MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday September 28, 2026

Call to Order:
Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 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: E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire. Bill Lamb was absent.

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

Reading of Minutes:
Ms. Haire moved that the minutes from the meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion was approved by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and E. Isabella.

Reports of Standing Committees:
Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they met prior to council this evening and will meet again in 2 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 had no report.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Lamb was not Present.

Requests for Council Action:
Finance Committee

26-185-9/28 – Increase P.O. #26-00235 – Hall Public Safety - Police
26-186-9/28 – 2026 Codification Update
26-187-9/28 – Expenditure to HSH – Service Dept.
26-188-9/28 – Delta Airport Consultants Task Order #3
26-189-9/28 – City Hall / Police Dept. / Municipal Court Facility Study
26-190-9/28 – Granger Rd. Water Line – Emergency Excavation & Dewatering - Fechko
26-191-9/28 – Appropriate $75,000 for 2027 Operating of Next Step-Up Shelter-MMHA
26-192-9/28 – Increase P.O. #26-420 – Atlantic Emergency Solutions – Fire Dept.

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Mayor Shields reported the following:

September Service Dog Month

September is National Service Dog Month. The Mayor presented a proclamation recognizing local residents involved with Canine Companions, a nonprofit that provides highly trained service dogs and ongoing support to people with disabilities. Residents are encouraged to recognize the important role service dogs play in helping children, adults, and veterans live more independently.

Birth Care of Medina County 50th Anniversary

The Mayor congratulated Birth Care of Medina County on its 50th anniversary and thanked its volunteers for their dedication. The all-volunteer organization provides free, confidential assistance to Medina County families with young children, including diapers, formula, clothing, hygiene products, cribs, and car seats. Birth Care currently has 54 volunteers serving local families in need.

Municipal Courthouse Dedication

The City officially dedicated and held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the renovated Medina Municipal Courthouse at 223 E. Washington Street. The Mayor thanked City staff, Council members, and community leaders whose efforts over many years made the project possible, with special recognition to Council President John Coyne. The court is now fully operational at its new location.

America 250 Fall Prevention Fitness Challenge

Residents age 65 and older are invited to participate in the Senior Fall Prevention Challenge through October 30 for a chance to win gift certificates. The Mayor thanked sponsors Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital and Second Sole Medina and highlighted a successful Walk and Talk event at Ray Mellert Park focused on fall prevention and healthy aging.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, City's 2025 audit was released. Keith attended the Medina County budget meeting – they accepted our estimates and our submission without amendment.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had hearings over at the new court and began to present cases. It's a very nice facility.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, ribbon cuttings on Friday, October 16th.
11 a.m. – Soul Retreat -120 W. Washington St. Suite 325
1 p.m. – Cellar Stage – 120 W. Washington St. Suite 50
2 p.m. - Zenvy Wellness – 23 Public Sq.
3 p.m. – East to West Old-World Market & Deli – 503 S. Court St. Unit B
Bella Moxie Collective – Combination business expansion, Isabel Workshops, Bella Moxie 5 yr. Anniversary – 139 N. Court St.
Meeting with the Hotel this week to get a better idea of their opening date.
The United States Small Business Administration reached out to us to see if we would be willing to help them host their Law Fair and Regulatory Reformed Hearing for small businesses and it was held at the Rec Center with a good turnout.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, - Our Deer Management Municipal Bow Hunting Program

started September 26th. Residents interested in getting more information or signing up for any information regarding this program can go to www.medinaoh.org under the resident tab.

Jarrod Fry, Communications Director, 193 people signed up for email alerts for the deer hunting program. 169 opened their emails.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, Water tests that were conducted in June – Residents to receive a letter from the City. Next reads will be in October.
Sidewalk Mitigation Program – Ward 1 - Staff was able to assess 1,645 sites to date. There are 1,231 sites that are 1 inch or less in deflection. 368 sites were assessed to have a 1-inch to 2-inch deflection and 46 sites categorized as 2-inch or more. 95 were ground down. These were all in Ward 1. With the weather approaching it's best to put a package together to roll out early to bid out late winter or early spring.
Coyne – reminder to residents Ballot Issue regarding the #108 account and adding the word "Sidewalks". It is NOT a tax increase.
Deer count to date 92 have been picked up by the Service Department this year so far from roadsides.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, update on US42 Resurfacing Project – work continues with concrete at the intersection between Friendship and Lafayette and will hopefully be completed by the end of next week. Asphalt resurfacing is scheduled to start weather permitting on October 12th.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director, reminder – Thursday, October 1st, the Building Department will implement a new online permitting system - applications will only be accepted online. A kiosk is available at City Hall at 132 N. Elmwood. Ave. to use.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks, Forestry, Cemetery and Recreation Director, 45 responses for deer carcass pick up with 29 of those being city residents.

