

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
March 10th, 2014, Regular Session

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday March 10th, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne. Boy Scout Troop 501 led by Assistant Scout Master Trent Wash from Medina United Methodist Church led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

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, Mike Wright, Kimberly Rice and Patrick Patton.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the February 26th, 2014 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 J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Reported they met prior to this meeting and will meet again in 2 weeks.

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

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields stated they met on February 27th and again this evening and hope to have a meeting scheduled soon to discuss the City Pool.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report.

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

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Kolesar stated he is working on scheduling a meeting soon.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

- 14-041-3/10 – Accepting OPBA Fact Finding Report
- 14-042-3/10 – Payment Over \$3,000 – Chippewa Roofing
- 14-043-3/10 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Montrose Ford – Parks
- 14-044-3/10 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Montrose Ford – Service
- 14-045-3/10 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Montrose Ford – Water
- 14-046-3/10 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Montrose Ford – Engineering
- 14-047-3/10 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – KR Architects – Engineering
- 14-048-3/10 – Final Legislation – ODOT – US 42 & SR 3
- 14-049-3/10 – Accepting Easements – Forest Meadows Drainage Improvements
- 14-050-3/10 – Budget Amendments
- 14-051-3/10 – RFQ's/RFP's – Architect for Court facility design

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor

- 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) New City Website- Some adjustments still being made and information uploaded, but please let us know of any concerns or suggestions. Some older browser versions were having difficulty with contrast of text/background/photos. Website was modified to adjust when old browser is used to view. Daily more information is added.
- 4) Building Official replacement process- Resumes were collected through Wednesday, 1/15/14. Interviews took place Monday, 2/3/14. First choice withdrew as agreement could not be reached. Second choice has accepted another position and is no longer interested. Advertising for another round; reviewing a contractual service for same; and inquiring of Medina/Montville townships to join in regional Building Department.
- 5) National Day of Prayer events being scheduled/planned for Thursday, May 1, 2014- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Williams on the Lake 7-8:30a; noon Prayer service on Public Square (United Church of Christ Congregational in case of rain); and evening prayer service at Cornerstone Chapel, 7-8:30p. All but the breakfast are free. Breakfast will be \$15, with tickets available at most local churches and the Mayor's office.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, reported the following:

All City residents are required to file City Income Tax return 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 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. Some forms will be available here at City Hall by next week 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, had no report.

Kimberly Rice, Economic Development Director, reported the following

The City of Medina is leading a planning project to create a Downtown Strategic Redevelopment Plan. The project, coined Imagine Medina, will evaluate the current and future redevelopment potential for various market segments in the downtown, identify target development areas within the downtown that are currently vacant or underutilized, and develop a vision and strategy for these areas that will respond to opportunities in the regional marketplace.

We are asking the community for their input at an upcoming Public Open House meeting on March 27th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Medina City Hall. They can also visit the online project website at www.IMAGINEMEDINA.MINDMIXER.COM

Jonathon Mendel, Community Development Director, reported he has a BOC meeting Thursday at 5 p.m. Historic Preservation Board, Board of Zoning appeals and Planning Commission. A special BZA meeting will be held March 20th at 6 p.m. for one project.

Chief Painter, Fire Chief, had no report.

Mike Wright, Rec. Center Director, reported the field house is closed on Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. until March 22nd due to basketball leagues. Just Kids' Stuff Garage Sale is Saturday, April 12th 9 a.m. - noon. Admission between 9 and 10 a.m. is \$5.00, after 10 a.m. the cost is \$1, parking in lots D, E, and F. Next Rec Advisory Board meeting is Thursday, March 20th at 7:30 a.m. at the Rec Center.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that last week he started advertising for the Arborist position. Jansen thanked Mr. Kolesar and Shade Tree members that helped at the Shade Tree Commission Booth for the Home and Garden Show.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated there is a project out to bid for the rebidding of the interior recoating of the South Court Elevated Water Storage Tower.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, stated he is actually looking forward to the first high grass complaint for the first time in 13 years. He welcomed Andy Bendel to management he was promoted from Water MEO to water Forman this week.

