

## MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday July 13, 2026

### **Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2026, at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne III, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call:**

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

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

### **Reading of Minutes:**

Ms. Haire moved that the minutes from the meeting on Monday, June 22, 2026, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Coyne stated they met prior to council this evening and will meet again in 6 weeks as we have a break.

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

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

**Special Legislation Committee:** Ms. DiSalvo stated they will be addressing the deer ordinances.

**Streets & Sidewalks Committee:** Mr. Isabella explained they have no meetings scheduled but there are a few items on the agenda for today.

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

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Mr. Lamb had no report.

### **Requests for Council Action:**

Finance Committee

26-137-7/13 – Advance Request

26-138-7/13 – Budget Amendments

26-139-7/13 – Expenditure – Heritage Pool – MCRC

26-140-7/13 – Expenditure – Job Creation Grant Payment to Carlisle Brake & Friction

26-141-7/13 – Purchase 2026 F-350 Pick Up Truck – Street Dept.

26-142-7/13 – Purchase 2026 Mack Sanitation Truck – Sanitation

26-143-7/13 – Amend Sec. 161.12 – Income Tax Board of Review

26-144-7/13 – MOU w/ MMHA – Responsible Party for Environmental Review

26-145-7/13 – Expenditure – Governmentjobs.com, Inc. – Civil Service/Finance/IT

26-146-7/13 – Amend Civil Service Rule V (D) – Filing of Applications

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26-147-7/13 – Agreement w/ T&M Associates – Brownfield Grant – S. Elmwood Lot  
26-148-7/13 – 2026-27 Municipal Deer Control Program Approval  
26-149-7/13 - Cooperative Services Agreement – USDA  
26-150-7/13 – Increase P.O. – Wintrow Construction – Railroad Repairs  
26-151-7/13 – Design Discussion – N. Huntington St. Sidewalks  
26-152-7/13 – Grant Application – Ohio Public Works Commission – Engineering  
26-153-7/13 – Increase P.O. – Fritz-Rumer-Cooke Co. – Engineering  
26-154-7/13 – Sanitary Sewer Easement – 1101 Wadsworth Road  
26-155-7/13 – Grant – Airport Runway Light Replacement Design  
26-156-7/13 – Parking Lot Funding Agreement – S. Elmwood Parking Lot

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Mayor Shields** reported the following:

July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend events: Mayor gave many thanks to staff for all their hard work, and all that goes into preparing for these events.

Spirit of 76 Festival at Old Town Cemetery – Thanked Chet Simmons who appeared as George Washington that day, Dennie Simpson for speaking, and Mike Kovac for Being the MC. Special thanks to the Friends of the Cemetery for organizing this event and Teresa Merkle for the idea.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – Captain Frank Hutchinson – yellow ribbons on North Broadway St. in honor of his return here. Frankie & Stella got to ride in the Police Car during the parade. Thanks to Chief Kinney.

Fireworks were rescheduled to July 11<sup>th</sup> – Thanks to Medina Township, Montville Township, City Council, Murray and Sue Van Epp for all making donations to make this the largest fireworks display ever in Medina City. This was also the first time in 29 years that it didn't go off on the scheduled July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rec Center staff were amazing!

Rescheduled Car Show for July 26<sup>th</sup> over at the Administration parking lot \$10 admission fee to benefit the Medina County Historical Society.

Art In The Park – Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine.

Square Holiday Decorations – MainStreet Medina – To help support the effort they are launching the Medina Holiday District Sponsorship Program and donations of any amount are always welcome but there will be sponsorship opportunities that begin at \$250 and are open to businesses, organizations and individuals.

Our thoughts and prayers to the City of Rittman, Ohio – regarding the slain Police Sergeant and two residents.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director**, echoed what the mayor stated on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

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

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director**, Ribbon cuttings scheduled for Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Five Below – located at 1163 N. Court St. for 10 a.m.

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

**Joe Toth, LST Director**, through June the Life Support Team responded to 1,889 calls for the

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City of Medina and for all three entities there were 2,991 calls.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, The street staff marked off the parking stalls on the square that we said we would change and that was temporary markings.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, The US 42 resurfacing project is continuing with the intersection work. The asphalt work will start in early August, and the Medina Street bridge project will start at the end of the month for approximately 60 days of closure.

**Cindy Lastuka, Municipal Court**, had no report.

**Chief Walters, Fire Department**, not in attendance.

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

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks, Forestry, Cemetery and Recreation Director**, was not in attendance.

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

**Jarrold Fry, Communications Director**, If you missed any of the recent events that took place over the holiday you can tune into Medina TV for the replay of parade, fireworks, spirit of 76 and well as the rec festival. Website is constantly improving.