Dan Gladish, Building Director, had no report.

Notices, communications and petitions
There were none.

Unfinished Business
There is none.

Introduction of visitors
There were none.

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. 146-26, Res. 147-26, Ord. 148-26, Ord. 149-26, Ord.

150-26, Ord. 151-26, Ord. 152-26, Ord. 153-26, Ord. 154-26. The roll was called and motion passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, and C. Simmons.

Ord. 146-26
An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Roetzel & Andress for the Law Department. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 146-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 146-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Huber has retained the services of a couple good lawyers at the Roetzel & Andress Law Firm. Mr. Coyne will abstain from voting as that is his employer. The emergency clause is because they need to be paid. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons and D. Simpson. J. Coyne – abstained. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 146-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson. J. Coyne – abstained.

Res. 147-26
A Resolution authorizing the application and to accept funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to offset costs to reconstruct JUMP Playground at Memorial Park. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 147-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen Wehrley stated this resolution is to accept grant funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund. This federal program provides funding assistance for up to 50% of the eligible project cost for acquisition or development of public outdoor spaces. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 147-26 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 148-26
An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the SR 3 & SR 57 Resurfacing Project. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 148-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick Patton stated ODOT is providing partial funding for the resurfacing of SR3 and SR57, they would like to enter into this agreement so the City can be the project administrator which allows them to bid locally. This will save us some money. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 148-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 149-26
An Ordinance authorizing the donation of $2,000.00 to Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry for the year 2026. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 149-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this donation is going to Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry as they provide participants in our urban archery program to donate carcasses if they desire to various processors in Wayne and Portage County this year so the meat can be processed and donated back to Feeding Medina County or another food assistance program. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 149-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D.

Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and E. Isabella.

Ord. 150-26
An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to approve Change Order #04 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. 150-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick Patton explained this is a change order in Ruhlin's contract it covers such things as signage revisions, court requested technology/AV upgrades. This does not require any additional authorization of funds due to existing allowances. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 150-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, and C. Simmons.

Ord. 151-26
An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Design Services Agreement with Behnke Associates, Inc. for the design of a new 1,120-niche Columbarium Wall (Phases 4-10) at Spring Grove Cemetery. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 151-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen Wehrley stated this is to authorize the design contract. This will allow for a much larger wall to better serve those at the cemetery. The design cost for this is $42,500.00. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 151-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 152-26
An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the construction of Columbarium Wall Phases 4-10 at Spring Grove Cemetery. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 152-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen Wehrley explained this is to advertise, bid and award a contract for the construction of the 1,120-niche columbarium wall at Spring Grove Cemetery. The estimated cost for the project is approximately $1.3 million dollars. A potential revenue if we were to sell all those niches is approximately $3.4 million dollars. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 152-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 153-26
An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of $25,000.00 to Main Street Medina for enhanced public decorations for the 2026 holiday season. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 153-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 153-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Shields stated MSM set up a subcommittee to focus on maintaining what we have, replacing what we have up there due to wear and tear, and also enhancing it. It's a five-year plan. Public campaign but MSM stepped up and donated $25,000.00 and they were hoping the City would do the same. Emergency is requested as this will need to happen quickly with the holidays approaching. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 153-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 154-26
An Ordinance authorizing an Expenditure to Fechko Excavating for emergency excavation and dewatering on the Granger Road Water Line Project. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 154-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 154-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the City entered into a contract to have about 400 ft. of waterline on Granger Rd. installed near the water plant. A good portion of this is under the Rocky River. This is part one of two.
Mr. Huber would like this subject to his approval, as he would like to add some language in the ordinance describing the nature of the emergency as we are using our statutory emergency powers and not bidding it. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause, and was approved by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and E. Isabella. The roll was called on Ordinance/Resolution No. 154-26, subject to the Law Director's final approval, and passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, and C. Simmons.

Council Comments:
Mr. Simpson – With all prices going up our country is hurting. Be kind to one another.

Ms. Haire – reminded everyone that early voting starts October 6th at the Board of Elections. This is where we can make a difference.

Mr. Simmons – invited everybody to Spring Grove Cemetery – annual arboretum walk on Saturday, October 17th at 2 p.m.
There have been some frustrations with the local cable companies installing around town with lack of finishing their work. (pictures displayed by Jarrod).

Mr. Isabella thanked Medina County Library – Medina Mavens hosted a candidate and voter information forum a few weeks ago. Stay informed, look up the information needed for whoever you are voting for. As a kid that played a lot of little league baseball – Go Guardians, happy playoff season.

Ms. DiSalvo – Great event this past weekend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

John Coyne III, President of Council