Notices, Communications and Petitions:

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields moved not to object the issuance of a new D2 and D3 permit to Mark Klaus LLC dba Castle Noel, 254-260 S. Court, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Unfinished Business: There was none.

Introduction of Visitors: Erica Graffein from the County Auditor Office stated the High School students completed the contest on seals for gas tanks and there were 12 winners. There are 21 days left to file a complaint on the value of your property.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 35-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the 2014 Concrete Street Repair Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 35-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is an annual project where individual slab repairs are done throughout the city on concrete pavements. We are asking for \$600,000.00 that is the most we have ever asked for but there is a lot of work to be done. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 35-14 passed

by the yea votes of J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 36-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the improvement to the Medina City Railway. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 36-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the City of Medina owns about a 3.8 mile railway that runs north and south in the city limits and we are responsible for maintenance and repair. We have not had an improvement project since 2011. This project will replace some rail, a lot of ties and new ballast. The funds for these are being paid for by the rail users and city. Jointly we form a consortium to generate revenues for the upkeep of the railroad. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 36-14 passed by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and J. Coyne.

Ord. 37-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the 2014 Concrete Pavement Joint Sealing Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 37-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton explained this is an annual maintenance program for our streets doing joint sealing/crack sealing on concrete pavements because it extends the life of the streets. We are asking for \$75,000.00 which is the amount we have asked for in the past few years. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 37-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne and M. Kolesar.

Res. 38-14:

A Resolution naming the walking trail from South Broadway Street to Southport Drive the “Champion Creek Multi-Purpose Trail” and dedicating a portion of the trail to Harold Thoburn. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 38-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this is to name the multi-purpose trail that runs along the Champion Creek. They will install signage marking the trail and including the distances. The portion of the trail between Guilford and Springbrook will be dedicated to Harold Thoburn, he was very active with Medina Shade Tree Commission, Kiwanis, County Park District and Medina County JVS. Mr. Kolesar stated that this gives us an opportunity to reflect on some of the people that make a difference in our community. Harold had a great impact on the street trees around our city as well as many other impacts. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 38-14 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 39-14:

An Ordinance authorizing sublease agreement as between Flight Services of Medina, a Division of Olson Products, Inc., and Private Hangars MMA LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company regarding the lease of land at the Medina Municipal Airport. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 39-14, subject to Law Directors’ approval, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 39-14 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose subject to the Law Directors’ final approval.

Ord. 40-14:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 208-13, passed December 9, 2013.

(Amendments to 2014 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 40-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is the appropriation necessary for the railroad project that Mr. Patton discussed in Ord. 36-14. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 40-14 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 41-14:

An Ordinance accepting the report and recommendations of the Fact Finder for the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association representing the Patrol Officers and the Sergeants Division. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 41-14, seconded by Mr. Kolesar. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 41-14, seconded by Mr. Kolesar. Mayor Hanwell explained the City and the Union for the Patrol Officers have been in negotiations for the past few months. A Fact Finding process where they both offer their recommendations and supporting documents was done and it boiled down to four components: wages should be 2%, plan design changes in the healthcare increasing out of pocket maximums increasing the co-pays and deductibles, City requested to convert the 10 hour shifts to 8 hour shifts resulting in only allowing new hires to be converted, request for maximum amount of sick time payable upon an employees retirement from the city currently maxed out at 360 hours and was increased to maximum 400 hours. The emergency is requested as the city is obligated to take action on the Fact Finder Report within 7 days. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and J. Coyne. (abstain/D. Simpson)The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 41-14 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields. D. Simpson abstained.

Council Comments:

Mr. Lamb thanked Jansen for his work concerning the tribute to Mr. Thoburn.

Mr. Kolesar stated he didn't want to pass up an opportunity seeing all the scouts in attendance here today and wanted to announce every year we do earth day cleanups and creek cleanups this year's date is set for April 26th.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

John M. Coyne, President of Council