

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
January 27th, 2014, Regular Session

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, January 27th, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne. Cub Scout Pack 3462 4th graders from Northrup Elementary and Eagle Scout Award recipient Michael Kovack led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Keith Dirham, Greg Huber, Nino Piccoli, Jonathan Mendel, Chief Berarducci, Chief Painter, Jansen Wehrley, Kimberly Rice and Patrick Patton.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the January 13th, Council meeting as prepared and presented by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the minutes were approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne reported the Finance Committee met prior to Council meeting.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Rose is working on scheduling a meeting in which they will discuss trash.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Kolesar stated a meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, February 11th at 5:30 p.m. downstairs at City Hall. A representative from Avon Lake will be present to discuss the issues we had with the emergency water conservation and boil alert. We will also talk about our emergency backup options.

Requests for Council Action:

- 14-010-1/27 – Amendment to Agreement w/ Brunswick – Building Official Services
- 14-011-1/27 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Protech Police Equipment
- 14-012-1/27 – Purchase State Bid from DELL – 41 Desktop Computers & Equipment
- 14-013-1/27 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – CDW-G, Microsoft Office 2013 Licensing
- 14-014-1/27 – Purchase State Bid from DELL - Citywide Server Replacement
- 14-015-1/27 – Amending Cod. Ord. 149.01(a) – Shade Tree Commission Membership
- 14-016-1/27 – Accepting Four (4) Miscellaneous Easements
- 14-017-1/27 – Agreement w/ Wheeling Railroad & PUCO – Guilford Blvd. Railroad Crossing
- 14-018-1/27 – Agreement w/ PUCO – State Road Railroad Crossing
- 14-019-1/27 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Wingfoot Tire, Service Dept.

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor reported the following:

- 1) ACH- Automated Clearing House - Customers can sign up for automated payment from your bank account to avoid late fees and mail charges. Application forms are available at the Finance Window.
- 2) On line bill pay - Customers may also pay by credit card. Signup is on city website-www.medinaoh.org
- 3) Ni Source/Columbia Gas- Are requesting customers this week to conserve natural gas as much as possible to help ensure supplies are adequate to meet increased demands during these record cold temperatures that the midwest region will experience this week.
- 4) Building Official replacement process - Resumes were collected through Wed., 1/15/14. Interviews scheduled for next Monday 2/3/14.
- 5) Governor John Kasich selected Medina for his 2014 State of State Address - It will be Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. A limited number of tickets will be available by lottery by contacting Nicole Kostura at the Governor's Cleveland office, 216-386-0546; or email Nicole.Kostura@governor.ohio.us. Those unable to attend to obtain tickets are welcome to attend a Watch Party at the Medina High School gym. Use door B3 at NW corner of High School and doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Medina TV will also broadcast the address live on Cable 37. This event will permit the city and community to be showcased by state media and state legislators from the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, Ohio Supreme Court Justices and Governor's Cabinet members. We are very thankful and appreciative of Medina being chosen for this annual address.

Mayor Hanwell presented Ed Wright the Chairman of the Board of Main Street Medina with a Proclamation. Mr. Wright was personally named "Spirit of Main Street" for his leadership and enthusiasm embracing the ideals of the Main Street Program.

Mr. Wright expressed his gratitude to the mayor and councilmen and was sincerely honored.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, reported the following: All City residents are required to file City Income Tax returns with the Central Collection Agency. Tax returns must be filed by April 15th, 2014. The CCA offers free assistance with filling out the forms. The dates are Saturday, March 1st from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Wed. March 12th from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m., Wed. April 2nd from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m., and Saturday April 12th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., those opportunities will be held at the Medina Recreation Center. The forms are available here at City Hall or you can print them from the city web site there is a link to it.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report.

Chief Berarducci, Police Chief, asked that the citizens of Medina check on their neighbors during

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this unprecedented cold weather which presents a lot of hazards.

Kimberly Rice, Economic Development Director, had no report.

Jonathon Mendel, Planning and Community Development Director, had no report.

Chief Painter, Fire Chief, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the All Sports registration on Jan. 18th was well attended. If you are still interested in registering you can access the various sports associations on the city website under the Parks Department.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, reported the following:

ODOT is conducting a public Open House for their State Route 18 Corridor Project. This project will enhance Rt. 18 from west of Albert Dr. in the city all the way to Nettleton Rd. and it is designed to relieve congestion in the corridor, improve safety, improve access, enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve the aesthetic quality of the corridor, and set the tone for this corridor for the next couple of generations. All public is welcome to come see the project, ask questions, and offer suggestions. Open House is Thursday, February 6th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Rustic Hills Country Club located at 5399 Riverstyx Rd. in Medina.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, reported the following:

We've certainly have had our share of water breaks, frozen customer water service lines, snow storms as well as frigid temperatures. He acknowledged the city employees that have put many hours in servicing the public and appreciate all their efforts and the patience and understanding of the public.

