

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, November 28, 2022

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 28, 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 D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

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, Kimberly Marshall, Jansen Wehrley and Dan Gladish.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the Special meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, and Regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**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 December 12<sup>th</sup> for our final meeting of the year.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson stated he and the Mayor attended the Life Support Team Advisory meeting which is held quarterly. Next meeting is scheduled for some time in February.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report.

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

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report but stated there is a meeting of the Emerging Technologies Advisory Committee on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Requests for Council Action:**

- 22-253-11/28 – Budget Amendments
- 22-254-11/28 – Rollover of Outstanding Advances – TIF Fund
- 22-255-11/28 – Amend S&B Code – Create new IT Fund / Accept Job Descriptions
- 22-257-11/28 – MOU w/ Cleveland Clinic Police Department
- 22-258-11/28 – Zoning Map Amendment, I-1 to R-3
- 22-259-11/28 – Room Tax for Hotels, Motels and other transient stays
- 22-260-11/28 – Review /Update Parking Policy in Historic District
- 22-261-11/28 – Amend S&B Code 31.03 – Pay Scales for 2023, 2024 & 2025

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,**

- A. Candlelight Walk/Tree Lighting- 38<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Walk weekend was November 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. I was stopped Friday night after tree and downtown lighting by many visitors from out of town/state to thank Medina for such a great and family-oriented event. Thank you to Main Street Medina, local business sponsors and numerous volunteers for efforts in putting this event on. The result was a vast amount of people who attend to see our beautiful community and support our local businesses. Blessed!
- B. Want to take a moment to recognize Service Director Nino Piccoli for his efforts and commitment to renovating and modernizing Medina City Hall. The building was constructed in 1973 (50 years). With COVID and American Rescue Plan funds to assist, the rotunda was made ADA compliant, new technology added to share meetings and discussion items, ceiling was lowered for acoustics and energy efficient LED lighting, a new boiler system for heating/hot water, new computer-controlled boxes for climate control, water bottle filling stations both on main floor and lower level, new office counters and plexiglass for staff protection, and a total renovation of restrooms. Only item left is tile flooring at entrances and outside of offices. We have a quote to accomplish same, just waiting on contractor to address same.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director,** there are some things on the agenda that will be discussed, when we get there.

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

**Chief Kinney, Police Department,** Chief stated the annual Shop with a Cop event is December 10<sup>th</sup> parade starts at Blue Herron Event Center at 9:30 a.m. west bound on Sharon Copley Rd. to Court Street up to Walmart.

**Chief Walters, Fire Department,** had no report.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director,** Kimberly stated they received their TIF payments for 2022 in the amount of \$44,970.01. After break down City Schools/\$15,862.57, Medina County Career Center/\$717.24 and remainder to City of Medina/\$28,390.20. Small Business Grant Agreements have been mailed out (21 in total) working through process. Met with Medina Township Trustees on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to educate on the JEDD. Ribbon cuttings on December 9<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. Wendy's Restaurant 993 N. Court St., 11 a.m. Trailer One 1030 W. Liberty St., and at 1 p.m. Little Fox Café & Bakery 540 Blake Avenue.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director,** Jansen stated the rec center is starting to see a significant increase in foot traffic with the change in the weather. The holiday family dance party is on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration is required.

**Dan Gladish, Building Official,** had no report.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, Nino stated they are still out picking up leaves. We are at 79 deer carcass pick ups so far this year and have passed last year's total of 55.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, Patrick stated the Gates Mills culvert project is underway and expect it to be completed and open by February. The South Court Culvert Replacement Project is out to bid.

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

**Confirmation of Mayor's Appointments**

Rick Grice – Planning & Zoning Commission – Expiring 12/31/26  
Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Elizabeth Biggins-Ramer – Historic Preservation Board – Expiring 12/31/26  
Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Bruce Gold – Planning Commission – Expiring 12/31/26  
Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, P. Rose, and J. Shields. J. Hazeltine and B. Lamb cast nay votes.

**Confirmation of Council's Appointments**

Skip Baran – Archive commission – Expiring 12/31/24  
Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Council's appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Notices, communications and petitions:**

There were none.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was none.

**Introduction of Visitors:**

Amy Barnes resides at 314 E. Washington St. in Medina.  
Amy spoke in regards to the no feeding wildlife ordinance and how will this be reinforced?  
Unnecessary burden to our Police Department. Amy feels this is to just starve the wildlife out of Medina.

