

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, June 13, 2022

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 2022 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council Pro-Tem Jim Shields, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Shields asked for a moment of silence for former councilmember John Wetzel who passed away.

**Roll Call:**

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

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

**Minutes:**

Mr. Simpson moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, and special meeting on Wednesday, June 8 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mrs. Hazeltine. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

Finance Committee: Mr. Shields stated the Finance Committee met prior to this evening's Council meeting and will meet again on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Bill Lamb was absent

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

Water & Utilities Committee: Jessica Hazeltine had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose was absent

**Requests for Council Action:**

Finance Committee

22-131-6/13 – Amend Ord. 82-22 – Account Numbers

22-132-6/13 – Expenditure – Renovate Restrooms – Mason Custom Builders (ARPA Funds)

22-133-6/13 – Expenditure – Restroom Flooring – Ohio Garage Interiors (ARPA Funds)

22-134-6/13 – Expenditure – Replace Council Service Counter – Mason Custom Bldrs. (ARPA)

22-135-6/13 – Amend Ord. 60-22 – Increase P.O. – Wichert Insurance

22-136-6/13 – Amend Res. 153-21 – PY21 CDBG Grant Activity No. 3

- 22-137-6/13 – Bids, 2022-2023 Equipment & General Pavement Services
- 22-138-6/13 – Increase Expenditure – Point Spring & Driveshaft – Sanitation Dept.
- 22-139-6/13 – Task Order #7 – Delta Airport Consultants
- 22-140-6/13 – Transfer 0.1874 Acres City Lot 9374 to Medina City Development Corp.
- 22-141-6/13 – City / CIC Reimbursement Agreement

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,**

- A. **Memorial Day Parade** - May 30 - I am happy to report that the Memorial Day parade and ceremony at Spring Grove cemetery both went very well and were well attended. Thankful for great weather!
- B. **Band Concerts** - Friday night band concerts kicked off June 3rd. Presented a Proclamation to Conductor Marcus Neiman for his 50 years of conducting the band. Well done sir. Band concerts will be each Friday night in June and July, as well as July 4, at 8:30 p.m., Public Square, weather permitting.
- C. Farmers' Market is back on Square each Saturday morning.
- D. Square events:
  - a. Pizza Palooza on Square 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. June 18th
  - b. Ormaco Opera Under the Stars 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Sat. June 18th
  - c. Juneteenth Celebration 10-4 p.m. Sun. June 19th
  - d. Party in the Park- Youth event- 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Sat. June 25th
- E. July 3 Fireworks at Dark; July 4th parade at MHS starts 4 p.m. Register at Mayor's office.
- F. Public members interested in city meetings can check website or provide your email to clerk Kathy Patton at [kpatton@medinaoh.org](mailto:kpatton@medinaoh.org)
- G. **Flags**- Pride flags were approved for about a week due to other events in June, posted June 1st – 9th. Flags needed for Flag Day June 14th and Medina Community Band's highlighting Flag Day at concert June 10th. Juneteenth flags will be posted June 17th – 20th to recognize new National holiday. Juneteenth community event and church service will be held on Square Sunday, June 19th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Public is welcome. American flags will then return for Great Race event in Medina June 21st & remain. Law Director is reviewing legality, constitutionality, and case law for posting other flags on public property. After that research, there may be public meetings with Council to determine interest, process, costs and approvals.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director,** Keith had no report.

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

**Chief Kinney, Police Department,** recognized two city of Medina officers that recently graduated from different leadership programs. Officer Darin Weinbrenner recently graduated from Leadership Medina's Lead Class which provides area leaders with the tools and skills to excel as

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business, community and government leaders throughout Medina County. Sergeant Nate Simpson graduated from the Public Safety Leadership Academy. The Public Safety Leadership Academy is an 11 week in resident school instructed by the Ohio State University Glen School of Public Affairs and sponsored by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. This academy provides intensive leadership training to Law Enforcement leaders and supervisors representing departments throughout the State. Sergeant Simpson received special recognition for his final capstone project involving Officer wellness, and peer support programs. Chief Kinney is proud to say they have 5 Police supervisors who have completed the Public Safety Leadership course of instruction. Congratulations to both of these officers.

**Chief Walters, Fire Department,** Medina County Fire Chiefs have organized a Fallen Fire Fighter's Memorial Event to Honor fallen firefighters from the county fire departments and the event will be this Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Brunswick City Fire Station #1 on Center Road.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director,** Next ribbon cutting day is July 15<sup>th</sup> and still scheduling events however, there will be a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Century Cycles – moving to new location at 875 North Court Street. Official Opening for Monarca Cantina restaurant will be this Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> - 108 Public Square

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director,** Party in the Parks 7-week series begins Wednesday, at Fred Greenwood Park 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., Featuring Jungle Bob. June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the rec center for Touch a Truck Event from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Free to the public and sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital. Please register at [Medinarec.org](http://Medinarec.org) or follow Facebook page to get link to register.

The Memorial Pool is very busy and are now offering outdoor pool passes to purchase online. Pool is open daily 11 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., weather permitting.

House Bill #687 was recently approved, a State Capital grant request from the Medina Rec Center in the amount of \$350,000 was awarded for the Recreation Center addition to the fitness room.

**Dan Gladish, Building Official,** was not in attendance.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director,** had no report.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer,** The Board of Control awarded three contracts.