#### **Confirmation of Council appointment**

Income Tax Review Board – Todd Fischer

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

#### **Notices, communications and petitions**

##### **Liquor Permit:**

Not to object to the issuance of a New D-5A Duplicate Bar permit to Riley Concessions Legacy LLC, The Legacy, 257 South Court Street. Ms. Haire moved not to object, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed with the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

#### **Unfinished Business**

There is none.

#### **Introduction of visitors**

(speakers limited to 5 min.)

Tammy Kirby resides at 246 W. Friendship St. – She wanted to give a shout out to the Friends of the Cemetery and Teresa Merkle for the Spirit of 76 event they held at the Old Town Cemetery. Thanks to all the volunteers and the community for showing up.

Jessica resides at 870 Smokerise Dr. on the small private lake that was just recently in the news. Her 18-year-old son was one of the two people that were sucked down into the drain when they were trying to clear debris out and was pushed through the dam and came out the other end. Her daughter witnessed this occur and jumped into the water to try and save her brother and luckily neighbors stopped her. She realized she could have easily lost both her children that day.

The problem was created decades ago when the lake was created for construction by the city without provision for a lake owners association for its maintenance. The community pool on Guilford owns the parcel with the outlet. They do not have the resources to maintain it. They have tried as neighbors to become a lake association and legally it is hard after the fact. They've been promised help from the city. Jessica is requesting financing and engineering help. Three people almost died in that lake trying to clear debris. She suggested they can pay back the city for 20-year tax assessment, but they need the city expertise and resources to be done safely and properly.

**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. 106-26, Ord. 107-26, Ord. 108-26, Res. 109-26, Ord. 110-26, Ord. 111-26, Ord. 112-26, Ord. 113-26, Ord. 114-26, Ord. 115-26, Ord. 116-26, Res. 117-26. Motion passed with the yeas of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 106-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to approve Change Order #03 (GMP #3) with the Ruhlin Company for renovation work at the Medina Municipal Courthouse.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 106-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this change order covers three items, a roof on the small intake area, some IT additions, and the lettering on the front of the building. They are not asking for any additional funds as all these are monies previously allocated. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 106-26 passed by the yeas of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

**Ord. 107-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Construction Agreement with Brookdale Park, LLC regarding the addition of a turn lane on US42 / Lafayette Road.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 107-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated Brookdale Mobile Home Park is planning a phase 2 addition. They will be required to install a turn lane on Lafayette Rd. This is a construction agreement between the city and the developers where they promise to put it in and fund it. Mr. Coyne stated he will abstain from voting as he represents the developer. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 107-26 passed by the yeas of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire. John Coyne abstained.

**Ord. 108-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering (CVE) for engineering design services for Job #1189 – SR 3 North.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 108-26, seconded by Mr.

Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is a project to spread over 2028 to resurface SR 3. ODOT is contributing \$494,000.00. We went through a selection process and are recommending Chagrin Valley Engineering. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 108-26 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

**Res. 109-26**

**A Resolution adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Medina, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027, and submitting the same to the Medina County Auditor.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 109-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is the first step of the State's budget process. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 109-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 110-26**

**An Ordinance amending Section 31.02 (B)(15) and 31.05 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the new Teamster's Contract.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 110-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 110-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

**Ord. 111-26**

**An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 162-22, passed November 7, 2023 and replacing Section 505.11 of Chapter 505 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina creating Medina's Comprehensive Deer Management Program and authorizing a nuisance abatement initiative for both short-term and long-term control and reduction of the white-tailed deer population in coordination with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and contiguous, adjoining, political subdivisions that opt to adopt a similar plan for nuisance abatement.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 111-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 111-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Coyne stated he submitted this in January to modify the current deer ordinance we had, and this is a more comprehensive look at it. Some highlights related to the ordinance would be; maintaining archery program, adopt a sharp shooting program taking place after the conclusion of archery season, implements notification periods when hunting will occur, provides different types of signage throughout the city for active deer crossing areas to alert public. Natalie has concerns for the undergrowth and wants to move forward. Bill has learned a lot and wants to do this in a cooperative way and have a good result with the community. John explained the archery program will still be run through the police dept. with the same kind of process. Mayor Shields thanked everyone for all their time and efforts stating this is the closest they have to a comprehensive plan and feels the residents will start to see a difference here just give us time because it will take a while as we have a serious deer issue. Regi stated there will be information in your water bills so always check there. 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. 111-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 112-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund advances.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 112-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is an advance for the Brownfield Grant. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 112-26 passed by the yeas votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 113-26**

**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. 113-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is for things at the courthouse because they changed account numbers. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-26 passed by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

