

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, January 26, 2026

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 26, 2026, at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John Coyne, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Oath of Office**

William C. Lamb – Ward 4 Councilman by the Honorable Betty Sutton - bible held by Lisa Cambell.

**Roll Call:**

The roll was called with the following members of Council present: E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

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

**Reading of Minutes:**

Ms. Haire moved that the minutes from the meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> as prepared and submitted by the Clerk of Council be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and will meet again in two weeks.

**Public Properties Committee:** Ms. Haire had no report.

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

**Special Legislation Committee:** Ms. DiSalvo had no report.

**Streets & Sidewalks Committee:** Mr. Isabella stated he has a meeting scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. before the finance meeting.

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

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Mr. Lamb will be chair of this committee and there is a meeting scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Requests for Council Action:**

Finance Committee

26-025-1/26 – Budget Amendments

26-026-1/26 – Then & Now – Ohio Edison

26-027-1/26 – Expenditure – Kokosing Materials – Street Dept.

26-028-1/26 – Review Allocation of Income Tax – Amend Sec. 161.13

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26-029-1/26 – Amend Code 133.01 – Association Memberships  
26-030-1/26 – Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Local 436  
26-031-1/26 – Expenditure – Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.  
26-032-1/26 – Adopt Changes – Job Descriptions – Water Dept.

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**James Shields, Mayor,** welcomed Mr. Lamb to council.

Mayor Shields thanked employees for their incredible response to the snowstorm. It was a total team effort including Streets, Parks and Sanitation Departments. Thank you to the Water Department who were also dealing with broken waterlines during this same time. Thanks to the residents who took the time to express their appreciation for our city employees and their efforts. America 250 Medina Program, “The Founding of Medina and it’s Early Years” has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2026, at the Medina Library Community Room for 2 p.m. Martin Luther King program presented by Medina County Churches went well, thanks to all who attended the service.

On January 21<sup>st</sup> Main Street Medina Annual Meeting and Awards were held. Congratulations to former Mayor Dennis Hanwell for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The administration is in the early stages of exploring a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for the City of Medina.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director,** stated there are a couple of things that originated with Finance on the agenda and he will address those when we get there. Mr. Dirham also addressed the city workers that took care of all the snow removal this past weekend.

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

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director,** stated this Friday there are three ribbon cuttings: 10 a.m. – Maureen Dabbieri Agency – All State Insurance Agent, located at 107 W. Liberty St. and then at 11 a.m. – One Shot Soccer Academy, located at 777 W. Smith Rd. and finally at 3 p.m.- Off The Wagon located at 101 Public Square.

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

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director,** Nino stated he appreciates the mayor’s comments and feels the same way about his crews and the outstanding job they’ve done with the last snowstorm. Sanitation is delayed this week because the CPF was closed today.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer,** Patrick stated the work to reconstruct Lake Avenue has been postponed due to the weather.

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

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

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

**Dan Gladish, Building Official** – not present.

**Confirmation of Mayor's appointment**

Paul Wood – Uptown Park Advisory Committee – Exp. 12/31/28

Ms. Haire moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and approved with the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

**Notices, communications and petitions**

There were none.

**Unfinished Business**

There is none.

**Introduction of visitors**

John Whittenower – resides on Manchester Court, spoke on traffic in Medina and truck drivers. People running red lights, blocking driveways and intersections, need cleaned up.

**Introduction and consideration of ordinances and resolutions.**

Ms. Haire moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ord. 9-26, Ord. 10-26, Ord. 11-26, Res. 12-26, Res. 13-26, Ord. 14-26, Ord. 15-26, Ord. 16-26, Ord. 17-26, Ord. 18-26, Ord. 19-26, Res. 20-26, Res. 21-26, Ord. 22-26, Ord. 23-26, Ord. 24-26. Motion passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

**Ord. 9-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a three-year contract with Rea & Associates, Inc. for the preparation of the City's CAFR in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of American (GAAP) for the years ending December 31, 2025, December 31, 2026, and December 31, 2027.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 009-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kieth stated this is the same company that has been doing it for the last three years. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 009-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 10-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of not to exceed \$60,000 to Signal Service Company for the Street Department.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 010-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated this contractor handles emergency repairs to our traffic signalization system. This will get us through the year. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 010-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 11-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$70,000 to Lake County Sewer Co. for the Street Department.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 011-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated this contractor handles our cleaning and grouting of storm sewer and infrastructure. We usually have about two hundred of these areas a year that we need addressed and this company has expertise in grouting and jointing of pipes. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 011-26 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

**Res. 12-26**

**A Resolution authorizing the application and accepting reimbursements from the FY2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Program for the Police Department.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 012-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney explained this as one of two bulletproof vest grants for the year. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 012-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

**Res. 13-26**

**A Resolution authorizing the mayor to file an application for grant assistance with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice for the FY2025 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Program for the Police Department.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 013-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is the second grant request for their bulletproof vest program. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 013-26 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella

**Ord. 14-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford F250 Regular Cab 4 WD Pickup Truck equipped with snowplow from Montrose Ford to be used by the Cemetery Department.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 014-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen stated this unit will replace a 2011 Ford F-250. Being purchased using the Community University Education purchasing program through Montrose Ford. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 014-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb

**Ord. 15-26**

**An Ordinance amending Section 133.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the "City" Association Memberships.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 015-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated they benefit greatly from this membership as the Police Department buys their cars, as well as Parks Dept. and the Service Dept. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 015-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

**Ord. 16-26**

**An Ordinance accepting the appraisal (Fair Market Value Estimate) for the South Huntington Street Bridge Project.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 016-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 016-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they are going to be rebuilding the bridge on South Huntington St. and in order to do that we need to acquire several easements. This is accepting the appraisal for one of those and the emergency clause is requested for grant deadlines. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 016-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 17-26**

**An Ordinance approving the Tenth Amendment to the City of Medina – Montville Township Joint Economic Development District and Annexation Contract to add territory to the district.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 017-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 017-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Marshall stated they will be bringing four parcels into the district with council's approval that total 59.4 acres. Two of the parcels are owned by Lakefront Ohio LLC and the other two are owned by Cobblestone Crossings LLC. JEDD Board met and approved the four parcels to join the JEDD. Public hearing was held and passed two weeks ago. Emergency clause is needed so the developer can move forward with breaking ground on the project as soon as possible. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 017-26 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

**Ord. 18-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute a Railroad Crossing Agreement and a Letter Agreement between the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company and the City of Medina, Ohio pertaining to the Prospect Street Bridge Project.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 018-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 018-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton explained they will be replacing the Prospect St. Bridge just north of West Smith. The bridge abuts the railroad, and they have some work to do inside the railroads right of way. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 018-26 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella

**Ord. 19-26**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 218-25, passed December 8, 2025. (Amendments to 2026 Budget)** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 019-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated that when additional funds come in, we have to appropriate them in order to be able to spend them. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 019-26

passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb

**Res. 20-26**

**A Resolution accepting the donation of \$12,000 from Murray and Susan VanEpp to assist the City of Medina with the purchase of vacant land located at 338 Foundry Street.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 020-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley thanked Murray and Susan VanEpp for considering funding a portion of the purchase of the property at 338 Foundry St. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 020-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons

**Res. 21-26**

**A Resolution accepting the donation of \$20,500 from the Tom and Jill Lincoln Foundation to assist the City of Medina with the purchase of vacant land located at 338 Foundry Street.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 021-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated much like the last resolution they turned in an application to the Tom and Jill Lincoln Foundation to support the purchase of this property at 338 Foundry St. Jansen stated they generously contributed \$20,500.00 and we appreciate their support. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 021-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 22-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Purchase Agreement with Richard Allen Anthony for the purchase of the property located at 338 Foundry Street, Medina, Ohio.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 022-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this is for the purchase of this property. He further stated they have acquired a number of properties along Foundry St. to help expand the frontage throughout that area, this parcel abuts one that we recently purchased at 334 Foundry St. and is currently a vacant lot. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 022-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 23-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to approve Change Order #01 to GMP #3 with the Ruhlin Company for renovation work at the Medina Municipal Courthouse.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 023-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this change order actually encompasses seven different project changes at the courthouse. The amount of money is \$280,000.00. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 023-26 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

**Ord. 24-26**

**An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Medina, Ohio, certifying that when a municipal obligation was incurred sums were lawfully appropriated in the funds to satisfy the obligation and sufficient sums currently exist to satisfy the obligation.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 024-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 024-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated they did not have enough money on their 2025 purchase order to pay for all of the electric bills, and he needs a new purchase order, and the emergency clause is requested as they have to pay the bill. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 024-26 passed by the yeas votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella

**Council comments.**

Mr. Simpson spoke of the tragedy in Minnesota and stated as a group we all can stand up and support the people that are suffering. He is afraid there will be other states that will be involved with this type of action. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. It is so much easier to be kind.

Ms. Haire agreed with Mr. Simpson. She has spoken to many folks that are highly distraught over what has happened over the last few days in Minnesota and feels the need to remind people that we need to protect the constitution and the first and second amendment it's for all of us. As a member of city council one of the things that she really tries to do in her position is to encourage people to be involved in what is going on in our community through discussions and coming to meetings that may be held. Thanked her neighbor Aamad for coming tonight and hopes he continues to come.

Mr. Simmons wanted to remind everyone if you have not seen the America 250 book, it's here at city hall in the literature rack. On Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at the library there will be early stories from Medina and the following Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> at the UCC Church you will hear about Pulpits to Patriots.

Ms. DiSalvo complimented the city workers for such a great job this past weekend.

Mr. Isabella echoed Natalie. He welcomed Bill Lamb back to council. Reminded all about the Streets and Sidewalk committee meeting.

Mr. Lamb stated that city government is one place that is so close to us in our everyday life. Cleaning streets, fixing waterline breaks and people not following traffic laws – these are some of the things that matter to us locally as a community and that is what city government is all about. He is honored to have this opportunity to participate in public service again.

Mr. Coyne thanked the Honorable Betty Sutton for coming and swearing in Bill Lamb and staying for the meeting.

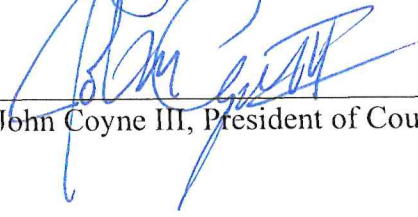
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



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John Coyne III, President of Council