Notices, Communications and Petitions:

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields moved not to object to the transfer of a D-1 and D-2 permit from JRoll LLC, dba Sushi on the Roll, 985 Boardman Alley North Unit & Patio, to Alsatian LLC, dba Sushi on the Roll 985 Boardman Alley North Unit & Patio, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields moved not to object to the issuance of a new D-3 permit to Alsatain LLC, dba Sushi on the Roll, 985 Boardman Alley, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Unfinished Business:

Res. 7-14:

A Resolution congratulating Michael Kovack on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 7-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 7-14 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Mayor Hanwell presented Michael Kovack with a proclamation.

Introduction of Visitors:

There were none.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 11-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$60,000 to Emergitech, INC. for the annual subscription fees and related expenses for the computer aided dispatch and records management system for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 11-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Berarducci stated that approximately \$50,000 of that amount are subscription fees and maintenance. This includes the software to dispatch for Montville Township Police and Fire, Medina Township Police and Fire, Medina City Police and Fire, and the Life Support Team of Medina City. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 11-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 12-14:

An Ordinance amending section 351.09 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to loading zones. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 12-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this is a request to amend our local ordinance for loading zones to include/permit the loading or unloading of persons as well as materials. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 12-14 passed by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg.

Ord. 13-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Rea & Associates, INC. for consulting services for the year ending December 31, 2013 and the preparation of GAAP conversion and general purpose financial reports for the City of Medina for the years ending December 31, 2013, December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 13-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham explained this is the firm that the Auditors' Office selected to do our audit and they will handle the conversion as well. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 13-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar.

Ord. 14-14:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 208-13, passed December 9, 2013. (2013 Carryforward) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 14-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Coyne stated we operate under a 5-year budget determining the budgets for each of the department heads of the city for 5 years out and projecting those costs during those periods of time. The carryforward component of our budgets incentivize the department heads to save money. What we do here on council which is different than most cities is that at the end of the year once we give a budget to the department head and they actually save some money during their budgeting process we allow that savings to be kept by that department to be used for a special project in the future or on any other expenditure that they may incur during the next previous years, therefore at the end of the year instead of trying to spend all of your budget we encourage them to save. Mr. Dirham feels we will need to be very careful moving forward. Over the last five years the income tax that we have received has been 3 million dollars less than it would have been if we would have simply received 1% annual increases in the revenue. Between that, cuts in the local Government funds and elimination of the estate tax, we have taken a lot of hits that we've taken and have managed to get through them but at some point we will have to make adjustments to those. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 14-14 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

To be added to the agenda:

Mr. Shields moved to add Ordinance/Resolution No.15-14 to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 15-14 was added by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Ord. 15-14:

An Ordinance adopting the First Amendment to the agreement with the City of Brunswick for Reciprocal Backup Chief Building Official Services. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 15-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 15-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated there is an agreement between our Building Department and the Brunswick Building Department, the original agreement was for 5 years and passed in 2007 then was renewed in 2012. What this agreement does is provides if our Building Official is out of town or ill or at training and we need their Building Official, they respond and assist us and we do the same in return. Our Building Official was relieved of duty in November 2013 and we called on the Brunswick Building Dept. to provide that service for us and they have since. We've negotiated an amendment to the agreement that limits that service without compensation to three weeks which will take us back retroactively to December 12th 2013 and then at that point for any hours that the city is served by Brunswick we will reimburse them 1 ½ hrs. hourly rate. The emergency clause is needed because we've been provided service from them for the better part of two months now. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 15-14 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

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Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson expressed gratitude to the Mayor, Chief and all communication specialists for their extensive training they've had to endure in learning a new system in dispatching emergency calls.

A member of our administration will be passing the half century mark, Happy Birthday to Mr. Piccoli.

Mr. Kolesar and Mr. Rose thanked Mr. Ed Wright for his work and dedication to Main Street Medina and the City of Medina.

Mr. Rose asks if you have a fire hydrant in or around your property please make sure it is cleared. In an unlikely event that the fire department does have to find it they can find it quickly.

Mr. Lamb congratulated Ed Wright. He thanked Nino and the Service Dept. for their hard work during this very cold weather and snow. Thanks to the residents who shovel and clear their sidewalks it is a big help to the walking community.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

John M. Coyne, President of Council