

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 22, 2025 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne III, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

The roll was called with the following members of Council present: P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Nino Piccoli, Patrick Patton, Dan Gladish, Chief Walters, Brian Wagner, Janson Wehrley, Kathy Patton, Jarrod Fry, Andrew Dutton and Kimberly Marshall.

**Reading of Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on September 8, 2025 as modified and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and minutes were approved with the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and P. Rose

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and will meet again in three weeks on a Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> after the holiday.

**Public Properties Committee:** Mr. Shields had no report.

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

**Special Legislation Committee:** Mr. Rose had no report.

**Streets & Sidewalks Committee:** Ms. Haire had no report but commented on getting messages from constituents on our busy roads and would like to work with the Clerk, community members and administration to set up a meeting in the near future to discuss those issues.

**Water & Utilities Committee:** Mr. Simmons had no report.

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Ms. DiSalvo is planning to schedule a meeting in October to review the launch for the new website for the City of Medina.

**Requests for Council Action:**

**Finance**

25-181-9/22 – Zoning Map Amendment – Professional Building

25-182-9/22 – Resolution of Support – Medina County Park District Proposed Levy

25-183-9/22 – Electric Aggregation Program

25-184-9/22 – Expenditure – Lake County Sewer Co. – Street Dept.

25-185-9/22 – 2026 Material Bids

25-186-9/22 – Bids, Job #1160 Blake Avenue Reconstruction

25-187-9/22 – MOU w/ Medina County – Job 1160 Blake Ave. Reconstruction

25-188-9/22 – Preliminary Agreement w/ Wheeling & Lake Erie RR – Blake Avenue

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25-189-9/22 – Amend Ord. 97-25 – Bids for Job #1151 US 42 Resurfacing  
25-190-9/22 – Accept Easements – 549 S. Court St.

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor**, expressed a Happy Anniversary to Patrick and Kathy Patton.  
Reported the following Square events:

Farmer’s Market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 17<sup>th</sup> thru October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Annual Suicide Prevention Walk by Alternative Paths was September 21<sup>st</sup>, 12 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

American Cancer Society Lights of Hope September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Medina Fall Festival is Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Scouting America Outdoor Cooking Expo September 28<sup>th</sup>, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Main Street Medina Cars and Coffee October 12<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

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

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director**, was absent.

**Chief Kinney, Police Department**, had no report.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, Nino congratulated the Patton’s on their anniversary of 35 years.  
City Auction is on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the city garage located at 781 W. Smith Rd. 10 a.m.  
start with 9 a.m. preview. The leaf program is looking at starting the second week in October  
depending on leaf fall.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, reported that the waterline project was completed on W. Liberty  
and S. Elmwood & W. Washington. Patrick thanked everyone for their cooperation. Pavement  
markings still need to be completed in the next week or two depending on weather.

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

**Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director**, stated the city is seeking an individual to  
join the Board of Zoning Appeals as an alternate member. The board is made with entirely Medina  
City residents and plays a crucial role in reviewing applications for variances and zoning appeals.  
Application deadline is October 3<sup>rd</sup>, to apply go to [www.medinaoh.org/city-hall/planning-zoning](http://www.medinaoh.org/city-hall/planning-zoning)

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director**, had no report.

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

**Notices, communications and petitions**

There were none.

**Unfinished Business**

There is none.

**Introduction of visitors**

Andrew West resides at 661 W. Sturbridge and is a current School Board member. Andrew has concerns for the children in the AI Root school area with a lot of cars driving through stop signs, Semi trucks going through red lights at Sturbridge and SR3 and it happens frequently. Electric scooters and bikes are another concern as he has seen kids up and down Sturbridge well in excess of the speed limit.

Brian Dries resides at 1246 Ty Drive spoke on September 11<sup>th</sup> two young women from the city decided they were compelled to honor someone that shook their political beliefs. Initially they thought this would be a small gathering on the square. Brian thanked Mayor Hanwell and his guidance in organizing this event. Special shout out to Chief Kinney for having eyes on the crowd. Brian thanked the people who may not have agreed with that message and either chose not to come or chose to protest peacefully and silently. No issues reported. Proud of City.

**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. 153-25, Ord. 154-25, Ord. 155-25, Ord. 156-25, Res. 157-25. The role was called and motion passed with the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose and J. Shields.