**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. 211-22, Ord. 212-22, Ord. 213-22, Ord. 214-22, Ord. 215-22, Ord. 216-22, Ord. 217-22, Ord. 218-22, Ord. 219-22, and Res. 220-22. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine. 6-1(BL)

**Ord. 211-22:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Agreement to provide services to an aggregated group between the City of Medina and Energy Harbor LLC.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 211-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 211-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated the best we could do is 7.37 per KWH. Analysts are projecting that the rates by summer of 2023 will be 12.0 per KWH. Emergency clause is needed to lock this price in. Mr. Coyne abstained from voting due to his employer representing Energy Harbor LLC. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 211-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

**Ord. 212-22:**

**An Ordinance amending Section 31.05 and 31.07 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Recreation Center, and accepting the Job Description of Facility Supervisor.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 212-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 212-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen Wehrley stated this change adds language that enables their facility supervisor to assist with planning and coordinating program activities at the rec center. Pay rate adjustment is recommended and also recommending amending the paygrade for vacant program specialist position. Emergency clause is requested due to the jobs currently being performed. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 212-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 213-22:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Proposal with Fanning and Howey for Professional Design Services for the expansion of the Fitness Room at the Medina Community Recreation Center, and repealing Ordinance No. 47-19, passed March 25, 2019.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 213-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated the rec center was awarded funding through House Bill #687 in the amount of \$350,000.00 to expand the fitness room at the rec center. This will be approximately 1800 sq. ft. addition that they are hoping to design with Fanning and Howey. Initial estimate is \$700,000.00 with owner's reserve contingency of \$70,000.00. This is purely a city project. Mr. Shields abstained since this involves his employer. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 213-22 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 214-22:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Medina County Combined General Health District to provide storm water runoff testing services on behalf of the City of Medina for the City's NPDES Permit.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 214-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they are required to hold a current agreement with the County Health Department to perform the storm water testing. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 214-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

**Ord. 215-22:**

**An Ordinance amending Section 31.05 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the pay grade of the Parks Director/Superintendent of Parks, Cemetery & Forestry position.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 215-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 215-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated Jansen took over the Rec Center with a stipend on top of his Parks, Cemetery and Forestry oversight that he already was doing. We were supposed to come back and review it after COVID was over and we were tardy with that and that is why we need the emergency clause. Requesting to raise paygrade from 112 to 114 to fairly compensate him for these additional duties. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 215-22 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 216-22:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Medical Mutual of Ohio for Health Care Insurance for the employees of the City of Medina.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 216-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 216-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated our broker was able to get them down to 9% and through further negotiations got them to agree to looking at all of the premiums paid verses use of the insurance for the calendar year we are entering 2023 and we could get a 5% total premium credit back at the end of the year and the following year. Emergency needed due to contract deadlines. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 216-22 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Ord. 217-22:**

**An Ordinance amending Sections 31.02 (B)(13) and 31.05 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Clerk of Council and Deputy Clerk positions in the City Council Office.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 217-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 217-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 218-22:**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 201-21, passed December 13, 2021. (Amendments to 2022 Budget)** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 218-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated most of these are involving advances. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 218-22 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 219-22:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to rollover certain outstanding advances.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 219-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated they are rolling over the advance for the TIF fund. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 219-22 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and R. Haire.

**Res. 220-22:**

**A Resolution expressing the intent to sell municipally owned personal property which is no longer needed for public use, or which is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired by Internet Auction during the calendar year 2023.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 220-22, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kathy Patton stated this is annual and needs passed every year in order to sell anything over the internet. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 220-22 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire and J. Hazeltine.

**Council Comments:**

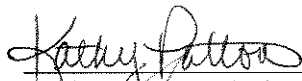
Regi Haire thanked Nino Piccoli for all his dedicated work improving city hall. Regi asked Nino about the leaves and he stated as long as the weather permits they will continue to run the leaf pickup trucks.

Jessica Hazeltine spoke on the ribbon cutting events coming up.

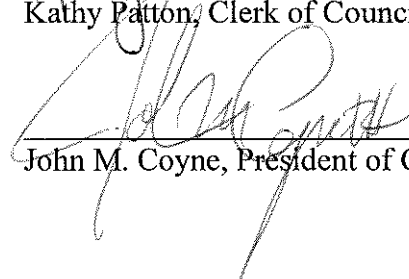
Dennie Simpson spoke on the success of the Candle Light Walk and how he enjoyed the fireworks.

Bill Lamb commented to Amy Barnes stating he will cover some of her concerns with feeding the wildlife.

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



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council