and all who coordinate their efforts to deal with the snow removal. Bill thanked the members that were appointed to committees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council