**Ord. 153-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$5,000.00 to the Medina County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) for the Medina Meow Fix Trap Neuter and Release Program.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 153-25 as amended, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Rose stated the SPCA is willing to work with the Medina Meow Fix Trap Neuter and Release program. SPCA requires all requested paperwork be submitted and professional behavior at all times or the unused funds will be returned to the City. Mr. Coyne stated this program was in existence for two years prior with the same amount of contributions from the City of Medina with success and making an impact. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 153-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields and C. Simmons.

**Ord. 154-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into Task Order #2 to the Agreement with Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. for professional services at the Medina Municipal Airport, relative to the Airport DBE Program & Goal.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 154-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated they utilize a lot of FAA funds for a lot of projects at the airport. The FAA has a requirement that we have to update our DBE Program every three years and this is what this request is for and FAA does pay 95% of the cost of this update. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 154-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 155-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept two (2) Temporary Easements necessary for the Prospect Street Bridge Project.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 155-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 155-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated they needed a total of four (4) easements to complete the Prospect Street Bridge Project and we already acquired two (2) and this is for the remainder two (2). The emergency clause is requested as this needs to be recorded as soon as possible. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 155-25 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

**Ord. 156-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford F-150 Pick Up Truck and one (1) 2026 Ford F-250 Crew Cab Pick Up from Montrose Ford, to be used by the Street Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 156-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Nino explained that the F-150 will replace a 2008 GMC 1500 and the F-250 will replace a 2011 GMC. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 156-25 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

**Res. 157-25**

**A Resolution accepting the donation of a Universal Changing Table from Foundations Worldwide, Inc. and signage donation from the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the Medina Community Recreation Center.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 157-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated they had discussions earlier this year with the MCBDD about putting in an adult changing table in one of the family changing rooms at the rec center and this was donated and valued at \$10,500. Signage to be provided by the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities and collaboratively with the Medina City school maintenance team and will get that installed. Mr. Shields thanked the rec center for taking the lead on this and it's a very generous gift and a great collaboration to come together to get this done. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 157-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and P. Rose

**Council comments**

Mr. Simpson – Be kind to one another. As a society we need to demand from our elected officials from all governments that they speak with respect of people.

Ms. Haire – Regi expressed that she doesn't like to be political at the end of council meetings as she likes to keep things informative and light but now feels compelled in light of what is going on in our society. Nation is divided, divisiveness is everywhere and sad to say it includes our City of Medina. Hot topic is free speech. Regi is running for reelection to keep Ward 3 Council seat and has signs in her own yard for herself and others that are running. Last night, half of her yard signs were taken down, damaged and even destroyed. This is not the first time this has happened. Who ever is doing this please stop. She stated she absolutely believes in free speech for everyone. It

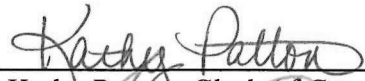
should not be acceptable in our county to have the mentality of free speech for me but not for thee. She will now be getting security cameras for her property. This is something she never thought she would have to do in this community. As a society we need to do better, be better. Stop the hypocrisy, the hatred and the violence and be kind and respectful to others even if they don't agree with us and protect and support the constitution and everyone's peaceful right to free speech.

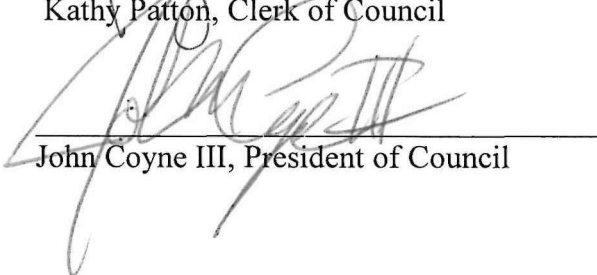
Ms. DiSalvo – agreed with Mr. West and his frustration with motor scooters on the streets that do not follow the same traffic regulations and she is very concerned. Please do your best to watch out for our students that are walking to school.

Mr. Rose – agreed with Regi, we need to cool the rhetoric. Paul stated he disagrees 100% with destroying political signs in yards. All the rhetoric from Washington especially from a few individuals who like to hear themselves talk is a contributing factor to Charlie Kirks death. He stated he feels there should be prayer back in school. People are no longer being nurtured they way they should be to be able to make those decisions for themselves later on in life. Need to get back to those basics. Northeast Ohio Classical Academy in Copley is recommended by Paul and is a tuition free charter school.

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
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Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

  
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John Coyne III, President of Council