**Ord. 114-26**

**An Ordinance repealing the existing Chapter 905 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio and replacing it with a new Chapter 905 entitled "Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters".** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Isabella explained this is a combination of their work in the Streets and Sidewalks Committee for most of this year for a better system in place, more consistent year-round, keeping our sidewalks identified, repaired and maintained. Ed thanked all involved in helping develop this plan. John Coyne stated the main change is putting the responsibility to the city to pay for repairs and replacements of city sidewalks. Mr. Simmons stated Mr. Huber provided council with ordinances from 18 different communities on sidewalks for us to review, and we found that it was very important that the city works with residents to assist with repairs of sidewalks, and that shade trees can cause some damage. He has a hard time and cannot accept the city paying for sidewalk repair and replacement now and in the future and feels it is a resident's responsibility. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, and D. Simpson. Chet Simmons cast a nay vote. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-26 passed by the yeas votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. Chet Simmons cast a nay vote.

**Ord. 115-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with T&M Associates for consulting services to implement the Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Remediation Program Grant.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Marshall explained this is for the South Elmwood parking lot project. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the law director and the grant total is \$242,360.00. There are no city matching funds. The emergency clause is needed so that we can get started on this work as soon as possible. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes

of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

**Ord. 116-26**

**An Ordinance proposing and providing for submission to the electors of the City of Medina, Ohio at a general election to be held November 3, 2026, an amendment to Sections 161.01, 161.03(a), and 162.013(A) of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio so as to include sidewalks as a restricted use of the .25 percent of total income tax collections currently allocated for street, storm water, and utility construction, maintenance, repair and improvements.** Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-26 subject to the Law Directors approval, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Huber stated ex-mayor Leaver set aside .25% of the overall 1.25% increase from income tax collection for use on streets, utilities and stormwater. In 2006 electors approved that. The issue of sidewalks was not included in that .25% and the .25% is generally referred to as the 108 Fund. City council would like to speed up the program with respect to repair sidewalks given the condition of some. This ordinance will ask the electors permission to use the 108 funds for streets, stormwater, utilities and sidewalks. The income tax will not be increasing at all, and the collection will still be 1.25, this simply asks that the 108 fund be used for sidewalk repair. John stated this would allow sidewalks to be included so that we have an avenue where we can maintain, because we consider it a public right of way. Chet Simmons stated the numbers they talked about were \$400,000 for sidewalk repairs but it was mentioned during committee meetings that \$800,000 was set aside for concrete street repair so does that mean we cut our sidewalk repair program in half to accommodate the sidewalks. John stated that Engineering is in charge of the 108 account. We don't have enough manpower right now to use the funds to its fullest extent every year. Patrick stated they are going to have to budget things as they have a lot of very expensive projects coming up. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella. Chet Simmons cast a nay vote. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb. Chet Simmons cast a nay vote.

**Res. 117-26**

**A Resolution supporting the Finance Director's letter to the Medina County Budget Commission regarding the City's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund.** Ms. Haire moved to adopt Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated that recent state legislation gives the county budget commission greater oversight of local budgets. The roll was called, and Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

**Council Comments:**

Mr. Simpson – echoed his thoughts and prayers for the City of Rittman.

July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend festivities were amazing. Informed all that in Medina County we have a free clinic of Medina County for healthcare for working people and their families that can't afford health insurance. Office is in the north medical bldg. at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital. Be kind.

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Ms. Haire thanked administration and employees for all they do. Check on your neighbors. Be respectful. Medina County Fair August 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 9th

Mr. Simmons gave praises to Teresa Merkle. Great party in the park event at Mellert Park hosted by the Medina Rec Center.

Ms. DiSalvo – great job by city over all the festivities. Recognized the LST.

Mr. Isabella – The Flock system has been brought to his attention lately through some residents. He has seen the emails and has had some discussion with Chief Kinney. Chief stated it is a very effective system making the city safer.

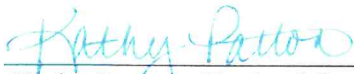
Mr. Lamb – spoke on accomplishments – deer program & sidewalk program.

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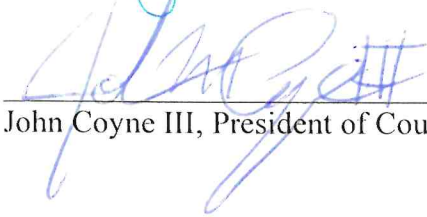
- Restore parklands and areas that have been destroyed by the deer
- Lists of deer signs
- Overhead wires
- Native planting areas
- Wayside horns

Mr. Coyne – enjoy your summer!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John Coyne III, President of Council