**Andrew Dutton, Planning Community Development Director,** stated they have been working on the Comprehensive Plan Update for the better part of the year and at this point they have a working draft created and started the adoption process. Pre- recorded Comprehensive Plan presentation is available online at [www.medinacompplan2021.wordpress.com](http://www.medinacompplan2021.wordpress.com) Public Open House to be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> – 5 p.m., in the Rotunda.

**Notices, communications and petitions:**

There were none.

**Unfinished Business:**

Ord. 93-22

An Ordinance authorizing the Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning of 881 Lafayette Road from I-1, Industrial to C-3, General Commercial. Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 093-22, seconded by Mrs. Hazeltine. Mr. Dutton stated the application is from Medina Metropolitan Housing and the purpose ultimately is for a multi-family housing development which is conditional use in the C-3 district. Planning Commission recommended approval this past March, council held a public hearing in April and recommended approval of rezoning. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 093-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and R. Haire.

**Introduction of Visitors:**

Scott Jennie resides at 821 Dogwood Trail – Opposes flying other flags stating when elected government officials whether local, state or federal decide for themselves what flags should be flown to represent everyone as a whole that only creates division and does not make us united. The Mayor decided to take down our American flags that stand for freedom for all and replace them with a sexual preference flag around our historic public square. Our public square represents all residents in Medina but because he was lobbied by a special interest group that paid for the flags, he alone made the decision to fly them on our square. Scott Jennie stated that those sexual preference flags don't represent Medina as a whole it only divides us. You have set a precedence for the same rights to other residents of this community. Those sexual preference flags should not have been flown on our public square for even one minute. If it were up to him he would pay for all service flags to be flown. He would also pay for pro-life flags or Christian flags to be flown. Someone else may want pro-choice flags or their religious flags flown. It is never-ending. None of these flags, including the ones he might personally have flown, would represent all of us as a community or a nation except for the American flag.

Tim Murdock resides at 495 Gladstone Drive in Brunswick. Tim Murdock doesn't think God would appreciate anything to do with these Pride flags. Tim is not in favor of any Pride stuff being pushed into the schools and now it's being pushed into our communities. It's about the American flag, not the Pride flags. Shame on the Mayor for allowing these flags to fly in the square without the public making that decision. You are brainwashing these kids. Stop it.

Stan Scheetz, former office located at 225 East Liberty Street, current resident at 342 East Liberty Street. In attendance today to respectfully request the City Council of Medina consider withdrawing from the 1969 Court House Project and return to main campus. Mr. Scheetz proposed 15 reasons why the court should stay where it is.

**Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Mr. Simpson moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mrs. Hazeltine. Ord. 123-22, Ord. 124-22, The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

**Ord. 123-22:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the purchase and implementation of Plotbox Cemetery Management Software for use at Spring Grove Cemetery.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 123-22, seconded by Mrs. Hazeltine. Mr. Wehrley stated that Plotbox is a cloud-based death care management solution that will enable them to digitize their records at Spring Grove Cemetery and help improve their burial operation and additionally will allow to integrate cemetery records into the website to give the public access to burial records at any time and will significantly improve their services. This is pending final approval from the Law Director on the contract that was just sent to Jansen today. Jansen stated this also qualified for American Rescue Plan Act funds. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 123-22 passed subject to final approval of the Law Director by the yea votes of D. Simpson, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine and J. Shields.

**Ord. 124-22:**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 82-22, passed April 25, 2022 relative to the South Prospect Street Reconstruction Project.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated nothing is being changed with regard to the project this is just the account numbers that are paying for it. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-22 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Council Comments:**

Mrs. Hazeltine shared some of the overwhelmingly positive responses she has received to what was initiated by her as a member of city council on the Pride Flags flying on the square. Most are grateful for the City of Medina being inclusive of it's LGTBQ people in Medina. Jessica stated she has received over 1,000 positive comments through many channels of communication. Jessica Hazeltine is Proud to stand with the LGTBQIA+ Community and she will continue to stand for them. Your God is not her God, one who does not accept people as they are is not a God she wants to follow. Jesus himself spoke to Love thy Neighbor as thy self.

Jessica recognized the new businesses that opened on Friday, it is very exciting and the ribbon cutting trail is one of her favorite things to do, and Happy Birthday to Patrick Patton!

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending tonight, he respects the flag as much as anybody and the great thing about our country is that we can have differences of opinion and that is healthy. I don't have to agree with you and you don't have to agree with me but that doesn't mean we have to dislike each other. Dennie recognized the Mayor, the Administration and Colleagues on Council stating they may not all agree with what someone is saying but they still respect each other.

He asked people to be kind to one another, it will make a huge difference in our lives. He stated he prays for the People of Ukraine and wishes for peace for them soon.

Dennie thanked Councilman Shields for remembering Mr. Wetzel and noted that we lost another community member Mr. Don Hershey who owned Hershey's Barber Shop. Thanked Mayor and

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councilmembers for helping in celebrating Friends of the Cemetery established 25 years ago.

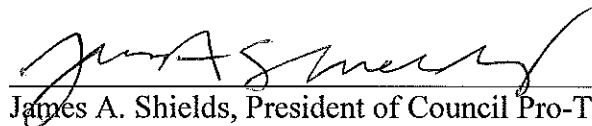
Mr. Shields thanked the Friends of the Cemetery they had a wonderful event on Saturday celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the cemetery looked beautiful and he is so proud of that asset in the Old Town Cemetery and all that they've done.

Jim spoke of the passing of Mr. Wetzel and Mr. Hershey.

Jim thanked everyone that attended tonight and shared their opinions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

  
Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

  
James A. Shields, President of Council Pro-Tem